

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 15th November 2023

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

1. Administrative matters

a) Apologies for absence from Councillors

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

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 13th September 2023

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

3. Reports, questions and comments

a) Parish Councillors

Councillors and the Clerk had received complaints about inconsiderate and abusive drivers and confrontations with horse riders in Main Street, and in one case with a couple pushing a pram in the road because of a car parked on the footway. Some of these incidents had been witnessed by Councillors. There was a general discussion of these issues and the effectiveness of warning signs: conflicts occurred on all of the country lanes in the area, and inconsiderate drivers were unlikely to pay attention to signage. **It was resolved** that LCC Highways be asked to install horse warning signs on each side of the entrance to the livery business at Manor House Farm.

Cllr Vann reported that the tarmac at the Main St/Barton Rd junction was rough and eroding. **It was resolved** that the Clerk assess the area and report to LCC Highways if appropriate.

Cllr Vann reported that residents had tripped and fallen on the humped footway next to the ash tree in front of 65 Main St. The tree was covered by a TPO. This problem had been raised before (p.1854/3e refers), and it was suggested that the footway might be widened at this point, possibly with the aid of grant funding. **It was resolved** that LCC Highways be asked for advice.

Cllr Arnold reported that a street lighting column on Bosworth Rd was leaning. **It was resolved** that a report be submitted to LCC Highways.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr B Harrison-Rushton **was thanked** for information about a consultation on EV charging points and a grant scheme for food and fuel support.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M A Cook **was thanked** for a written report on current H&BBC issues and a verbal update on local casework.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule had reported that in July there had been 1 case of violence and/or sexual assault, 1 of other theft, and 1 other crime. In August there had been no reported crime. In September there had been 1 burglary and 1 other theft.

e) Parish Clerk

Main St/Barton Rd white lines – had been reported to LCC Highways (p.1915/3a refers).

CDJO gatepost – Mr J Storer **was thanked** for attempting to remove the rotted timber gatepost. Mr R Wyatt **was thanked** for using his JCB to excavate old gatepost which had been set in a large lump of concrete. Cllr Arnold and the Clerk **were thanked** for installing the new galvanised steel gatepost. The new post had not been set in concrete because of the large area of loose soil around it resulting from the excavation of the old post (p.1916/3f refers).

Bulb plantings – members of the CGG **were thanked** for completing the plantings. Clumps of ‘Carlton’ daffodils had been planted at Harry’s Grave, in front of 3-5 Barton Rd, in front of Park View Farm, near the lime tree on Bosworth Rd, around the water trough planter, in front of Woodmill, Congerstone Lane, and a deep row in front of 53 Main St (p.1917/3f refers).

Advice Hub – no-one had visited the trial H&BBC/RCC advice service in the Community Hub, so it would not continue. The new service had been advertised in the August issue of Carlton News and on local noticeboards.

Main Street – some street lighting columns had been replaced by LCC Highways because they had reached the end of their life.

Street light column testing – had been carried out on 3rd November at a cost of £411.42 excluding VAT and the report copied to LCC Highways. Hugglescote PC had joined the exercise, reducing the unit cost (p.1891/15 refers). **It was noted** that Bosworth Road 6 and Nailstone Road 4 would require re-testing in November 2026, but Barton Rd 4, Main Street 7 and Main Street 18 would not require re-testing until 2029.

H&BBC Parish Forum – it was resolved that the PC be represented by the Clerk at Newbold Verdon on 7/12.

Police & Crime Commissioner – had replied in general terms to the PC’s letter of 23/5 without addressing any of the specific issues raised (p.1904/5d refers).

Commemorative trees – a book about commemorative trees in Leicestershire was being written by Francesca Wall-Bray. The Clerk had provided information about the Silver, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee and Coronation tree plantings. The Chairman and Cooper family had agreed to pose for an updated photograph of the Diamond Jubilee oak tree.

Play Equipment – the annual independent inspection report had been received the day before the meeting. There were no urgent issues and **it was resolved** that it be considered at the next meeting.

A list of digital communications and reports received would be copied to each Councillor, and copies of any files would be forwarded on request.

f) Members of the public

There were none.

4. Appointment of Editor for Carlton News

It was resolved that Ms Mandie Bristlin be **thanked** for her work as Editor since May 2017 and that Ms Michelle Murphy be appointed Editor of Carlton News with immediate effect.

5. Potential projects for the P&CIF 2024

It was resolved that LCC support and P&CIF funding from the April grant scheme be sought for the replacement of two stiles by kissing gates. The stiles were (i) on footpath S69 at the end of the footbridge over Carlton Brook, and (ii) footpath S78 at the western boundary of the Parish. (i) was supported by Market Bosworth PC. The estimated total cost was £1,200; the expectation was that the net cost to the PC would be about £300.

6. Cemetery Regulations (additional memorials on graves)

A Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial meant that up to 8 cremation burials might be made in a grave space under the current Cemetery Regulations. In most cases the first burial was of a coffined body and the second of the cremated remains of a spouse or close family relative, with a second inscription added to the headstone. If additional cremation burials were made, there would not usually be space on the headstone for additional inscriptions.

It was resolved that these words be added to Section H of the Cemetery Regulations: “Where cremated remains have been buried in a full-size earthen grave space, an additional memorial may be installed in the form of a flat stone tablet not more than 450mm square laid with its upper surface at ground level.”

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).

23/00853/OUT Outline planning permission for the construction of up to three detached dwellings and associated parking (some matters reserved except for layout and scale).

Land between 80 and 82 Main St. PC objected on grounds that (i) there is a housing need in Carlton for retirement bungalows and starter homes and the applicant has failed to address this need as required by Policy RN5 of the Local Plan; (ii) the proposed dwelling on Plot 1 will overlook the private patio area in the south east corner of the rear garden of 86 Main Street, which is not compliant with Policy DM10 of the Local Plan; (iii) the proposed dwelling on Plot 3 will overlook the private patio area on the south eastern side of 80 Main Street, which is not compliant with Policy DM10 of the Local Plan and windows on the northern side of a proposed building on Plot 3 will be less than 20m from those on the southern side of 80 Main St which is not compliant with advice in current Good Design Guidance; (iv) the proposed dwellings on Plot 2 and Plot 3 will have an unacceptable enclosing effect on the rear garden of Alchemy Haus, Bosworth Road, which is not compliant with Policy DM10 of the Local Plan. PC recognised that the site is suitable for residential development, and would be much more likely to support a scheme designed to meet local needs through the provision of bungalows and/or starter homes.

23/00934/CONDIT Replacement dwelling. 38 Main St. PC had no objections.

c) Planning applications and appeals determined

21/00195/FUL Erection of 9 holiday cabins with associated parking and landscaping.

Appeal dismissed.

23/00503/CONDIT. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 20/00421/FUL.

Amendment to approved plan and design. Windhover House, 69 Main St. Permission granted.

23/00526/FUL. Replacement dwelling. 39 Main Street. Application withdrawn.

23/00730/CONDIT Variation of condition 5 of planning permission 94/00128/COU, 11 Main Street. Permission refused.

d) Enforcement matters

There were none.

8. Financial matters**a) Report 2023-15 Quarterly financial statement July-September 2023**

The reconciliation was checked against the relevant bank statements and **it was resolved** that Report 2023-15 be approved.

b) Report 2023-26 Preliminary financial estimates for 2024-25 Version 1

The budget was discussed and **it was resolved** that a revised and updated version of Report 2023-26 be prepared for the next meeting.

9. Next meeting and calendar of meetings for 2024

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at **19:00 hrs** on Wednesday 10th January 2024 in Saint Andrew's Community Hub, 30 Main Street, Carlton.

It was resolved that meetings be held on the following dates: 13th March, 8th May (Annual Meeting), 10th July, 11th September, 13th November 2024, 8th January 2025.

The meeting closed at 20:50 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CGG	Carlton Gardening Group
EV	Electric Vehicle
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LRALC	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
PAF	Parish Amenities Fund
PC	Parish Council
P&CIF	Parish & Community Initiative Fund
RCC	Rural Community Council
TPO	Tree Preservation Order