

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 11th September 2019

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, S J Cooper, I Sarson, M A Vann (Councillors), I D Ould (County Councillor), M Cook (Borough Councillor), 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 31st July 2019

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

The Chairman congratulated the Church Fete Committee on arranging an excellent event on 24th August, which had raised almost £4.1k.

Cllr Vann complained about inconsiderate parking on the *Give Way* lines around the junctions, and along roads near The Gate Hangs Well over the recent Bank Holiday weekend. This problem had been foreseen (p.1734/11b refers), but there was concern that it was likely to worsen when the restaurant extension opened. **It was resolved** that the Clerk discuss this issue with the owner of the pub.

Cllr Vann also drew attention to the number of near-miss events at the junction at the southern end of Nailstone Rd, where vehicles either failed to give way, or rounded the corner at high speed to encounter parked and overtaking vehicles outside the Gate Hangs Well. Visibility at this junction was poor, and **it was resolved** that LCC Highways be asked to install a *STOP* sign.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr I D Ould **was thanked** for a written report on LCC business. Cllr Ould advised that he had received complaints from residents of Godson's Hill of congestion caused by parking by visitors to Bosworth Water Park. A major distribution centre in open countryside at the M42/A444 junction had been approved and would have an impact on the wider area. Farms and larger houses with outbuildings were being targeted by criminals.

Cllr Ould asked for the PC's view on roadside shrines. The meeting took the view that flowers and other memorabilia might be left at the roadside for one month, but should then be cleared away.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M Cook **was thanked** for a written report on H&BBC business. A revised planning application for the former leisure centre site was being evaluated; H&BBC was planning to install more electric vehicle charging points in its car parks; the DCF would be closed on completion of the current projects.

Cllr Ould left the meeting at this point.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule had reported that in July there had been 2 reports of a violent or sexual offence, and 1 report of other crime.

e) Parish Clerk

Fingerpost – at Harry’s Grave had been knocked over by a car on 2nd August; LCC Highways had ordered a replacement post.

Churchyard wall – had been measured on 23rd August, and a chart copied to Councillors. Since August 2018 the top of the wall had tilted an additional 5mm from vertical; most of the movement had taken place during the winter months. Quarterly monitoring would be continued.

Church Fete – the Hinckley Neighbourhood Watch Development Officer had kindly attended the Church Fete with an extensive range of crime prevention advice leaflets and security devices for sale at cost price (p.1767/5 refers).

P&CIF 2019 – the bench seat had been delivered and was awaiting installation in the CDJO (p.1770/4e refers).

Telegraph pole – LCC Highways had investigated and taken the issue of unreported damage up with the mowing contractor concerned (p.1770/4e refers).

Bosworth Water Trust – Mkt Bosworth PC had acknowledged the PC’s concerns, and advised that action was already being taken along the lines suggested (p.1769/4a refers). A TEN application had been received for a bonfire night celebration on 19th October. **It was resolved** that a condition be requested for *No Waiting* bollards to be installed to prevent parking in the highway in the vicinity of the site during this event in the interests of highway safety.

Speed signage – the Carlton village nameplate had been moved (p.1772/10 refers).

Jitty (footpath S51) – the owner of the land on the eastern side had engaged a contractor to cut back the encroaching vegetation (p.1770/4e refers).

Footpath S69 – the hedges had been cut back (p.1771/4e refers).

No 7 bus service – had begun on 27th August. On school days only, parishioners could use the no.7 bus to travel from Carlton at 08:15 hrs to Market Bosworth, Newton Burgoland and Measham; and return from Measham at 14:51 hrs and Mkt Bosworth Market Place at 15:15 hrs. The full timetable had been uploaded to the PC’s website.

Station Rd, Mkt Bosworth – would be closed on 16th October for carriageway patching.

Parishes Forum – at Sibson on 19th Sept at 18:30hrs. **It was resolved** that the PC be represented by the Clerk.

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 none.

4. Carlton defibrillator

The CDG had asked the PC to reconsider the decision not to pay for replacement defibrillator pads (p.1773/11b), and had also asked whether the PC was willing to pay for a replacement battery at a cost of £267.04.

The defibrillator had been installed and fully funded by the CDG in 2010 at an estimated cost of £1,700. The project had been supported by a grant of £700 from the Carlton Charity Lands. The only involvement of the PC in the project had been to agree that the defibrillator could be housed in the former BT telephone kiosk, and to pay for the electricity supply and insurance (p.1317/14; 1326/2c; 1329/4c refer). The CDG was completely independent of the PC, and had accepted responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the defibrillator and all running costs.

It was resolved that (i) the CDG be advised that the PC was not willing to pay for replacement pads (£84) or a battery (£267.04) or any other replacement parts for the defibrillator while the existing agreement remained in force; (ii) it be suggested that the CDG make application to the Carlton Charity Lands or other grant-awarding body for grants for the cost of replacement parts; (iii) the CDG be advised that the PC would be willing to become responsible for the maintenance costs of the defibrillator if the Carlton Defibrillator Group agreed to become a constituted PC voluntary group. In the latter case, the CDG would be required to adopt a written constitution and report to the Annual Meeting of the PC. In return, the CDG would be allocated a budget, and would not be liable for VAT on purchases made through the PC.

5. Public feedback following the recent crime awareness campaign

A personal account of the impact of car crime had been published in the August issue of Carlton News, together with emergency contact numbers. Leaflets about car crime and burglary (kindly supplied by the NHW Development Officer) had also been delivered with this issue and the NHW Development Officer had also attended the Church Fete with a stall with crime prevention information and equipment for sale (p.1767/5 refers). This campaign had proved almost too successful, and many comments had been received about crime and parishioners fears of crime.

Street lighting had been the most significant issue raised. It was clear that turning most of the street lights off after midnight had made many parishioners more fearful of crime, even though Carlton remained a very low crime area, and there was no evidence of an increase in crime during the hours of darkness when the street lights were turned off. Parishioners had also pointed out that the replacement of the sodium lamps by LED lamps should have significantly reduced the cost of operating the lights. The current policy of turning most of the street lights in Carlton off between midnight and 5.30 am had been agreed in 2013 and had been projected to save £230 pa (p.1444/4 refers).

It was resolved that LCC Highways be asked how much money was currently being saved by turning off the LED lights between midnight and 5.30 am.

6. Horticultural and Produce Show

Mr Sharp had reported that there had been 121 entries from 31 parishioners: a 32% increase on last year. Entry money at 50p was £60.50p. All 24 classes received an entry, so £48 was paid out in prize money. Some prize money was donated back, and entry monies rounded up, a total of £11.50. There were over 105 visitors to the show. Show entries donated to the auction raised additional funds.

Receipts	£.p	Payments	£.p
Brought forward	0.20	Prize money	48.00
Grant from PC	40.00	Schedule printing	16.00
Entry money	60.50	Judge's gift voucher	15.00
Donations	11.50		
Total	112.20		79.00

The gross profit from the event was £33.20. The costs of printing and gift voucher were £31 - £9 less than the grant of £40 from the PC (p.1740/13b refers).

It was resolved that the balance of £9 from the grant be carried forward to next year, and the remaining £24.20 be donated to the Church Fete.

7. Planning matters

a) Planning applications submitted

There were none.

b) Comments submitted under delegated powers

It was noted that the following comments had been submitted by the Clerk under delegated powers after consultation with Members and the Chairman (p.1472/10a refers).

19/00834/FUL Single storey extension to side/rear. St Andrew's C of E Parish Church, 30 Main St. PC had welcomed application and strongly supported proposals on grounds that they would be of great benefit to the community.

c) Planning applications determined

19/00557/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of two detached houses and access. 12 Main St. Permitted.

19/00683/OUT Four holiday units (outline - all matters reserved). Field Adjacent Carlton Grange, Congerstone Lane. Application withdrawn.

8. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 9th October 2019 at Saint Andrew's Church, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 21:30 hrs.

Signed _____

Date _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CDG	Carlton Defibrillator Group	CDJO	Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard
DCF	Developing Communities Fund	H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council	LED	Light Emitting Diode
NHW	Neighbourhood Watch	PC	Parish Council
P&CIF	Parish & Community Initiative Fund	TEN	Temporary Event Notice