

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF CARLTON

Minutes of a meeting held in St Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton  
at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Present:** S G Tupling (Chairman), J H Boston, I Sarson, M Vann (Councillors),  
3 members of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

## 1. Minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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

## 2. Report from the Carlton Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

Carlton NHW is a community group that exists to help Carlton stay safe, increase knowledge of local crime prevention and policing matters and encourage neighbourliness

73 people are currently registered and receive monthly e-mail crime updates and alerts. Information is also shared via Carlton News and the Carlton Villagers Facebook page on an occasional basis. 44 people are registered on the National Carlton NHW page where there is a wealth of background advice. As our scheme is the only one registered in surrounding villages including Market Bosworth several registrations here are from outside the village, which is not a problem. It helps to spread crime prevention advice and may reduce house insurance premiums by being a member of a scheme. In 2022 NHW window stickers were distributed to every household courtesy of the Parish Council and Carlton News.

### **2022/23**

During the 12 months April 2022 to March 2023 there were 21 reported crimes in Carlton. This is a return to the levels of 2019 after 2 significantly lower years of just 11 and 15 reported crimes in the Covid years of 2020 and 2021 when movement was restricted. Details are as follows and previous year's figures are shown in brackets for comparison:

- 6 - violence and/or sexual offence (3)
- 5 - criminal damage and arson (3)
- 2 - burglary (2)
- 0 – drugs (2)
- 1 - vehicle crime (1)
- 3 - other theft (2)
- 0 - anti-social behaviour (1)
- 1 – other crime (1)
- 3 - public order (0)

July and August 2022 were our busiest months with 10 crimes in Carlton, half the annual total.

Violence and/or sexual offence (which covers domestic abuse amongst other things) remains the largest reported crime across the wider Bosworth rural area, accounting for 40% of all reported crime, 1003 incidents. The second highest crime across the area is criminal damage and arson at 12% of all crime, 293 incidents. Carlton mirrors this trend.

**Outcome rates** for crime in our wider area 12 months to March 2023 are below with last year's figures in brackets:

37% Investigation complete, no suspect identified, no further action (39%)

33% Unable to prosecute suspect (31%)

2% Further or formal investigation or action not in the public interest (3%)

9% Under investigation (5%)

10% Offender dealt with by local resolution/caution/ court result unavailable/action by another organisation/ awaiting court outcome (9%)

2% Status update unavailable (2%)

7% Other (10%)

Just 10% with a clear offender outcome is disappointing for residents and victims of crime.

### **Crime not included in the statistics**

In December 2022 the ONS noted "Police recorded crime does not tend to be a good indicator of general trends in crime". Economic crime in the form of cybercrime, fraud and scamming is a constant and increasing issue affecting all ages and social demographics. New scams this year include government cost of living support fraud, WhatsApp message fraud and dating app scams. Advance fee fraud where money is taken but no goods or services delivered increased by over 600% in the year. Scams arrive by text, landline, post and email and are constant. NHW have highlighted the need for vigilance and two factor authentication security on passwords and devices. Major banks and credit cards have all introduced extra security measures over the last 12 months to combat fraud.

### **Leicestershire Police**

Neighbourhood Link and Leicestershire Rural Crime are available to all as a text alert service with live updates of local issues – just google Neighbourhood Link and Sign Up. Market Bosworth Police Facebook page and the monthly Police newsletter for Market Bosworth and Villages are a good source of local police news.

### **Contacts**

The Beat Team for Market Bosworth, Ratby, Groby and surrounding villages is Sgt 1864 Jarrod Paterson, PC 41 Greg Rawisinski, PCSO 6018 Grace Muldoon, PC 658 Allan Charles, PC 4579 Rich Heath and PCSO 6501 Niko Sidiropoulos. Inspector Steve Palmer is the Local Policing Commander for Hinckley and Blaby.

In an emergency dial 999, the non-emergency police contact is 101. Specific officers can be contacted by calling 101 and asking for their collar number voice mailbox. We thank all local officers for their support over the past year.

Further contacts are HBBC ASB Helpline on 01455 255 746 and Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

A new post of development lead for NHW in Leicestershire was set up in 2022 whose role is to liaise and work with co-ordinators, parish councils, police, fire and other agencies across Leicestershire. Details are Craig Dawes at [LeicestershireNWA@outlook.com](mailto:LeicestershireNWA@outlook.com)

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### **3. Report from the Chairman of Carlton Parish Council**

This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Simon Cooper did not stand for re-election on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023, and Robin Arnold has been elected in his place. I thank Simon for his hard work and many contributions to the work of the Parish Council since his co-option in February 2017.

The last year has been overshadowed by Royal events with the memorable world-wide celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, unfortunately to be followed by the sad loss of Britain's longest serving Monarch. Her reign was joyously celebrated in the village with a well-attended street party and my thanks go to the hardworking members of the Jubilee Team.

Carlton Parish Council held six meetings last year in Saint Andrew's Community Hub. All meetings were open to the public and were advertised on the Parish notice board, in Carlton News and on the Council's website: [www.carltonpc.co.uk](http://www.carltonpc.co.uk). Everyone is welcome and if any of you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact myself or any Councillor.

Attendance this year was: Tupling 6; Boston 5; Cooper 6; Sarson 6; Vann 4; Clerk 6; members of the public 23. The Parish Council considered 12 planning applications and 4 enforcement matters.

The Parish Council's accounts for the financial year 2022-23 are summarised on the back page of this report; more details and supporting documentation have been published on the Council's website. All financial records for this year will be open to public inspection from 5<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> July. These accounts are exempt from routine external audit unless objections to them are raised by a member of the public.

All companies and organisations assume that everybody is fully conversant with, and has access to, the internet and mobile technology. Clearly this is not the case and if anybody would like assistance in viewing documents and reports please contact myself, the Clerk or any Councillor and we will be happy to assist.

Last year we reported that the Christmas illuminations would be moved from the Green to the Churchyard and it was pleasing to see so many parishioners enjoying the festivities during the light switch on accompanied by the Carlton Rock Choir. This year's lighting up event will take place on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Last year's annual village fete and horticultural show raised just short of £4,000 for Saint Andrew's Church and your continued attendance and support is most welcome.

All households in the village were consulted by way of a questionnaire for the Parish Plan which was successfully completed and launched in June. Its contents have been noted and, where possible, been acted upon as appropriate.

The Carlton Gardening Group enjoyed a busy year. In addition to their general duties, hundreds of daffodils were planted, an old trough was moved and planted up at the corner of Main Street and three new oak tree saplings were planted.

Archaeological test pits were dug in the Autumn as part of the Bosworth Links Project. A film is available on the website and the report is in preparation.

For those walkers in the village the majority of the remaining stiles have been replaced with kissing gates and our thanks go to the landowners, County Council members and their funding allocations.

Unfortunately, the incident reported last year where an empty property with land was unlawfully occupied by travellers has still to be resolved and recently the property was affected by a major fire.

Good ways of keeping up to date with village activities are Carlton News, local Facebook groups, the Parish Council website or indeed word of mouth, particularly at the weekly Friday coffee mornings in The Gate Hangs Well.

**Thanks to**

Internal Auditor, Carlton News, Carlton Footpath Group, Carlton Gardening Group, Carlton Neighbourhood Watch Group, Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Carlton Youth Champions, Heritage and Tree Warden, Parochial Church Council, The Friends of Saint Andrews and the Village fete and Horticultural Show organisers and the Jubilee Committee; Borough and County Councillors – Maureen Cook & Bertie Harrison-Rushton; our local Police officers and supporting authorities.

As always, my thanks go to the army of volunteers who have given their time, expertise and equipment to keep the Parish running smoothly.

Finally, my thanks go to my fellow Councillors, Judith Boston, Simon Cooper, Ian Sarson, Mick Vann and your Parish Clerk Chris Peat whose support has made all of this possible.

**Stuart Tupling    Chairman**

The meeting closed at 19:50 hrs.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_