

CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Peter's Church Carlton
On Tuesday 3 August 2010

Present: - Michael Mann, Hedley Francis, Caroline Revitt, Stephen Roberts.
Edith Osborn as Clerk, Pauline Jarvis - District Councillor

A quorum was present. Hedley Francis was elected to act as Chairman in the absence of Malcolm Stennett.

1 Apologies: Malcolm Stennett, Elaine Read, John Coppen, John Batchelor - County Councillor, Richard Barrett - District Councillor

2 Minutes of Meeting held 16 June 2010. The Chairman proposed that the minutes be accepted and this resolution was seconded by Caroline Revitt.

3 Finance

3.1 Payments proposed for authorisation were:

3.1.1 SCDC Inv 163275	£105.00
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The Clerk advised that she had reviewed payments in 2006 after the previous election and found that the Parish Council had paid £44.43 to SCDC for expenses incurred for an uncontested election. Cllr Jarvis stated that she would investigate under which power SCDC could charge Parish Councils for these expenses and why the amount had increased so much. Payment was approved pending Cllr Jarvis' reply.

3.1.2 ICGM Ltd Inv 193 chq 193	£ 47.00
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3.1.3 Clerk's expenses chq 195	£ 47.93
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3.1.4 SLCC chq 196	£ 44.00
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The Chairman proposed the above payments and Caroline Revitt seconded them.

3.2 Caroline Revitt proposed the acceptance of the accounts and Stephen Roberts seconded them.

Stephen Roberts advised that he would like to attend a training course for new Councillors but he was unsure of the cost and whether the amount would exceed the Council's training budget for the current year. The Clerk confirmed that she would contact CPALC to find out what was involved. Training for Mr Roberts was approved by the Council as the total cost was likely to be approximately the figure in the budget. Councillor Jarvis suggested that training for all councillors especially new councillors was an excellent idea.

4 Planning.

4.1 Wadlow Wind Farm

Councillor Jarvis advised that Carlton's request that they be included in future meetings and discussions had been accepted as the meetings were to include those villages within a 5km radius of West Wrating. The next meeting is in early September and Cllr Jarvis agreed to advise the Clerk of the exact date. At this meeting, it is intended that committees will be set up to discuss how the anticipated £40k of income for the villages from the windmills could be used within the area for the benefit of the communities.

Cllr Jarvis noted that there would be cutbacks at District Council level due to the economic climate and that youth clubs were one area where new funding would be needed. The average lifespan of the windmills would be 20 years so there would be a reasonable amount of income over this period. The deadline for financial decisions is April 2011. There is no information currently on any reduction in the rate of electricity for local people. It would appear that the turbines will be made abroad but the groundworks will be completed by local contractors.

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5 Environment

5.1 Footpaths

Caroline Revitt advised that more signs will be erected in the Autumn,

5.2 War Memorial

No further progress has been made.

5.3 Grass/hedge cutting

The Clerk advised that CGM Ltd had provided a quotation to cutback the hedge at Hawkwind Stud as it was obstructing the sign in the verge. It was decided that the Clerk would write to the owners of Hawkwind Stud to request that they cut back the hedge themselves as the hedge did not belong to the Council.

6 District Councillor's report

Councillor Jarvis advised that council housing was still an issue as the Government had offered to buy back the council houses for £189m. The District Council had put this idea on hold pending more detail on the offer.

She also raised the matter of the winter service gritting arrangements as the plan sent to herself did not cover Carlton and some of the other villages which she represented. She had asked for more detail from the County Council.

7 County Councillor's report

No report was available.

8 General observations or matters for consideration at the next meeting

The Clerk is to contact the council once again about the road signs which need to be re-erected.

Gowings yard in Willingham Green had been sold but no further information was known about what will happen to the land.

It was suggested that the subsidy from the Windfarm could be used to improve the broadband service in the villages. The Clerk was asked to contact BT to see if a better service could be provided.

It was suggested that there should be an item on the next Agenda covering ideas for using the Windfarm monies.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 November 2010 at 8pm

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm.