

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street,
Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 8th March 2023

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, S J Cooper, I Sarson, M A Vann (Councillors), 4 members 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

Cllr Boston declared a non-registrable interest in item 4.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 11th January 2023

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 Vann reported that the LCC Members Highways Fund had been closed, so no more RoW improvements could be funded from this source. In Carlton Parish there was one stile at the parish boundary on footpath S78. Outside the parish, only one stile remained on S68 at the bridge over the Stony Brook in Market Bosworth Parish; and one inconvenient gate remained on the bridleway between Barton and Shackerstone in Shackerstone Parish. **It was resolved** that LCC RoW be asked whether they would consider carrying out the latter two improvements if the PC provided 50% funding through the P&CIF, and that these matters be reviewed in September.

Cllr Vann reported a dangerous displaced inspection chamber cover in Bufton Lane. **It was resolved** that this be examined immediately.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr B Harrison-Rushton **was thanked** for a written report on the LCC budget for 2023-24.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

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

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule had reported that there had been no reported crime in Carlton in December 2022.

e) Parish Clerk

Council tax 2023-24 – the Band D Council Tax in 2023-24 in Carlton would be £2,056.09.

The range in the Borough would be £2,139.31 – £2,056.09. Carlton would have the lowest Council Tax of the 24 Parishes and the Hinckley Urban Area.

Lount Rd – the hazardous waste had been removed by 26/1; Cllr Cook **was thanked** for her help in resolving this matter (p.1886/3e refers).

Main St/Barton Rd – wooden bollards had been placed near the water trough to discourage parking (p.1874/3a refers).

Nailstone Rd – damage to street lighting column 2 had been reported 15/1.

Nailstone Rd – displaced gully cover caused damage to car tyre; reported 26/1 and fixed 1/2.

Nailstone Rd - damaged inspection chamber cover in verge at Harry's Grave has been repaired, and CGG has mounded soil round it to prevent damage in future (p.1881/3e refers).

Carlton Green West – rainwater in Shackerstone Walk had caused flooding, through water backing up from the culvert under Congerstone Lane which had been found to be blocked by silt. A photo had been sent to LCC Highways on 14/1. An attempt had been made to jet the culvert clear, but this had not worked. It was thought that the pipe had collapsed and the road would have to be dug up to investigate (p.1881/3e, 1886/3e refer).

Footpath S69 – had been re-opened (p.1886/3a refers).

Bulb plantings – notices installed 13/1 (p.1885/3a refers).

Finger post – at Harry's Grave repaired 12/1 (p.1885/3a refers).

Gate Hangs Well – the pub would be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays to reduce costs. The landlord had explained the position in the Feb issue of Carlton News (p.1885/3a refers).

Dr Luke Evans MP – the Parishes Liaison Meeting scheduled for 24/11 had been postponed to 19/1; the PC had been represented by the Clerk (p.1881/3e refers). The Police had advised that their local priorities were now based on information from Neighbourhood Link: top issues were road safety, anti-social behaviour and dog fouling. The police had committed to attend every burglary and had made 42 arrests since October 2022. The 101 line was not working well because of difficulties with staff recruitment and retention. Several PCs reported instances of aggressive behaviour and threats from the public. There was general frustration with the allocation of enforcement powers to different agencies, meaning that in practice no-one was available to deal with minor offences such as obstruction and parking.

Gopsall Walks – the Clerk attended a meeting of Shackerstone PC on 18/1 to ask about this project and had been provided with information. The proposed walk would link the 5 settlements in the parish using roads and public RoW, with an information board in each village. This project did not involve physical improvements to public RoW, but Shackerstone PC had expressed an interest in collaborating with Carlton PC on improving the bridleway between Barton and Shackerstone (Report 2022-21) and extending stile-free routes.

Willowfield – the bungalow off Bufton Lane had been destroyed by fire on 19/2: the incident was being treated as arson. The adjacent field had been occupied by Traveller's horses since 2/22 (p.1854/4; 1857/9e; 1873/12d refer).

HSBC Bank – the Market Bosworth branch would close on 25/4. The Chairman, Cllr Boston and the Clerk had attended a meeting at Mkt Bosworth on 26/11 to consider possible ways forward. The main concerns were access to bank services for less mobile residents, access to cash, and access to cash deposits.

LCC Members Highways Fund – 3 stiles on footpath S48 had been replaced by kissing gates (p.1870/3e refers). It **was noted** that 3 stiles on footpath S70 and 3 stiles on footpath S48 in Mkt Bosworth, and 3 stiles on footpath S68 in Shackerstone had also been replaced by kissing gates. Cllr Harrison-Rushton **was thanked** for funding these

works through the LCC Members Highways Fund. An article about these improvements **was approved** and included a photograph of Cllrs Harrison-Rushton and Vann at Silk Hill.

Leicestershire Round – the Clerk had represented the PC and CFG at a liaison meeting at County Hall on 23/2 and had spoken about the *Miles Without Stiles* programme. The Clerk had agreed that the CFG would monitor the condition of the Leicestershire Round between Market Bosworth and Shackerstone Station as part of the annual review of local Row. LCC Officers had agreed to supply new waymark posts for erection by the CFG and CGG (p.1886/3a refers).

Churchyard wall – had been monitored on 20/2. Parts of the wall had leaned 1mm further than the maximum previously measured.

H&BBC Rural Conference – the Clerk had represented the PC and introduced a film about the Gate Information Board Project.

CDJO – Cllrs Sarson and Vann and the Clerk **were thanked** for installing a new galvanised steel gatepost and re-hanging the gate (p.1888/4 refers).

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

Complaints were made of (i) hedges overgrowing the footway in front of 17-19 Main St; (ii) puddles in the footway at the entrance to Manor House Farm and the new dwelling between 69 and 71 Main St; (iii) dog fouling in private front gardens; (iv) dangerous and careless driving; and (v) texting while driving. **It was resolved** that (i) and (ii) be investigated.

A complaint had been made that the flexible spikes installed on the swing crossbar could endanger young people climbing on the frame. The flexible spikes had replaced rigid spikes following comments by the independent inspector (p.1887/4a,b refer). **It was noted** that the play area was for toddlers who would not be able to climb on the swing frame, and that a balance had to be struck between the dirt and health hazard of bird droppings on the swings and the potential risk to older children. **It was resolved** that the independent inspector be asked for advice.

4. Green roof plantings on the bus shelters

Cllr Boston and Dr E Alun-Jones had submitted a proposal to install a green roof on each bus shelter, made up of 13 Sedum Modular Advanced Roof Trays planted with *Sedum* species, laid on fleece with tanalised timber edgings, at an estimated cost of £268.78 for each shelter.

They had also suggested that planters might be installed at either side of the shelters, and that the shelters might be stained inside and fitted with information boards.

There were concerns about the loading on the shelter roofs, maintenance of the felt roofs and planters, the limited visual impact of the scheme and cost.

It was resolved that the PC would consider an experimental scheme for the northern bus shelter, providing that this did not introduce any loading onto the front lip of the roof.

Cllr Vann suggested that the bus shelters might be moved and used as shelters if and when land was acquired for a playing field, and that seats might be installed on the current bases.

5. Coronation of HM King Charles III

Four suggestions were made for tree plantings to mark the Coronation:

- a) a container-grown large oak sapling at Harry's Grave, subject to the agreement of the landowner;
- b) a container-grown large tree in the NW part of the CDJO;
- c) a pot-grown small tree in the churchyard to complement the 3 planted for the Platinum Jubilee.
- d) a small *Magnolia* tree on the Glebe Farm Green, subject to agreement from the adjacent householder.

It was resolved that (i) a tree be planted on the day of the coronation if possible; (ii) locations (b) and (c) above be considered; (iii) Cllrs and the Clerk would examine the sites and seek advice from Smisby Arboretum; (iv) Cllrs consider options by email with the final choice being made by the Chairman; (v) a member of the original Carlton Brownie pack, not identified until after the Platinum Jubilee, be invited to plant the tree.

6. Report 2023-05: Quarterly report on traffic and speed monitoring

It was resolved that Report 2023-05 be approved.

7. Planning matters

a) Planning applications and appeals 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).

23/00104/CONDIT demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling, 38 Main St. (Amended plans submitted subject to condition 2 of planning permission 13/00195/FUL). PC had no objections.

c) Planning applications and appeals determined

21/01473/FUL Erection of 9 single storey holiday lodges with vehicle parking and associated works, Kyngs Golf & Country Club, Station Road, Mkt Bosworth. Permission refused.

d) Enforcement matters

2011/0077/04/ Market Bosworth Marina. The Vice Chairman and Clerk had inspected the site and met with the landowners (p.1868/13d; 1888/7d refer). Tree planting had been completed along the northern side of the site, except for an area next to the bunds in the NE corner. As compensation for this loss of screening, additional trees had been planted on top of the bank next to the access drive between this point and the main Marina building. The area of scrub planting near the cottages had been significantly reduced in size, pending submission of a planning application for construction of a hard standing area. Apart from this, the tree plantings specified in the landscaping plan had been carried out with only minor variations. **It was resolved** that the position be reviewed in autumn 2023 (p.1888/7b refers).

19/00773/FUL Part demolition of existing garage, erection of 1.5 storey dwelling and proposed boundary walls. Windhover House, 69 Main St. The approved drawings showed a hawthorn hedge and tree along the highway boundary but the whole area had been covered with crushed stone. **It was resolved** that H&BBC Planning be advised and asked to ensure that the specified plantings were carried out.

8. Reimbursement of costs incurred by the Clerk

The Clerk presented his record of costs for examination, and **it was resolved** that costs of £199.45 be reimbursed, comprising £50 contribution towards broadband subscription, £184.65 costs, and £14.80 VAT.

9. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting (the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the PC), be held at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 17th May 2023 in Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 21:15 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CDJO	Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard
CFG	Carlton Footpath Group
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
KCTG	Keep Carlton Tidy Group
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
PC	Parish Council
RoW	Rights of Way
TPA	Toddlers Play Area