

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton at 19:00 hrs on Wednesday 10th July 2024

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), R G Arnold, J H Boston, I Sarson, M A Vann (Councillors), M A Cook (Borough Councillor), 1 member of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Administrative matters

a) Apologies for absence from Councillors

There were none.

b) Declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2024

It was resolved that the minutes be confirmed and they were signed by the Chairman.

3. Reports, questions and comments from the following

a) Parish Councillors

Cllrs reported that the jitties adjacent to Manor House Farm and between Main St & Bosworth Road had become obstructed by vegetation. **It was resolved** that the landowners be asked to cut their hedges back.

Cllrs reported that a parishioner with special needs had been refused tenancy of a bungalow at Northfields. Persons with a close connection to Carlton had priority for allocation to this property. Cllr Cook was asked to investigate the circumstances with H&BBC Housing Dept.

Cllr Arnold reported that dog mess was regularly being left in Main St. **It was resolved** that a notice be published in Carlton News requesting information from home owners with CCTV in the hope that this would act as a deterrent.

Cllr Vann asked about progress with the lamp for the church gate (p.1882/6 refers). The Clerk had spoken with the blacksmith and asked for the work to be put in hand. **It was resolved** that the blacksmith be advised that if the work had not been completed by the end of August the order from the PC would be considered void and passed to another contractor.

Cllr Sarson reported that the playbark in the TPA had sunk, and would probably need to be topped up next year. This was proving expensive, and as the playbark at the bottom of the enclosure rotted and became compacted it would eventually be necessary to remove the bottom layer to ensure an adequate depth of soft material (see p.1904/5e; 1883/11d). **It was resolved** (i) that the position be reviewed, including options for replacement of the playbark with a different surface; and (ii) that the Chairman attend an LRALC Playground Inspection course.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr B Harrison-Rushton had sent information on free entry tickets for unpaid carers to Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and 1620s House & Gardens, and links to the Highways reporting and Events pages of the LCC website.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M A Cook **was thanked** for clearing vegetation which had been obstructing street signs and for a written report on H&BBC business. Cllr Cook reported that outline planning permission had been granted for the Earl Shilton SUE which would include 1000 dwellings, up to 5.3 Ha of land for employment use and a school, retail floor space, hot food takeaway and community hub.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule reported that in April there had been 1 other theft.

e) Parish Clerk

General election – it was noted that Dr Luke Evans had been re-elected as Member of Parliament. Votes: Peter Alan Cheshire, Reform UK – 8,817; Dr Luke Evans, Conservatives – 17,032; Harry Masters, Independent – 211; Michael Mullaney, Liberal Democrats – 11,624; Rebecca Louise Pawley, Labour – 8,601; Cassie Wells, Green Party – 1,514. Turnout: 62.46%.

Vice Chairman – a Declaration of Acceptance of Office had been signed by Cllr Sarson.

Congerstone Lane – the white posts had been replaced and the guard rails repaired (p.1820/3e refers).

Lount Rd – fly tipping on 26/6 had been reported to H&BBC.

Main St/Barton Rd – Give Way sign light flickering, reported to LCC Highways 9/5 and repaired.

Main St – pothole and adjacent blocked gully opposite no.19 repaired by LCC Highways.

CDJO – Mr M Hague-Morgan **was thanked** for the donation of wood paint, and Cllr Vann **was thanked** for painting the play equipment.

CDJO – a large branch had split off the trunk of T34 (Victoria plum) due to rot in the union.

Cemetery – permission had been granted for the erection of a memorial to Norma Rose Allan.

Cemetery – return made to H&BBC Burial Land Survey. Cemetery lifetime estimated as 190 years at current rates of burial.

Horse warning signs - had been erected in Main St on the approaches to Manor House Farm (p.1932/3e refers).

Litter bins – in the parish had not been emptied and were overflowing; H&BBC Street Scene Services had been informed on 4/7.

LCC Parishes Liaison Meeting – had been attended by Cllr Arnold and the Clerk on 1/7.

Ashby Canal – it was noted that the overflow spillway south of Bridge 44 was being re-built.

Community Hub – rental had been increased to £12 per hour.

Rotary Club – a representative of Market Bosworth Rotary had visited the Clerk on the morning of the meeting and offered to repaint the seats in the village if the PC would provide the necessary materials. The Clerk had accepted this kind offer, and **it was resolved** that the seats be painted green.

A list of digital communications and reports received would be copied to each Councillor, and copies of any files would be forwarded on request. Additional written documentation would be circulated.

f) Members of the public

There were no questions or comments.

4. Editor for Carlton News

It was resolved that Mr Peter Gannon be appointed Editor of Carlton News, and that a letter of thanks be sent to Ms Mandie Bristlin who had held this position since May 2017.

5. Parish Noticeboard Project

The occupiers of Springfield had kindly agreed that the proposed noticeboard could be located in the highway verge next to their hedge to the east of the Leicester Mercury seat. **It was resolved** that (i) a licence application be submitted to LCC Highways; (ii) the new noticeboard be of the same bespoke design as the current one in the churchyard; (iii) that quotations from local carpenters be obtained for consideration at the March 2025 PC meeting; and (iv) that a grant application be made to the H&BBC Community Equipment Grant Fund in 2025.

6. Bespoke training course to be delivered by LRALC

It was resolved that LRALC be invited to deliver a bespoke Councillor training course in the Community Hub at 2pm on Monday 19th August or Thursday 29th August.

7. Financial matters

a) Report 2024-11: Quarterly financial statement April-June 2024

It was resolved that Report 2024-11 be approved.

b) Financial regulations

Draft Financial Regulations, based on the 2024 NALC model, had been copied to Councillors before the meeting; minor amendments had been made to this draft. **It was resolved** that the revised Financial Regulations be adopted.

c) Reimbursement of costs incurred by the Clerk

The Clerk presented his record of costs for examination, and **it was resolved** that costs of £199.94 be reimbursed, comprising £60 contribution towards broadband subscription, £125.17 costs, and £14.77 VAT.

8. Planning matters

a) Planning applications and appeals

There were none.

b) Comments submitted under delegated powers

24/00544/FUL Proposed replacement dwelling, 39 Main St. PC had no objections, requested conditions to ensure that highway was not obstructed during building works.

24/00357/FUL Demolition of existing garage and construction of a new skincare treatment room with associated access and car park. Weston, Bosworth Road. PC had no objections; requested conditions (i) that the use of the treatment room shall remain ancillary

to the main dwelling; (ii) that any business shall be operated by the occupier of the main dwelling; and (iii) that the hours of opening be limited to 9am-9pm on weekdays, and 9am-2pm on Saturdays. The business should not open at all on Sundays. PC suggested that 2 customer car parking spaces be provided and that one should be suitable for disabled drivers; noted that the speed data submitted in support was flawed.

24/00561/CONDIT Variation of condition 2 (plans and elevation) for planning permission 20/00316/FUL. Replacement of existing fence. 60 Main Street. PC objected on the grounds that (i) blue brick gate pillars, a security gate and wrought iron fence all 1.8m high will have an unacceptable impact on the street scene and will be grossly out of keeping with the character of the surrounding area; and (ii) the proposed sliding gate has not been set back far enough from the carriageway boundary to allow a vehicle to stop in front of it without obstructing the highway. PC noted that a boarded fence 1.5m high had been constructed on the western boundary of the site and appeared to compromise a visibility splay; submitted plans did not show the gate pillars to scale, did not show the gate pillars in their correct position, did not show the structure of the proposed gates or fence, and showed double gates opening inwards while on site provision had been made for a single sliding gate. PC also noted that the front garden area had been laid to stone which was not in accordance with the approved landscaping plan.

c) Planning applications and appeals determined

23/00508/FUL appeal APP/K2420/W/24/3337087 Erection of 9 single storey holiday lodges with vehicle parking and associated works. Kyngs Golf & Country Club. Appeal dismissed.

24/00026/FUL Erection of 2 subterranean holiday lodges with associated works, Kyngs Golf & Country Club, Station Rd, Mkt Bosworth. Permission granted.

24/00027/FUL Erection of 4 holiday lodges and associated works. Kyngs Golf & Country Club, Station Rd, Mkt Bosworth. Permission refused.

d) Planning enforcement matters

There were none.

9. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 19:00 hrs on Wednesday 11th September 2024 in Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 20:05 hrs.

Signed _____

Date _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LRALC	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils	NALC	National Association of Local Councils
PC	Parish Council	SUE	Sustainable Urban Extension
TPA	Toddlers Play Area		