

CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Peter's Church Carlton
On Thursday 30 July 2015

Present: - Hedley Francis, Michael Mann, Caroline Revitt, Stephen Roberts, Stan Richardson, Edith Osborn as Clerk, Andrew Fraser – District Councillor, Roger Hickford - County Councillor

A quorum was established.

1 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Giles Dobson and Richard Turner - District Councillor

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no new Declarations of Interest

3 Minutes of Meeting held 14 May 2015. Michael Mann proposed that the minutes be approved and this proposal was seconded by Stephen Roberts.

4 4.1 Co-option of councillor

The Chairman advised that following the request for new councillors, two people had expressed an interest: Kate Homan at Carlton Green and Paul Archer in Carlton. He had sent them both letters advising that there was only one vacancy until the next AGM. They had both replied to say that they would wait until the post was vacant in order to avoid costs. The view of the Council is that each part of the parish should have a representative and therefore it was decided to ask Kate to attend the next meeting and she would be co-opted onto the Council. Paul Archer would have the opportunity next year. The Chairman confirmed that he would speak to both people.

5 Finance

5.1 Payments proposed for authorisation were:

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| 5.1.1 MiJan Ltd chq 274 | £ 53.00 |
| 5.1.2 CGM Ltd chq 263 | £ 96.00 |
| 5.1.3 Clerk's expenses | £ 30.52 |
| 5.1.4 SLCC membership chq 262 | £ 65.00 |

Stephen Roberts proposed that the payments be approved and Michael Mann seconded the motion.

5.2 Receipts, payments and reconciliation as at 30 June 2015.

The Chairman advised that there had been two complaints about the cutting of the grass verges. The Clerk advised the council of the dates in previous years when the grass had been cut in July, and that the new contract manager covering Carlton and the surrounding area was looking into when the next cut would take place .

The receipts, payments and reconciliation as at 30 June 2015 were proposed for acceptance by Stephen Roberts and seconded by Hedley Francis.

6 Planning.

6.1 S/0627/15FL 9 Acre Rd – single storey annex

It was reported that this work was on hold currently.

The building work at the Enschede's house had commenced.

7 Environment

7.1 Anglian Water- Carlton Green Sewerage Scheme

The Chairman advised that the cost of laying sewers to Carlton Green was too expensive and therefore the scheme was no longer being pursued.

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7.2 S106 monies – proposal for use

The Chairman advised that he had had a meeting with the Footpaths Officer about laying planings on the by-way. A working party would need to be gathered to lay the planings in September. Four loads of planings had been estimated to be needed to cover the area at the bottom of the lane at a cost of c.£1,200. An account had been set up with D Haird & Co ready to place an order. It was noted that the sides of the by-way are the responsibility of the County Council but they are not under an obligation to maintain the surface of the by-way.

Peter Coppen had confirmed that he would move the planings from the top of the by-way to the bottom. The planings would be used to create a camber to allow the water to run off the surface into the ditch.

Concern was raised about the planings polluting the water in the ditch and after some discussion of ditches and channels, the council decided unanimously in favour of the planings with the proviso that they were not environmentally unfriendly and that the parishioners help to spread the planings on the surface.

7.3 Bus Shelter – maintenance/ new building

The Chairman advised that the lowest quotation for the repair/replacement of the bus shelter was John Mingay's offer to repair the shelter for £600. The Clerk suggested that the council could apply through South Cambs Community Chest Scheme which awards up to £1,500 towards a project. It was unanimously agreed to apply to the Scheme.

7.4 Footpaths

Caroline Revitt noted that the path to Willingham Green from the byway was impassable but no landowner was admitting to looking after the field.

7.5 Roadways/speed restriction applications

The Chairman advised that he would speak to Kate Homan about another application for Carlton Green.

7.6 War Memorial quotations and listing

The Clerk advised that the War Memorial has been added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest and is now Grade II listed.

Quotations for replacing the lettering have been received and it was unanimously agreed that the quotation from Brown & Ralph for £288+Vat would be accepted.

Information about the War Memorial on the village website had allowed the Hullyer family to contact other family members.

Hedley Francis had inserted an article about the new website in the Village Voice.

The Chairman thanked Mr Francis for his work on the website which would be easier to use than the previous version.

7.7 Six Mile Bottom Sports & Social Club application

After a short discussion in which it was confirmed that no-one from Carlton uses the Social Club, the application was rejected. An application to Wadlow Wind Farm was suggested.

8 District Councillor's report

Councillor Fraser referred to the letter sent out to all councils regarding the consultation on the boundary review. The Government is looking to decrease the number of County Councillors and District Councillors to 8 County Councillors and 12 District Councils across Cambridgeshire. Balsham currently has two Councillors covering 2.5k population but it is proposed that it should be one councillor covering 3k population.

The options are: to say no; to have two or three person wards covering a larger population or one person ward covering in addition Bartlow and Hildersham. The workload would be more and therefore less time would be allocated to Carlton.

Councillor Fraser thought that the number of councillors would be reduced but if Balsham ward still had two councillors then the ward size would be increased. He thought that Carlton Parish Council should not be unduly concerned about this.

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He advised that the Local Plan inspection had been suspended. The Inspector decided that time had moved on and that the Plan needed to be reviewed, the projection of 33k was too low.

New businesses had been moving in so a review was needed. Bourn, Cambourne and Cambourne West were all separate areas and the Inspector thinks that they should be classed together so that there was one set of infrastructure to feed them. The Inspector had said that the extra work of review would take place from June to October with public consultation in December, reviewed in January 2016 and submitted back to the Inspector in February 2016.

There was now no 5-year plan so the Council were open to special development applications.

He advised that there is a Parish Planning Day next year offering a training workshop for parish councillors which will give an update on current planning processes, and reasons for accepting/rejecting planning applications. There are far fewer printed plans now, most items are sent electronically and thus the Council is moving to the paperless planning office. He suggested if someone could attend from the council that it would be useful.

The South Cambs magazine is being distributed from 25 August by a different method. Royal Mail is to be used for 65% of magazine distributions.

Roger Hickford arrived.

9 County Councillor's report

The Chairman mentioned the surface of the road at the Old School bend. Helen Copen raised the issue at the Parish Meeting and a notification was made via CCC website on 21 May but the case was still open.

A Highways Application form would now need to be completed.

10 General observations or matters for consideration at the next meeting

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

- Wadlow Wind Farm – someone needs to represent Carlton
- Willingham Green speed restrictions
- Hedley Francis searched the public archives for pictures of Carlton but was only allowed 12 pictures as the Council have a strict policy. He would like to know the reasoning behind this
- New lighting in the Church
- News on the Gowing site
- Phone mast – the electricity supply is being upgraded before the services are live
- Broadband – no news yet, expected in the New Year

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 12 November 2015 at 8pm

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.