

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 13th March 2024

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), R G Arnold, J H Boston, I Sarson, M A Vann (Councillors), M A 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 10th January 2024

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 noted that an editor had not yet been found for Carlton News. **It was resolved** that the former editor be asked to advertise the position on Facebook.

Cllr Vann reported damaged tarmac around a gully at Harry's Grave and a developing pothole at the end of a trench at the railway bridge. The former would be reported to LCC Highways; the latter would be reinstated when the scheduled works were completed on 25th March.

Cllr Boston reported that five village gardens would be open in aid of the NGS on 12th May.

It was noted that the Spring Clean Litter Pick would take place on 17th March.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr Harrison-Rushton reported on the recent flooding problems, and that drop-in events were being held to provide information to the people and businesses affected. Giga Hubs were being installed across Leics; the nearest being at Nailstone Highways Depot, Market Bosworth High School, Primary School and Library, and Congerstone Primary School. All planning applications would be required to deliver an increase of 10% in biodiversity from 2nd April and a training session for PCs was being planned.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M A Cook **was thanked** for a written report on current H&BBC business, and updated the PC on current local issues. Cllr Cook reported that LCC had been awarded additional highways funding and asked for ideas for local projects: a chicane on Bosworth Rd, general footway repairs, and the provision of a dropped kerb at the church gate were suggested.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule reported that in January there had been 3 reports of violence and/or sexual offences and 1 of public order. In addition there had been one report of a house burglary/break-in during the week of the meeting.

e) Parish Clerk

Council tax 2024-25 – the PC's element of the Band D council tax would be £50.86. The total Band D council tax payable in Carlton would be £2155.82. The range in the Borough was £2252.79 to £2154.10. Of the 24 parishes and Hinckley Urban Area in the Borough, two parish councils had a lower council tax than Carlton.

Congerstone Lane – will be closed 25-26th March to allow for works under the railway bridge.

Horse warning signs – LCC Highways had marked out locations for two signs in Main St: one in the grass verge fronting 59/61, and the other in the verge fronting 1 Field Farm (p.1920/3a refers). The signs could not be put on street lighting columns as originally envisaged. Some occupiers had objected strongly to the erection of a sign and the creation of street clutter. An alternative location had been proposed, but this location had been rejected by LCC Highways. **It was resolved** that LCC be asked to install the signs in the original locations in the interests of public safety.

Main St – white lines had been relaid at the Barton Road Give Way (also the yellow bus stop clearway marking) (p.1015/3a refers).

Anti-social behaviour – a serious incident at the beginning of February had been dealt with by the Police.

Churchyard – the PCC had been asked to take action over an unauthorised memorial which had been placed in the churchyard near the recent tree plantings.

Cemetery hedge – the neighbour had not trimmed his side of the laurel hedge on the W side of the Cemetery, and the shoots had grown tall and had begun to damage his retaining wall. The Clerk had helped to thin the shoots and cut out those causing the damage, and had agreed that the tall growth could be retained in the interests of privacy.

CDJO – it was noted that garden refuse was being dumped on the highway verge next to the Nailstone Road entrance to the CDJO.

Dog fouling – numerous incidents had been reported, including fouling of the playpark in the TPA, on the paths and grass in the CDJO, and spread along the footway in Main St.

Bosworth Road – pneumatic road tubes had been installed to measure vehicle speeds and numbers on about 20/2. Local residents had responded by regularly parking cars on each side of the tubes to create a chicane, which had slowed vehicles to a crawl. LCC Highways had been advised that any speed measurements would not be representative of the usual speed of traffic on this road.

Pensions Regulator – the re-declaration of compliance had been prepared and submitted by Hames Partnership.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy – for Leics, Leicester & Rutland is being led by LCC and further information can be found on the LCC website.

H&BBC Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy – questionnaire returned.

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. Erection of a Christmas tree on Carlton Green

Local residents had asked for permission to erect an illuminated Christmas tree on Carlton Green in 2024 (see p.1924/3a). **It was resolved** that permission be granted on condition that the tree be removed by twelfth night.

5. Removal of a silver birch tree from Little Lane

A neighbouring landowner had expressed concerns that a silver birch tree in Little Lane was growing close to a workshop building and that the roots of the tree might damage the building. The neighbour had offered to remove the tree, and to plant replacements elsewhere.

The site had been examined. The workshop was a modern building (c.2006), and should have been constructed with deep foundations in view of the bird cherry trees nearby. The silver birch was close to and already competing with other trees, and would eventually grow to overhang the workshop, by which time it would be tall and difficult to manage. There was a very leggy silver birch tree next to the first, and one of the bird cherry trees had a branch growing out towards the workshop. Councillors were reluctant to remove any healthy tree, but in the circumstances agreed that removal of both birch trees and pruning of the bird cherry was advisable.

It was resolved that the neighbour be granted permission to remove the trees and branches listed above on condition that lookouts be put in place on the public RoW at a safe distance from the working area to warn walkers and stop them when necessary; that members of the CGG be asked to help with the work; that the CGG risk assessment be followed; that the stump of the silver birch be left at 600mm high so that it could be used as a seat; and that the landowner be asked to plant two native trees along his boundary with Little Lane.

6. Insurance arrangements

The PC's policy with Zurich Municipal would be due for renewal on 1st June; the suggestion that the PC might use an insurance broker was rejected. **It was resolved** that quotations be sought from at least two other providers for consideration at the May PC meeting.

7. Provision of dropped kerbs across the road from the church gate

Cllr Sarson drew attention to the poor access to the church for disabled people. There was a dropped kerb outside the church gate, but no dropped kerb on the other side of the road. The eastern end of the tarmac footway alongside the church wall was too narrow for a wheelchair or mobility scooter, and there was no footway at all in front of the dwellings to the west. This meant that users of wheelchairs or mobility scooters were obliged to travel in the carriageway to get to the church gate, and this was particularly hazardous when weddings or funerals were taking place because of parking on the carriageway.

It was resolved that LCC Highways be asked to install dropped kerbs in the footway across the road from the church gate, and that the PC would be prepared to consider contributing towards the cost.

8. Galvanised trough and installation in the CDJO

The Clerk offered a galvanised water trough to the PC for £60.00; the Gardening Group was willing to maintain the trough if used as a planter. **It was resolved** that the trough be purchased and installed at the Barton Road entrance to the CDJO to replace three decaying timber posts.

9. Application to the P&CIF

The P&CIF small grants scheme was expected to be advertised in April (p.1922/5 refers). **It was resolved** that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to submit an application to replace stiles with kissing gates (i) on footpath S69 at the end of the footbridge over Carlton Brook, and (ii) on footpath S78 at the western boundary of the Parish. Market Bosworth PC supported (i), but was not able to provide match funding. The estimated total cost was £1,200; the expectation was that the scheme would be supported by LCC RoW and that the net cost to the PC would be about £300.

10. Proposed highway works in central Market Bosworth

Plans for an extended one-way system and echelon parking in the Market Place were being developed, but drawings were not yet available. Photographs of a model prepared for a public consultation some years ago were tabled, but it was recognised that the final scheme would be different. It was not clear whether the final designs would be subject to a further public consultation. Councillors had concerns about the impact of the proposals on traffic flow through Market Bosworth, and a likely increase in traffic through Carlton due to vehicles (particularly heavy farm traffic) making a diversion. **It was noted** that a Project Officer had been appointed by LCC Highways, and that he would be meeting with Market Bosworth PC in the near future. **It was resolved** that the situation be kept under review.

11. Planning matters

a) Planning applications and appeals

23/00508/FUL appeal APP/K2420/W/24/3337087 Erection of 9 single storey holiday lodges with vehicle parking and associated works. Kyngs Golf & Country Club. The PC had objected to the original application (p.1913/14b refers). **It was resolved** that no additional comments be submitted.

24/00173/HOU Loft conversion including the addition of 5 rooflight windows to rear. Spinney View 72 Main Street. **It was resolved** that the PC had no objections.

b) Comments submitted under delegated powers

24/00026/FUL Erection of 2 subterranean holiday lodges with associated works, Kyngs Golf & Country Club, Station Rd, Mkt Bosworth. PC was concerned that this application, in conjunction with application 24/00027/FUL would establish the principle of dispersed holiday lodge development over this site; that no details have been provided as to how foul sewage is to be disposed of; objected on grounds that the proposed lodges are in an isolated position in open countryside, not well related to other built development, and with a long access track which crosses a public footpath; requested conditions that the lodges shall only be occupied as short term holiday lets associated with the proposed club house and hotel, and shall not be occupied until the golf course is fully operational.

24/00027/FUL Erection of 4 holiday lodges and associated works. Kyngs Golf & Country Club, Station Rd, Mkt Bosworth. PC was concerned that this application, in conjunction with application 24/00026/FUL would establish the principle of dispersed holiday lodge development over this site; that no details have been provided as to how foul sewage is to be disposed of; objected on grounds that the

proposed lodges are in an isolated position in open countryside, not well related to other built development, and with a long access track which crosses a public footpath; requested conditions that the lodges shall only be occupied as short term holiday lets associated with the proposed club house and hotel, and shall not be occupied until the golf course is fully operational.

24/00113/HOU Two storey front and single storey rear extension, detached double garage and associated works, 9 Main Street. PC had no objections.

c) Planning applications and appeals determined

23/00853/OUT Outline planning permission for the provision of two detached dwellings and associated parking to the land between 80 and 86 Main Street Carlton (all matters reserved except for access). Land between 80 and 86 Main St. Permission granted.

d) Planning enforcement matters

There were none.

12. Reimbursement of costs incurred by the Clerk

The Clerk presented his record of costs for examination, and **it was resolved** that costs of £241.15 be reimbursed, comprising £60.00 contribution towards broadband subscription, £160.55 costs, and £20.60 VAT.

13. Next meeting

It was resolved that the Annual Parish meeting be held at 7pm on Wednesday 8th May 2024 in Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton, to be followed at 7.30pm by the Annual Meeting of Carlton Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 20:30 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

CDJO	Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard
CGG	Carlton Gardening Group
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
KCTG	Keep Carlton Tidy Group
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
NGS	National Gardens Scheme
PC	Parish Council
P&CIF	Parish & Community Initiatives Fund
TPA	Toddlers Play Area