

CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Peter's Church Carlton
On Tuesday 24 July 2018

Present: - Hedley Francis, Stephen Roberts, Paul Archer, Mary Maitland, Giles Dobson, Kate Homan, Matthew Smith, Edith Osborn as Clerk, Geoff Harvey - District Councillor, Henry Batchelor - County Councillor

A quorum was established.

1 Apologies: Kate Homan had advised that she would be late to the meeting.

2 Minutes of Meeting held 3 May 2018.
Further to the minutes it was reported that no rats had been seen since earlier in the year.
Stephen Roberts proposed that the minutes of the last meeting be approved and this proposal was seconded by Paul Archer.

3 Declarations of Interest
There were no new Declarations of Interest

4 Administration
4.1 Equal Opportunities Policy Review
The policy was reviewed and found acceptable. Giles Dobson proposed that the policy be approved and Mary Maitland seconded that proposal.
4.2 Carlton Parish Council Children, Young people and Vulnerable Adults Protection policy review
After discussion it was decided to amend the wording in paragraph 3 beginning 'The parish council will ensure...'
Hedley Francis proposed that the policy be approved, incorporating the revised wording provided by the Clerk, and Giles Dobson seconded the proposal.

5 Finance
5.1 Payments proposed for authorisation were:

5.1.1 CAPALC chq 324	£ 131.89
5.1.2 Clerk's expenses	£ 23.53
5.1.3 J Dockerill(auditor) chq 323	£ 27.00
5.1.4 Business at CAS chq 325	£ 183.82
5.1.5 SCDC chq 326	£ 105.00
5.1.6 CGM chq 327	£ 102.00

Stephen Roberts proposed that the payments be approved and Paul Archer seconded the motion.

5.2 Receipts, payments and reconciliation as at 30 June 2018.
The receipts, payments and reconciliation as at 30 June 2018 were proposed for acceptance by Stephen Roberts and seconded by Paul Archer.

6 Planning.
6.1 S/2425/18/FL 1 Swedish Houses-external insulation and cladding
Geoff Harvey advised that the Council has a program of re-cladding their properties not necessarily as a result of the Grenfell fire. The result of this planning application is not known yet.
The council owned extended house at Willingham Green has been empty for a year but Geoff Harvey did not know what was proposed for the property, whether it would be converted back to two houses or sold.

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7 Environment

7.1 Millenium Walkway resurface – approval of contractor and funding arrangements/S106

Stephen Roberts explained the history of the Walkway to the District and County Councillors.

Kate Homan arrived.

John Mingay's revised quote was submitted at £11k which now included extra work to ensure that the edgings survived for longer and that he digs down to a deeper depth where the water lays on the path.

Stephen Roberts explained that the parish council could potentially apply to Wadlow Wind Farm Trust for a grant of £5.5k to help fund the resurfacing of the Walkway.

Giles Dobson proposed that John Mingay would be the preferred contractor and that an application would be made to Wadlow Wind Farm for a grant of £5.5k. Paul Archer seconded the proposal.

Stephen Roberts advised that he would submit the application before the deadline of 31 July 2018.

7.2 LHI application(s)

It was noted that the speed limit in Carlton is 40mph whereas in surrounding villages it is 30mph except for Carlton Green and Willingham Green.

Derek Crosby had visited the parish two months ago and supported a reduction in speed in all three areas but latterly not a reduction in Willingham Green.

The parish could make one, two or three applications. Each application requires a traffic regulation order costing £1k. Henry Batchelor pointed out the need for police support.

Stephen Roberts advised that the cost of one application for Carlton and Carlton Green would be £4k which involved changing the roundels only. The parish council is required to make at least a 10% contribution to the cost. The applications are awarded on a points basis so the council would hope that consideration would be given to the fact that it is a small community and 10% is the maximum that the parish council could afford.

The second option would cost £2.5k just for Carlton. The engineer does not visit the village until the application is made which will also incur a cost. Henry Batchelor advised that he would speak to Josh about this cost and revert by the end of the week. He also said that it would not count against the parish council that they had recently made applications and been successful.

Hedley proposed that an application for Carlton and Carlton Green be made and Giles Dobson seconded the proposal.

7.3 Defibrillator in the phone box

Giles Dobson and his secretary had been working on this issue. Mr Dobson advised that the Community Heartbeat Trust can support the council with the defibrillator but requested a donation to charity. The unit costs £1,650 plus new pads each time it is used. S106 money could be potentially used and there may be more money available once the houses at Willingham Green are built. Stephen Roberts agreed to contact SCDC to ascertain whether S106 money could be used for this purpose.

The parish council could alternatively ask each resident for £10 per head. A Justgiving site could be set up by Giles Dobson. An email would be sent to residents in the first instance, any excess raised could go to the Heartbeat Trust or any shortfall could be picked up by S137. Stephen Roberts proposed that the above be approved and Mary Maitland seconded the proposal.

7.4 Footpaths

Peter Gaskin, the Footpaths Officer, has been on long-term sick leave so part of the budget had been passed to Highways.

Stephen Roberts had asked for the brambles to be cleared from a footpath in Acre Road but that had not been done. Henry Batchelor stated that as there were budget constraints, he was happy for councillors to do work themselves in the parish.

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7.5 Road surfaces/gulleys

Stephen Roberts had asked for Church Road to be looked at as the surface had been removed by the street sweeper. This has happened in surrounding villages too. The drain flushing has also not taken place. He advised that Nicola Burdon is visiting the village next week and he will pass all the issues to her to be dealt with.

7.6 Grass cutting

After discussion it was decided to leave the number of cuts per year at 4. Henry Batchelor advised that West Wickham are having trouble with their grass cutter and so are looking for another contractor. A joint grass cutting contact across seven villages may produce a better price.

7.7 Acre Road flooding issue

Stephen Roberts had received a complaint from a resident about the water flows down Acre Road. He was having a meeting next week with the County Council to look at what could be done. The ditches had been filled in at various times so the pipes are all different sizes. It was not known whether householders were responsible or the Council.

7.8 Speed Indicator Device – results so far

Results had been downloaded from the device and distributed to councillors. The speed measured was on the approach to the bend on Brinkley Road not within the village.

8 District Councillor's report

The Chairman introduced Geoff Harvey as the new district councillor.

He advised that the make-up of the Council has significantly altered so that there are now 30 Liberal Democrats, 11 conservative and 2 Labour councillors and also less seats.

The big issues are:

A1307 – 3 options were proposed and scheme 1 was the preferred option which is an off road bus/light railway from Four Wentways to the Addenbrooke's site. The Liberal Democrats had concerns about the Dean Crossroads and exiting Linton High Street onto the A1307.

5-year land supply – The council was able to demonstrate by 21 May 2018 that it could meet government targets and now speculative developments cannot be approved.

The Cabinet are keen to meet and greet councillors so will be available to do that.

Stephen Roberts noted that the new road through West Wickham from Haverhill was being lobbied hard.

Geoff Harvey advised that the new Mayor at a meeting two weeks ago had considered re-opening the railway rather than creating a new by-pass.

9 County Councillor's report

Shire Hall is moving to a new location, Alconbury, which is relatively central but he felt that the Council should remain in Cambridge. This decision has only been agreed in principle and is based on saving £50m per year. The Council could move to Northstowe which would have transport links unlike Alconbury which has no transport links. 6.5k houses are to be built there.

10 General observations or matters for consideration at the next meeting

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

- none

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 8 November 2018 at 8pm

The Meeting closed at 9.34pm.