

Carlton Charity Lands – 2014/2015 Annual Report

The year 2014 was a year of upheaval. The Trustees sought to change the Objects of the Charity to enable grants to be made to young people in the village. In September one such award of £200 was made. However, as a result of a disagreement with the Parish Council over the appointment of Trustees, the incumbents felt that they were unable to continue and resigned en bloc in October 2014.

The Parish Council appointed four new Representative Trustees to the Charity in November and the Trustees met the following evening to appoint two Co-optative Trustees giving a full complement of 6 Trustees. A Chairperson, Hazel Davenport, was elected and a Clerk, Ian Sarson, was appointed from within the Trustees. The other Trustees are, Christopher Brockhurst, Graham Jackson, Andrew Mitchell and Gianfranco Onesti. There was discussion about the existing Objects and the bank mandate updated.

In December 2014 and January 2015 further meetings were held to agree the Objects of the Charity, the Criteria for making an award and details of an Application Form. An article for February edition of Carlton News was also agreed. Following the meeting, the revised Objects, which closely followed those proposed by the former Trustees, were forwarded to Charity Commission for Approval.

The February edition of Carlton News invited applications for awards from young people in the village aged from 14 to 23 years of age. A total of six applications were received.

The Charity Commission gave informal notification that the revised Objects were acceptable and that an on-line application was required before the Commission could formally approve the requested changes.

The Trustees met towards the end of March to pass a resolution agreeing the changes to the Objects, to consider the 6 Applications received and make 4 awards totalling £650 subject to submission of receipts. The other 2 applicants were asked to provide more information in support of the application to the July meeting. An article for the May edition of Carlton News inviting other applications was agreed.

A formal application to change the objects has been sent to the Charity Commission.

At the start of 2014 the fund stood at £4531.37. During the year income of £902.31 was received and an award of £200 paid. Thus the fund totalled £5233.88 at the end of 2014.

Ian Sarson

Clerk to the Trustees

May 2015