Minutes of the Meeting of

Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council held on

Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30pm

in Carlton on Trent Village Hall

Present:

Cllr L Hopkins (Chair), Cllr M Martin (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Eley, Cllr G Hendrickson, Cllr M Hopkins, Cllr F Mear, Cllr J Mear, T Grimes (Clerk), CCllr B Laughton and DCllr S Michael

1. To consider any apologies for absence

All councillors were present.

1. To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda

MM declared an interest in the clerk’s wages, expenses and laptop payment.

1. To accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 6th June 2023

The minutes were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the chair.

1. 10-minute open forum to receive questions and comments from members of the public

There were no members of the public present but ME raised concerns about the broken concrete on the pavement at the Crossroads. MM informed the meeting he had already reported it and received a response to say it had been inspected and works would be carried out in due course. CCllr BL also said he had reported the matter. ME noted that it had already had a number of repairs but lorries immediately drive over it and damage it again so she suggested it would be better to make a more sweeping corner.

Two new residents commented to ME that they cannot work out the buses. The flags on the bus stop show the number 37 timetable but that bus doesn’t come through the village. CCllr BL said Notts CC deal with buses and offered to report the issue.

It was noted that the pavement opposite the village hall is overgrown – it is sloped for mobility scooters and pushchairs but they wouldn’t be able to continue their journey because of the weeds spreading across the end of it. It isn’t clear where the private property ends and the Highway begins.

MM noted that he had reported the branches hanging into the Highway on Ossington Road. LH informed the meeting that she had also contacted Highways regarding the overgrown pavement from the cross roads to the pub. The person she was dealing with has left and she has been put in touch with someone else but has not heard any more. She acknowledged that the route gets strimmed when reported, but the weeds are not actually cleared leaving the pavement too narrow to walk along. CCllr BL reported the matter during the meeting.

The clerk noted that she had reported the visibility issues at the A1 exit slip road having seen a driver leave their car and start beating the weeds with a stick. It was cut within a couple of days.

ME asked if the road sweeper could do the area round Bell Lane. DCllr SM said visits can be requested and the clerk offered to submit a request.

1. To note the following matters arising from previous minutes
	1. Ferry Lane Signs

LH reported having not heard anymore. CCllr BL suggested that she email again and copy him in on the email.

* 1. Bank Signatories

The clerk informed the meeting that GH had been added to the account and this month’s payments would be tested with both MH and GH to check everything works.

* 1. ASB Team update

The clerk informed the meeting that the ASB Team had worked with the Fire Service who delivered 4 assemblies on water safety at Tuxford Academy during June.

The clerk added that the posters the ASB Team emailed were printed and displayed by the river and on Ferry Lane.

The information from the Police about water safety was put on the council website, the Facebook page of Unity magazine and on Nextdoor which received over 1000 hits.

It was noted that there had been an interruption to the Tai Chi class to say there were youths breaking into a barge. The resident was asked to report the matter to the police on 101 but the ASB team were not aware of it when the clerk emailed them.

No-one was aware of any other trouble, but LH reported seeing 3 girls coming through the village from the Beck looking upset and they said they had been stopped by a man who reported them to the police even though they were only walking through, not stopping by the river.

1. To receive updates on any District and County Councillor matters

DCllr SM informed the meeting that the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting is on 6th July and will be an opportunity for MH to ask if there have been any reports of trouble by the river.

She then informed the meeting that the new District Councillors had yesterday created 4 new cabinet positions; heritage, culture & arts, climate change, natural environment & conservation and health & leisure. Their roles will be determined at the meeting next week.

CCllr BL reported that a paper is going in front of full council proposing the move out of County Hall and that the financial savings make it look likely.

He informed the meeting that the County Council will be spending £130M over the next 4 years dealing with troubled families because they are the source of many issues and costs. They will be working with libraries, creating family hubs, redirecting resources to where there is most demand and using non-qualified social workers to provide support and intervention programmes.

1. To consider how to spend the remaining CIL money

The clerk informed the council that she had requested a desktop survey of the South of the village for potential litter bin sites but was awaiting a reply. She had also found a number of prices for bins similar to the others in the village - all around £200 (plus installation). The end of the footpath by the pumping station was identified as a suitable site if Highways would agree. MM suggested that quotes were obtained for materials and labour for painting the telephone box. GH said he may be prepared to do it with help if costs were ridiculous. The clerk was asked to contact Sutton PC re paint as there was a shared supply at one time.

1. To receive the Health & Safety report

MM presented the report on the council’s assets. There was nothing requiring urgent attention but the benches and telephone box needed staining/painting.

LH noted that the Jubilee tree sign looked water damaged and asked MM to look at it.

1. To consider the following planning matters
	1. 23/00918/HOUSE – Link conservatory, Scotfield Great North Road

The plans were discussed and it was felt that this was work on an existing footprint which wouldn’t impact neighbours.

**RESOLVED**: To support the application.

(proposed LH, seconded MM, carried unanimously)

* 1. 23/00973/CPRIOR – Solar Panels, JRL Caledonian

The plans were discussed and it was felt solar panels should be on buildings not land. The only concern was that there may be glare but it was suggested Highways and Aviation consultees would comment on this if appropriate.

**RESOLVED**: To support the application.

(proposed MM, seconded LH, carried unanimously)

1. To consider responding to or acting upon the following correspondence
	1. FOI request – deadline 5th July

The clerk reminded councillors that the deadline for responses is 5th July.

* 1. Notts ALC – 80th anniversary of D-Day in 2024

The clerk informed the meeting that there were plans to have a Nationwide beacon lighting at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024. There was some discussion as to whether Carlton would take part and it was felt that perhaps a decision should be taken after the Summer.

* 1. Notts ALC - AGM 11th Sept

The clerk asked if anyone wanted to attend or to make any nominations. It was suggested that a previous councillor may be eligible for a long service award and the clerk offered to check and submit a nomination if appropriate.

1. To consider the following financial matters
	1. To note the bank reconciliation

This was checked and signed by the chair.

* 1. To note the quarter end accounts

The clerk had circulated the figures for perusal prior to the meeting and the contents were noted.

* 1. To purchase a new laptop for the clerk

The clerk tabled a price for a laptop from Curry’s at £379 which is the newer version of what she has at present. She then said internet prices fluctuated but tabled a price for a very similar model at £299. She asked if the council would approve a purchase at £379 so that if she couldn’t get the same internet deal she could buy a laptop as soon as possible, but if available she would get it for the lower price online.

RESOLVED: To approve purchase of a laptop at a maximum price of £400

(proposed ME, seconded JM, carried unanimously, MM did not vote)

* 1. To approve the following payments
		1. Clerks wages and HMRC – usual amounts
		2. Clerk’s expenses - £26.85
		3. Clerk’s laptop - £400 (maximum)
		4. New Councillor Training - £45

GH reported that the Planning and New Councillor training had both been interesting and useful.

RESOLVED: To make these payments.

(proposed LH, seconded ME, carried unanimously, MM did not vote)

1. To raise any other business which may need to be included on the agenda of the next meeting

The clerk noted an email from NSDC which asked for written confirmation that the council wanted to be informed of planning applications – she had signed the form for return.

The clerk tabled a copy of Clerks & Councils Direct

She also apologised for the late circulation of a letter from Robert Jenrick thanking councillors for standing in the election.

MH asked that safer neighbourhoods be included on the agenda next time so that he may report back.

1. To note the date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be 5th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 20.32