

CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Peter's Church Carlton On Thursday 1 August 2019

Present: - Stephen Roberts, Paul Archer, Mary Maitland, Giles Dobson, Kate Homan, Edith Osborn as Clerk, Henry Batchelor - County Councillor

A quorum was established.

1 Apologies: Matthew Smith, Josephine Harkins, Geoff Harvey - District Councillor

2 Minutes of Meeting held 9 May 2019.

Further to the above minutes, Caroline Revitt had noted a discrepancy between the February minutes and the draft May minutes relating to the planning application for the Gowings scrapyard. After discussion, it was confirmed that the planning application had been approved on 26 March 2019 by Committee without going to Appeal. In the draft May minutes 'Appeal' could be replaced by 'Committee'. In relation to this application, she also raised the issue of the water pressure at the extremity of Willingham Green being minimal but SCDC had not responded on that point.

The Chairman confirmed that the Reads had completed work on the drainage pipes in Acre Road. The existing pipes remained in place and new drains had been laid all the way down to the bridge.

Stephen Roberts proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be approved, after altering the word in section 4, and this proposal was seconded by Paul Archer.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no new Declarations of Interest.

Henry Batchelor arrived.

4 Administration

4.1 Website management

It was noted that no-one had come forward regarding management of the village website. The Clerk advised that the parish council would not be advised to take control of it as they would be caught by the new regulations requiring public sector bodies to make websites more accessible. The Chairman proposed circulating the village by email regarding offers to run the website, which was approved by all councillors.

5 Finance

5.1 Payments proposed for authorisation were:

5.1.1	CAPALC chq 341	£ 170.44
5.1.2	J Dockerill(auditor) chq 342	£ 27.00
5.1.3	Business at CAS chq 343	£ 186.73
5.1.4	CGM chq 344	£ 114.00
5.1.5	Clerk's expenses	£ 30.98
5.1.6	SLCC	£ 63.00

Stephen Roberts proposed that the payments be approved and Giles Dobson seconded the motion.

5.2 Receipts, payments and reconciliation as at 30 June 2019.

The receipts, payments and reconciliation as at 30 June 2019 were proposed for acceptance by Stephen Roberts and seconded by Giles Dobson.

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Planning.

6.1 S/1265/19/FL 173 Acre Road – Erection of single storey dwelling

This application is still being decided by SCDC.

6.2 S/2012/19/FL Stone Cottage – single storey side extension

This application has been approved by SCDC.

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Environment

7.1 Millenium Walkway resurface

It was noted that John Mingay had started work on the pathway but a completion date is not yet known. It was also noted that the trees need pruning as a number of branches are overhanging the path and also reaching the cables above.

7.2 Footpaths and Road surfaces/gulleys

The Chairman confirmed that the drain flushing in Carlton Green Road will be going ahead. Highways will be reviewing the road slumping in Church Road and Acre Road as a result of the sewerage work ten years ago to see what further surface treatment is needed.

The overhanging branches in Brinkley Road are also being considered by Highways to see who is responsible for their cutting back.

The speed humps in Brinkley were mentioned as some residents cannot get over them easily. One in particular is causing a problem which Henry Batchelor confirmed he would mention to Nicola Burden at Highways.

7.3 Proposed Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Chairman mentioned that a resident had suggested that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme be set up in Carlton. Such a scheme would rely on a Co-ordinator to organise it. It was decided to discuss this again at the next parish council meeting.

7.4 Remaining S106 monies – proposed uses

Currently it had been suggested that the remaining monies are used for further road planings to be laid on the Byway or for benches in the village.

It seemed likely that further S106 monies would be available as a result of the re-development of the scrapyard as the developer is still required to make a contribution to the community. The Clerk agreed to contact James Fisher at SCDC for confirmation of this.

The Chairman advised that he hoped to make use of any spare road planings if they were available rather than purchase them.

The hedges by the Stour need cutting back and the Chairman suggested contacting Ian Wylie about doing the work and possibly offering payment.

7.5 Progress on the Emergency Plan

The Emergency Plan has been sent off to SCDC.

7.6 Grass cutting

There have been two cuts of the verges so far this year, the second one slightly earlier in order that Mr Mingay could start work on the Millenium Walkway.

7.7 Fibre to the Premises (FTTP)

Connecting Cambridgeshire are now offering fibre to the premises. The village had wanted this option a couple of years ago when fibre was brought to the village but at that time it was prohibitively expensive. Paul Martin had offered again to be involved with FTTP. Carlton Green has FTTP and the residents are happy with the speed and there are no problems. The Chairman agreed to attend a meeting with Connecting Cambridgeshire to obtain more information as not much is known other than it is proposed that each household will receive a voucher for £1,500 against the cost of installation.

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District Councillor's report

Report provided by the County Councillor.

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County Councillor's report

Councillor Batchelor commented as follows:

- There is a new Chief Executive at SCDC starting at the end of September.

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- The combined authorities of Cambridge and Peterborough have published a draft transport plan which is out for public consultation to the end of September and shows how the network will look over the next twenty years. Councillor Batchelor suggested that everyone should review and comment on this consultation.
- Councillor Batchelor mentioned the change in street light charging but there are no street lights in Carlton.
- Local Highways initiative – The deadline for submission is 4 August and the Chairman was considering submitting last year's application again. Councillor Batchelor advised that not so much weighting is now being given to the percentage of the funding provided by the parish council, 10% being the minimum. The Chairman noted that the parish council's evidence for last year's application was not available to the Panel on the day. Councillor Batchelor advised that Panel members now undertake mandatory training so that the above issues do not arise.
- SCDC are staging a campaign against anti-social parking across the area.
- There has been fly-tipping on the Byway recently and the Council have agreed that more resources will be applied to combat this across the County.

10 General observations or matters for consideration at the next meeting

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

The Chairman advised that he had met with someone from the Diocese to discuss how the Church could be used more for community use. An annexe for toilets and a kitchen on the side of the Church was suggested for which considerable funding is available.

Wadlow Wind Farm have changed their criteria so now can make awards of funding to Churches.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 14 November 2019 at 8pm.
Apologies in advance given by Kate Homan.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm.