

CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Peter's Church Carlton On Thursday 10 November 2016

Present: - Stephen Roberts, Hedley Francis, Michael Mann, Kate Homan, Paul Archer, Mary Maitland
Edith Osborn as Clerk
A number of parishioners from Willingham Green

1 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Giles Dobson, Richard Turner, Roger Hickford - County Councillor, Andrew Fraser – District Councillor

A quorum was present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly those from Willingham Green.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 July 2016.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2016 were reviewed. Michael Mann proposed that they be approved and Paul Archer seconded the proposal.

3 Declarations of Interest

No councillor had any new interests to declare.

4 Administration

4.1 Co-option of councillor

Following the resignation of Stan Richardson a vacancy had arisen. A letter of thanks would be sent by the Clerk to Stan for his contribution to council matters. The Council attempts to have representation from all three sections of the parish.

Mary Maitland had put herself forward to stand as a parish councillor, especially representing Willingham Green. Stephen Roberts proposed that she be elected to the council and Kate Homan seconded the proposal. All voted in favour of the proposal.

4.2 Bank signatory

Due to Stan Richardson's resignation, another signatory for the bank account would be required. Paul Archer offered to be registered as the third councillor signatory.

5 Environmental

5.1 Local Highways Improvement Scheme -options

The Chairman advised the council that the County Council offer a local Highways Improvement initiative offering up to £10k per scheme provided applicants are prepared to fund 10% of the scheme. The deadline for applications is 30 November 2016. The Council have two proposals to consider: the first one is for speed restrictions in Willingham Green on the B1052. These had previously been requested in an application submitted in 2013/14 but had been declined. The second option was for kerbing in Carlton round the bend opposite the War Memorial.

A horse warning sign was requested as an extra in Willingham Green, therefore costings were estimated as £1,500 for the road signage and £800 for the horse warning sign making the funding from Council's money 6.6% of the precept.

The Chairman reviewed the reasoning for this application. Points to note were that the speed cannot be reduced through the hamlet as there are no street lights and there already is a horse warning sign, it is lying in a ditch but could be resurrected.

The Council voted in favour of the proposal for the speed restriction signs and for a new horse sign .

The Chairman then reviewed the reasoning for applying for a new kerb in Carlton, mainly because the verge is being continuously eroded. 85m of kerbing had been suggested by Highways and to include backfilling, the cost would be £8k being 23% of the precept.

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Only one application per year is allowed to be made by the Council to this scheme. The Chairman advised that he had checked whether the Council could use S106 monies on these schemes but it is not allowed.

Willingham Green is on a B road but it is a main road to Linton and therefore there is a lot of traffic using it.

The proposal for this financial year was to support the scheme in Willingham Green. All voted in favour.

5.2 S106 monies – proposals

The Chairman advised that £2,187.02 had been spent on road planings so far, leaving £2,875.20 to spend. The time limit to spend it could be reduced to 5 years so options needed to be considered for spending the money. Currently there are two options, being to complete the job on the green road near the ford or lay new gravel on the Millenium Walkway. He suggested that these options be discussed at the February meeting. He thanked everyone for their help with the spreading.

5.3 Millenium Walkway

Giles Dobson had sent a report to the Chairman. A draft licence and plan had been prepared and was being considered by Tim Barling of Thurlow Estates, rent had been set as a peppercorn rent.

5.4 BT phone box

The statutory consultation on BT's proposal to remove public phoneboxes ends on 28 November after which time the council will know whether ownership will pass from BT to the council. A bid could be made to Wadlow Wind Farm fund for the purchase of a defibrillator to be kept in the box.

5.5 Road surfaces and gritting

The Clerk advised that gritting of the road system has been altered and reduced this winter. Gritting of footpaths can still be carried out by residents.

5.6 Salt bin/road signs

Nicola Burdon, the Highways Officer at the County Council, had been shown around the problem sites in the village and her team will complete all the work at one time including delivering the new salt bin.

The Chairman advised that it was Diane Duncan at SCDC who is responsible for road signs and she had confirmed that two new signs would be erected next week.

5.7 Footpaths

The Chairman was not aware of any issues with footpaths currently. Josephine Roberts and Caroline Revitt have been storing young trees ready to plant out so another planting session will be required.

5.8 Grass cutting contract

The Clerk advised that she had only managed to obtain two quotations for the grass cutting contract. CGM, the current contractor, had requested £95 per cut plus VAT totalling £380 per annum. The alternative quotation was supplied by Norse Grounds for £599.94 plus VAT.

After some discussion, all councillors voted in favour of remaining with CGM for another year.

5.9 Broadband within the Parish

The Chairman advised that broadband was due to be installed in Carlton in December 2016 and Carlton Green in June 2017. He noted that the base for the cabinet had been constructed further down Carlton Green Road than planned and was now sited opposite Park Cottage, a further 150m away from the village centre. The contractors had also indicated that there would be a time slippage from the original installation date.

Mary Maitland left the meeting.

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6 Finance

6.1 Payments proposed for authorisation were:

6.1.1 D Haird & Co chq 296	£ 1,123.58
6.1.2 SLCC chq 297	£ 65.00

The payments were proposed for authorisation by Stephen Roberts and seconded by Hedley Francis.

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6.2 Receipts, payments and reconciliation as at 31 October 2016

Paul Archer proposed that the accounts as at 31 October 2016 be approved and Michael Mann seconded the proposal.

6.3 Precept 2017/18

The Clerk had proposed a precept of £3,100. The Chairman referred to the items which had contributed to the increase in the precept which were mainly an increase in the grass cutting contract and training costs. As the road safety contributions would need to be increased, it was proposed by Stephen Roberts that the precept be increased to £3,200 and this was seconded by Hedley Francis.

7 Planning

7.1 Update report

There were no new planning applications to report on.

8 District Councillor's report

In the absence of Cllr Fraser, Stephen Roberts reported that he had twice attended the local Parish Councils' meeting. A representative from Planning and Highways department will be attending the next meeting on 23 November which is being held in Castle Camps.

9 County Councillor's report

Roger Hickford will not be standing as councillor at the next election.

The Chairman reported that Cambridge and Peterborough intend to join together as a unitary authority which will attract a sizable amount of money for the area, leading to new infrastructure and the A1307 and A428 roads being upgraded

10 General observations or matters for consideration at the next meeting

- Millenium Walkway
- Green Road
- Phone box

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 9 February 2017 at 8pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm.