

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 9th March 2022

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, I Sarson, M A Vann (Councillors),
M Cook (Borough Councillor), C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Administrative matters

a) Apologies for absence from Councillors

It was resolved that an apology from Cllr Cooper be accepted.

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

Cllr Sarson declared a non-registrable interest in item 6.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 12th January 2022

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

Cllr Sarson **reported** that the Give Way sign on Nailstone Road had been repaired (p.1846/3a refers). Cllr Vann **noted** that the dragon's teeth markings on Barton and Nailstone Roads had still not been renewed. Cllr Boston **noted** that the organisers of the Platinum Jubilee Street Party were planning to close Main Street on Friday 3rd June.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr B Harrison-Rushton **was thanked** for a report on LCC business.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M Cook **was thanked** for a report on H&BBC business and local issues.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule had advised that there had been no reported crime in Carlton in November; 1 criminal damage/arson, 1 violence and/or sexual offence, and 1 other theft in December 2021; and 1 criminal damage/arson in January 2022.

e) Parish Clerk

Platinum Jubilee tree planting – had taken place in the Churchyard on 6th Feb, followed by a reception in the Community Hub. The trees had been planted by two of the members of the 1st Carlton Brownie Pack, who had planted the copper beech at the back of the church and the weeping silver birch at the front to mark the Silver Jubilee in 1977; and members of the current 1st Mkt Bosworth Scout Group, 1st Mkt Bosworth Beaver Group and

a pupil of St Peter's Primary School (p.1848/4 refers). An article about the event had been published in the March issue of Aspect.

Main St – the uneven footway had been examined. The tarmac path surface had been found to be in good condition and the hump around the tree roots and dropped kerb could not easily be improved. The complaint had not been forwarded to LCC Highways (p.1848/3f refers).

Water trough – the application had been approved by LCC Highways, and the licence would be issued by LCC Legal Services for signature (p.1848/6 refers).

Congerstone Lane – the empty security camera case mounted on a tree overlooking the sewage works entrance to deter fly tipping was broken off its bracket and removed around 12th Jan (p.1840/3a refers). **It was resolved** that this case be replaced.

Dog fouling – the stencil had kindly been loaned by H&BBC Environmental Services and the message sprayed on footways on 10th February (p.1846/3a refers).

CPPG – the analysis of the responses had been completed and reviewed at a meeting on 24th Feb; the final report was being drafted for a meeting on 31st March.

HGVs – a complaint had been made about loaded HGVs regularly passing through the village around midnight and shaking properties, and had been referred to the Police.

P&CIF 2021 – Borough Councillors Cartwright and Crooks had attended photo opportunities on 4th Feb; articles about the Cemetery Paths and Gate Information Board had been published in Hinckley Times on 23rd Feb and Aspect in March.

CDJO – hedgelaying had been completed on 23rd Feb; brash removed by CGG; P&CIF grant requested; press release issued; gap in hedge planted up.

Leics Resources & Waste Strategy – consultation questionnaire had been copied to all Councillors for personal completion.

Shackerstone Walk – surface water had been collecting in Shackerstone Walk. Investigation had revealed that this was due to a blocked ditch and outfalls on the southern side of Congerstone Lane. The outfalls had been cleared by CGG volunteers on 22nd Feb, but the whole length of the roadside ditch would need cleaning out to allow the water to flow away, so the problem had been referred to LCC Highways.

SID – had developed a fault; Cllr Cooper **was thanked** for delivering the device to Westcotec for investigation; the estimated cost was £70.

Churchyard wall – had been monitored on 3rd March: the deviation was within the range of previous measurements.

Rural Conference – the Clerk had represented the PC at the Rural Conference at Twycross Zoo on 3rd March.

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. Occupation of Willowfield

Willowfield in Bufton Lane had been empty since 2019, when the owner and occupier had moved to a nursing home. The owner had died in May 2020, and the property was now in the hands of the Executors of the estate. Since then the bungalow and garden had become increasingly neglected, there had been several break-ins, the damage had not been properly repaired, and the property looked as if it had been abandoned.

The garden of the empty bungalow had been occupied by members of the Traveller community in two camper vans on Saturday 12th February. A planning enforcement notice had been served on Sunday 13th Feb. The Executor of the estate had visited the site with Police Officers on 17th Feb and had found that the bungalow and outbuildings had been broken into. The Police had threatened arrest and told the Travellers to leave.

Solicitors acting for the Executors and the Travellers had agreed that the site would be vacated by 6pm on 7th March. The site had remained occupied, so the Police had served a s61 notice and had supervised the evacuation of the curtilage of the bungalow on 8th March. Six horses still remained in the adjacent field.

5. Illumination of trees in the churchyard instead of a Christmas tree in 2022

The PCC and FoSACC had advised that they would support whatever decision was made by the PC (p.1848/5 refers).

It was resolved that (i) no Christmas tree would be purchased and erected on Carlton Green in 2022; (ii) £360 from the budget of for the Parish Christmas tree/event/lights would be allocated for the purchase of additional fairy lights for the churchyard; (iii) the Clerk would liaise with the PCC and make arrangements for the supply of electricity to the lights; (iv) a grant of £40 would be made to the PCC as a contribution towards the cost of electricity; (v) the new lights would be installed on the existing trees in the churchyard by a team of volunteers organised by the PC and removed before 12th night; (vi) the lights would be timed to switch on at dusk and off at midnight; (vii) the PCC and Friends of St Andrew's would be invited to arrange a Christmas lights switch-on event based at the Community Hub.

It was resolved that letters of thanks be sent to Mr & Mrs Goold and Mr & Mrs Lockwood for their support in providing and illuminating Christmas trees on Carlton Green each year since 2002.

6. Consultation on the future of the Carlton Charity Lands

Cllr Sarson declared a non-registrable interest in this item as a Trustee of and Secretary to the Carlton Charity Lands.

Draft comments had been copied to Councillors before the meeting, and were considered. Comments included increasing the amount of grant offered from £200 to £500 or £1,000; using punchier advertisements; making it clear that vocational training was supported; advertising by word of mouth; supporting local medical charities; sponsoring health and fitness sessions in the Community Hub; and supporting the acquisition and/or maintenance of a playing field, or the installation of fitness equipment when a suitable site had been acquired.

It was resolved that amended comments be submitted to the Carlton Charity Lands.

7. Revised Code of Conduct

A revised Member's Code of Conduct had been prepared by the LGA and was supported by NALC and LRALC; had been adopted by LCC and H&BBC; and had been copied to Councillors before the meeting. NALC and LRALC had strongly advised that the same code be adopted by PCs to provide clarity and consistency for Councillors operating in all tiers of local government.

It was resolved that the revised Code of Conduct be adopted with immediate effect.

8. H&BBC Community Governance Review

H&BBC was undertaking a Community Governance Review which could consider creating, merging, grouping, de-grouping, altering or abolishing parishes, the naming of parishes, and the electoral arrangements for parishes.

It was resolved that it be proposed that (i) the south-western boundary of the parish be moved northwards so as to exclude Friezeland Farm and Little Friezeland but include all of the curtilages of Westfields Farm Cottages; (ii) that the south eastern parish boundary be moved southwards so as to include Park View Farm and part of Barton Road; (iii) that these proposals be published in a Report with a detailed map; (iv) that Market Bosworth Parish Council and the current occupiers of the properties listed above be consulted; and (v) that if the affected parties were in agreement this Report be submitted to H&BBC.

It was noted that Market Bosworth PC had approved these proposals in principle at a meeting on 1st March.

9. Planning matters

a) Draft Local Plan

The PC had submitted detailed comments on the consultation draft of the Local Plan (p.1839/8e refers), some of which had been incorporated into the current submission draft.

It was resolved that the PC considered the Local Plan to be legally compliant, but did not consider the Local Plan to be sound on the grounds that it contained errors and was not effective, and that formal comments be submitted to H&BBC.

The errors were that Figure 2 was incorrect in that the place names had all been shifted eastwards so that (for example) Newbold Verdon was labelled Market Bosworth; and Policy SS10e referred to Rural Villages when it should refer to Rural Hamlets.

The PC considered that the plan was not effective because Policy SS10 (c) did not require the Local Planning Authority to take cognisance of Parish Plans; and Policy HO 09 set a threshold of 10 dwellings rather than a reduced threshold of 4 dwellings for the provision of affordable housing in Rural Hamlets.

b) Planning applications and appeals submitted

There were none.

c) 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).

21/01473/FUL Erection of 9 single storey holiday lodges with vehicle parking and associated works, Kyngs Golf & Country Club, Station Road, Mkt Bosworth. PC objected on grounds that (i) application site is in open countryside; (ii) not near to water, electricity, gas or sewerage services; (iii) lodges will be served by a long access track which will generate significant vehicle movements through a tranquil area of countryside; (iv) risk of damage to vehicles from golf balls; (v) conflict between walkers and site traffic on Leicestershire Round; (vi) adverse impact on walkers privacy and enjoyment of the countryside. PC requested conditions that (i) access

track include vehicular passing places; (ii) occupation be restricted to short term holiday lets.

d) Planning applications and appeals determined

2021/CM/0149/LCC Installation of 1 No. Sodium hydroxide dosing kiosk. Mkt Bosworth Sewage Treatment Works, Congerstone Lane. Permission granted.

e) Enforcement matters

19/01380/FUL Erection of garden storage building, land r/o 52 Main St, Carlton.

H&BBC had been advised that the building under construction was not in accordance with the approved plans.

Willowfield, Bufton Lane. A planning enforcement notice had been served by H&BBC on Sunday 13th Feb, and the camper vans had been removed (see item 4 above).

Market Bosworth Marina. On 28th Jan the Clerk had asked Cllr Harrison-Rushton when the promised tree planting (p.1839/8d refers) was going to be carried out as the end of the current tree planting season was fast approaching. The matter had been referred to LCC Principal Planning Officer, who had promised to carry out a site visit in the week commencing 21st Feb. Some standard trees had been planted in the western part of the site in the days before the meeting, but so far there had been no planting of the required blocks of woodland. This matter would be kept under review.

10. Reimbursement of costs incurred by the Clerk

The Clerk presented his record of costs for examination, and **it was resolved** that costs of £441.10 be reimbursed, comprising £50 contribution towards broadband subscription, £353.29 costs, and £37.81 VAT. The Clerk **noted** that the totals above included the purchase of an answerphone for £52.49 + £10.50 VAT (p.1844/9c refers), and trees for the Platinum Jubilee planting in the churchyard for £132.00 (p.1848/4 refers). These two items would be shown separately in the receipts and payments accounts book.

11. Next meeting

It was resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting be held at 1930 hrs on Wednesday 11th May 2022 in Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main St, Carlton and that this be followed by the Annual Meeting of the PC.

The meeting closed at 21:20 hrs.

Signed _____

Date _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CDJO	Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard	CGG	Carlton Gardenng Group
CPPG	Carlton Parish Plan Group	FoSACC	Friends of Saint Andrew's Church Carlton
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LGA	Local Government Association	LRALC	Leics and Rutland Association of Local Councils
LPA	Local Planning Authority	NALC	National Association of Local Councils
P&CIF	Parish & Community Initiative Fund	PC	Parish Council
PCC	Parochial Church Council	SID	Speed Indicator Device