

## **Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Lt Col G.E. Vere-Laurie, Mrs R Whate (Vice- Chairman), Mr T Cooper, Mr N Walton, Mr C Hemstock, Mr B Laughton (County Councillor), Mrs C Rose (District Councillor), Mrs S Beresford (Clerk) 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None

2. **Declaration of interest on items on the agenda.**

There was no declared interest in items on the agenda.

Mr N Walton was formally co-opted on as a full member of the Parish Council-proposed by Lt Col G.E.Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mrs R Whate.

There are two other vacancies which the Clerk is waiting to hear from Kelham Hall as regarding the procedure to follow. It was agreed that we would set an application date of 15<sup>th</sup> Sept with the view to co-opt on new members on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. The Clerk will insert an advert in Unity and on the notice board.

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Caledonian buildings.**

The minutes, having been circulated and read were agreed to contain a true record of items discussed. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr C Hemstock.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes.**

a) **Highways Issues**

Mr B Laughton informed those present that he has submitted a complaint to Bob Hart regarding the poor re-surfacing work on Ossington Road and has taken photographic evidence.

Mr Laughton also informed the Parish Council that Cromwell is having exactly the same traffic issues regarding HGVs coming through the village.

The white lines need re-painting at the junction with Ferry Lane and Church Lane and also at Cromwell Halt at the south end of the village- the Clerk to write to Highways requesting these be done.

b) **Severn Trent Water-Newark Area Internal Drainage Board issues.**

Mr T Cooper has worked tirelessly with emails and correspondence with the Newark Area Internal Drainage Board and as a result they are now awaiting the final consultants report and estimates to carry out the necessary work. Mr Cooper wished to make clear that the drainage board have actually worked hard on our behalf and we should have some news over the next week or two.

c) Resilience Store

There has been some dissatisfaction expressed with the correspondence from Kelham Hall regarding the Resilience store. The Clerk sent clear instructions to NSDC asking them to write to the Village Hall committee to ask if there was a possibility of the store being sited on village hall grounds. Unfortunately the letter sent was contrary to this and as a result the store arrived without any permission sought. The village Hall had not had chance to meet to discuss the request and naturally they wish to clarify who is responsible for the maintenance etc. The Chairman of the Village Hall committee stated that he had two keys; NSDC had retained a key to load the shed at their convenience. Mr Whate agreed to inform Lt Col Vere-Laurie within 2 weeks of the village hall decision regarding the store. The Youth club also have a store in the same location which is difficult to access now the Resilience store is sited.

Lt Col Vere-Laurie to write to NSDC to ask for their rationale for delivering the store without permission and also regarding the use of the store and whether it can be used for anything else. As Flood Warden, Mr Cooper wished it to be made clear that he did not know anything about the store delivery.

d) HGV Parking at Cromwell Halt

This has much improved recently. The Clerk informed the council that the Police have stated that if we wish for this matter to be investigated thoroughly we need to take photographic evidence and present this evidence at the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting. Mrs Whate offered to attend on the Parish Council behalf. Proposed by Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

If vehicles are seen parking overnight in the County Council bay again the Clerk needs photographic evidence including reg. numbers and this can be actioned.

e) Development of Website

The Clerk will go ahead with Andy Love to develop the web site for Carlton-on-Trent. Proposed by Mr C Hemstock and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

f) Speeding traffic petition

Mr Laughton stated that the village has been added to the list of traffic surveys but we will not be an immediate priority. A decision was made that we would have an HGV survey carried out and this item will stay on the agenda. As this is such a common issue and rural areas have been largely neglected in this issue, it will take some time to resolve.

g) Grant Application for the purchase of IT equipment

The grant application has been submitted and depending on the success, the Clerk will obtain a grant application pack from WREN. Mrs Rose also stated that she could donate some monies to Carlton-on-Trent through her contingency funding.

h) Postcode irregularities

There is no further progress as yet with this issue. Mrs Rose to contact residents on Ferry Lane to ask if they wish to change their address to better reflect the area of village in which they live. Mrs Rose agreed to try to complete this by September.

i) Best Kept Village Competition

The village achieved success with the first round and as the minutes were presented, waiting to hear about the second round of judging. Mrs Whate spoke to the Newark Advertiser reporter and this was included in the latest edition.

j) BT proposal to remove telephone boxes.

The English Heritage did assess the situation and their recommendations were that the telephone box did not have a close visual relationship with the village; it was not in a setting of exceptional interest and therefore did not warrant a preservation order. The Clerk will email BT to ask if the box could be retained and maintained by the village.

k) Erratic postal deliveries

The postal service in Carlton-on-Trent has been very erratic recently and some days the village does not even receive a service. The Clerk to write to the Sorting Office initially and members of the Parish Council will keep a diary of dates when the service is non-existent. This is especially difficult for them any small businesses in the village.

## **5. Correspondence**

a) Draft developer contributions supplementary planning document- Lt Col G E Vere-Laurie taken to peruse.

b) Community Safety Liaison Meetings- the Clerk to attend where possible- next meetings 27<sup>TH</sup> October 2008 and 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009.

## **6 Financial Issues**

### a) Payment of the Village Hall Fees

A cheque made payable to the village Hall Committee for the sum of £10.00 proposed by Mr T Cooper and seconded by Mr C Hemstock.

### b) Parish Council Insurance

A cheque for £157.85 was proposed by Mr C Hemstock and seconded by Mr T Cooper.

The Clerk to obtain a new mandate form for the HSBC bank to include new signatories and remove members who have left the Parish Council

## **7. Planning Issues**

Results of the Appeal by Mr and Mrs S Fitzpatrick- site at the Maltings, Ferry Lane- Appeal Dismissed.

## **8. Items for Inclusion of the next agenda**

- a) Highways Matters
- b) Postcode Irregularities
- c) Speeding Traffic and HGVs
- d) Resilience Store
- e) Flooding issues

## **19. Any other Business**

### a) Contribution by Mrs Anne O'Brien

A letter to be sent to the family of the late Mrs O'Brien to appreciate her long service to the Parish Council

b) Letter to Mr Boothroyd -The Clerk will write to Mr Boothroyd thanking him for the service to the Parish Council

c) Parish Council Notice Board- A request to be made to the village hall committee to have a Notice Board just for Parish Council business in order to display the minutes and insert all the correspondence that is regularly sent out. Mr Walton will ask the village hall committee.

d) Notts Association of Local Councils- To consider membership for a year to obtain up-to-date information, Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mr N Walton.

e) Register of all financial interests – Mrs Whate asked if we have all declared financial interests. The Clerk stated that this has been completed.

f) Building Better Communities – The information pack available for all to read but little appropriate for the needs of the village at present.

## **11 Date of the Next Meeting**

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008 commencing at 7.30pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00.

