

CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Peter's Church Carlton On Thursday 29 September 2011

Present: - Stephen Roberts. Malcolm Stennett, John Coppen
Edith Osborn as Clerk, 3 parishioners

1 Apologies: Michael Mann, Hedley Francis, Caroline Revitt, John Batchelor - County Councillor, Richard Barrett - District Councillor, Pauline Jarvis - District Councillor

2 Minutes of the Meetings held on 25 July 2011 and 4 August 2011.

The Clerk advised that Richard Barrett had requested an adjustment to his report on Finance for the draft minutes of the meeting on 4 August 2011 regarding SCDC's requirement to take on Government debt of £204m. The Clerk had amended the draft minutes to reflect the adjustment.

The Chairman proposed that both sets of minutes be accepted and they were approved by the councillors.

3 Administration

3.1 Co-option of councillor

The Chairman reported that Elaine Read had resigned from the Council due to ill health.

Malcolm Stennett proposed a vote of thanks for her work on the council over the years and hoped that she would recover as soon as possible.

The Chairman then took nominations for the position of councillor. Mr Paul Dean was nominated. Malcolm Stennett proposed Mr Dean and John Coppen seconded the proposal. As there were no other nominations, Mr Dean was welcomed as a councillor. The Declaration of Interests form to be signed after the meeting.

3.2 Clerk's hours of work

After some further discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk be paid for 3 hours per week from August until the financial year end.

4 Finance

4.1 Payments proposed for authorisation were:

4.1.1 CGM Ltd chq 214	£ 72.00
4.1.2 John Mingay chq 216	£115.00

John Coppen proposed that the payments be authorised and Malcolm Stennett seconded the proposal

5 Planning.

5.1 S/1151/11 Woodman House, Carlton Green Rd, new garage

5.2 S/1319/11 Land adjacent to 1 Hall Cottages, subdivision of site + new house

5.3 S/1368/11 Woolmer Cottage Stables, erection of photo-voltaic panels

5.4 S/1353/11 Cromwell Cottage, garage/garden store

The Clerk reported that the above planning applications had all been approved by the Planning Committee at SCDC since the last meeting.

Malcolm Stennett reported that he had attended the District Planning meeting which considered the application at 5.2. Making an unusual case that a neighbour's residential amenity (under policy DP/3) would be seriously affected, there was a robust basis for refusing the application. However, the Chair and District officers used their influence to change the minds of members who might otherwise have denied the application: members were strongly advised not to risk the cost of an appeal and, in the reporter's opinion, officers made specious arguments to which there was no opportunity to respond. Nine members voted in favour, with four against and one abstention.

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6 Environmental

6.1 Anglian Water-sewerage at Carlton Green

Paul Dean agreed to discuss the contents of Anglian Water's questionnaire with his neighbours with a view to completing the questionnaire and submitting the form as necessary.

6.2 Weston Woods – S106 Agreement

The Clerk had received a reply to her letter of the previous month to SCDC which was not particularly helpful. Malcolm Stennett offered to draft a response.

6.3 Scrapyard at Willingham Green

It was discussed whether anyone knew what was intended for the site in Willingham Green as it was turning into an eyesore and there could be environmental concerns. It was decided that the Council would write to John Gowing and request what his intentions were for the site.

6.4 Youth football/games area in Carlton

As there was no area within the village for children to play, it was decided to approach Peter Coppen to see if the land opposite the kennels would be a possibility. John Coppen offered to talk to Mr Coppen.

7 District Councillor's report

As Cllr Barrett was not in attendance there was no report.

8 General observations or matters for consideration at the next meeting

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Councillors' responsibilities
- Precept

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 10 November 2011 at 7.30pm

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm.