

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton at 7pm on Wednesday 26 August 2026

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), R G Arnold, J H Boston, I Sarson, M A Vann (Councillors), J Melen (County Councillor), M A Cook (Borough Councillor), 1 member 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

There were none.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 8 July 2026

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

Councillors expressed concerns over the vulnerability of local dwellings to wildfires in the exceptionally dry conditions. There had been several wildfires in the local area which had been brought under control, but elsewhere houses had been burned down even though not obviously close to tall and dry materials. **It was resolved** that the Emergency Plan be reviewed and an alert published in Carlton News.

Councillors reported deposits of dog poo in front gardens and on private drives. These were thought to be associated with reports of stray dogs roaming through the village. **It was resolved** that the situation be monitored.

The Chairman **thanked** Cllr Sarson for treating the Millennium Post, the two bench seats, picnic table and the basic seat next to the table in the CDJO with tung oil.

Cllr Vann reported that grass clippings had been dumped on the Barton Rd verge near Holly Cottage. **It was resolved** that this be investigated.

Cllr Sarson reported that the footway fronting Manor House Farm was in poor condition and covered with debris. **It was resolved** that the CGG be asked to tidy it up.

The Tree Warden reported that in the churchyard all the leaves on the new rowan tree were dead, and the coppiced rowan on the churchyard bank was severely stressed. In the CDJO the holly whips in the east hedge had been regularly watered and were growing; the leaves on the replacement apple tree had begun to shrivel but had recovered after watering; the oak sapling in the north hedge was growing; but the box hedge next to the TPA had been attacked by box blight. The oak sapling at Harry's Grave was growing on. The Millennium oak trees along Barton Rd had been pruned by the landowner and the brash left on the highway verges.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr J Melen reported that the road grit and salt used during the winter had the same formula as previous years, were not applied to footways and should not have harmed dogs (p.2001/3a refers).

Cllr Melen reviewed progress with the LGR. Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council will cease to exist after April 2028. From that time there will be two unitary councils - one covering a greatly enlarged Leicester city area; the other covering the rest of Leicestershire and Rutland. Carlton will be in the Leicestershire & Rutland area. The proposed Market Bosworth Ward would include Carlton, Congerstone, Shackerstone, Odstone, Barton in the Beans, Nailstone, Mkt Bosworth, Far Coton, Shenton and Sutton Cheney, but exclude Cadeby and Osbaston. Carlton Parish Council will continue as before. Elections will be held in May 2027 and Councillors elected to the new authorities will shadow existing Councillors until May 2028 and then take office.

The proposed warding arrangements appeared to be arbitrary and did not take account of local historical and social connections – in particular in separating Cadeby from Market Bosworth. Cllr Melen **was asked** to investigate whether the warding arrangements were open to amendment.

There had been no progress with the ash tree outside 65 Main St: the tree was the property of the landowner and protected by a TPO, but its roots were causing severe heave to the adjacent footway (p.2027/3f refers). **It was resolved** that the PC would not object if the landowner applied for permission to remove this tree in the interests of pedestrian safety.

Cllr Melen left the meeting at this point.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

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

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule reported offences of Public Order – 1, Other Crime – 1 in May; and no reported crime in June.

e) Parish Clerk

Waymark posts – 5 new waymark posts have been delivered by LCC RoW (p.1993/3e refers).

SID posts project – 2 posts had been installed (p.2026/3e refers). The location for the post on Barton Rd had been marked in a position which did not have a good sight line down Bosworth Rd, and LCC Highways had been asked to move it 2-3m further north.

Npower – had not collected payment of £132.79 and had imposed a late payment charge of £40 on 8 August. In response to a telephone call on 9 August, Npower had denied receiving the updated direct debit instruction (p.2026/3e refers). A new direct debit instruction had been prepared, and a scanned copy emailed directly to the person dealing with the matter on 10 August. The issue had been followed up with a further email on 24 August as no action had been taken.

Police – the Clerk had accepted an invitation to the annual Leicestershire Police Inter-Cultural Social Event at Police HQ on 24 September.

Great Central Corridor – British Regional Transport Association requested PC support for a new-build twin track railway from W London to serve Rugby, Magna Park, Lutterworth and Leicester. **It was resolved** that a neutral response be submitted.

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

The member of the public asked what was being done about the unsightly containers in front of 60 Main St, and was advised that enforcement action was being taken by H&BBC (p.1991/11d; 2005/6d; 2014/13d; 2024/16d refer).

4. Review of the Churchyard Wall Rebuilding Project

The application for a Faculty had been submitted on 14 July and returned on 15 July. The Diocesan Secretary required copies of quotations from the proposed contractors, additional photographs of the existing wall and a resolution from the PCC supporting the proposal. The Architect had invited tenders from four local contractors with a closing date of 31 August. The Architect had also registered the project with the Government Contract Finder website with a closing date of 25 September because of the time taken for registration. The PCC strongly supported the project and would consider a suitable resolution at its meeting on 2 September.

It was resolved that Councillors be sent copies of all quotations and consulted by email, and that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to liaise with the Architect and select a contractor and submit the Faculty application asap after 25 September.

5. Review of the Bosworth Road Traffic Calming Project

LCC Highways had formally launched the Minor Improvements Programme on 30 July and this proposal had been submitted for consideration (p.2027/7 refers).

6. Report 2026-16: Speed and traffic monitoring October 2024 – December 2025

It was resolved that Report 2026-16 be approved.

7. Report 2026-17: Survey of roadside ash trees

It was resolved that Report 2026-17 be approved.

8. Planning matters

a) Regulation 19 draft Local Plan 2024-45

It was noted that Rural Hamlets would no longer have a defined settlement boundary. **It was resolved** that the PC respond that: Carlton Parish Council (the PC) has provided information, attended information sessions and responded to consultations on this developing Local Plan. The PC welcomes this Local Plan and considers that it is sound and legally compliant.

b) Planning applications and appeals submitted

There were none.

c) Comments submitted under delegated powers

25/01130/PIP Permission in principle for the erection of 9 dwellings. Land west of Barton Road. Appeal. The PC was against the appeal; expressed strong support for Delegated Report; noted that development would create a high-density rectangular incursion into open countryside and create an abrupt transition; proposal would not provide any community benefits; applicants submitted all of their landholdings to the SHELAA and all were rejected; summarised local bus services; noted that the shop at The Gate did not sell domestic supplies, footways extended only to the site entrance, roads between Carlton and neighbouring settlements lacked footways, the site was not well related to the RoW network, the Regulation 19 draft Local Plan 2024-45 had been published, limited development in Carlton to infill and demonstrated a 5.26-year housing supply.

26/00647/HOU Single storey side extension. 5 Orton Close. PC had no objections.

d) Planning applications and appeals determined

26/00546/HOU Erection of a single storey rear extension. Carlton Gate, 5 Barton Rd. Permission granted.

e) Planning enforcement matters

There was nothing to report.

9. Next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held on 11 November 2026 in Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

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
LGR	Local Government Review
PC	Parish Council
RoW	Right of Way
SHELAA	Strategic Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment
TPA	Toddlers Play Area
TPO	Tree Preservation Order