

CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Peter's Church Carlton
On Thursday 7 August 2014

Present: - Michael Mann, Caroline Revitt, Stephen Roberts, Paul Dean, Edith Osborn as Clerk, Richard Barrett - District Councillor, Andrew Fraser – District Councillor, Roger Hickford - County Councillor

A quorum was established.

1 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Hedley Francis.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no new Declarations of Interest

3 Minutes of Meeting held 22 May 2014. Michael Mann proposed that the minutes be approved and this proposal was seconded by Caroline Revitt .

4 Finance

4.1 Payments proposed for authorisation were:

4.1.1 CGM Ltd chq 258	£ 96.00
4.1.2 MiJan Ltd chq 259	£ 43.75
4.1.3 SCDC election exp chq 261	£ 105.00
4.1.4 SLCC membership chq 262	£ 64.00
4.1.5 CGM Ltd chq 263	£ 96.00
4.1.6 Clerk's expenses	£ 46.54

The Chairman suggested that the money spent on the War Memorial was money well spent in light of the favourable comments from the residents, particularly in this important year.

It was noted that consideration should be given next season to cutting the beds and particularly the bank in different months to preserve the wildflowers.

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

4.2 Receipts, payments and reconciliation as at 31 July 2014.

The receipts, payments and reconciliation as at 31 July 2014 were approved.

5 Planning.

5.1 Scrapyard re-development – Willingham Green

The Chairman confirmed that he had emailed round the latest information which he had obtained from SCDC. The appeal for the planning application is to be heard in October. The appellant wanted the appeal to be dealt with by exchange of written statements but the Inspector felt that a hearing was necessary to consider the housing need.

Cllr Fraser advised that SCDC's housing policy is not up-to-date. Decisions should be in line with central government's planning policy. SCDC are required to have a 5-year planning supply policy but they do not and thus the appeal has been allowed. The plan would need to be in place in order to refute all new planning applications.

The main concern for residents was the pollution of the land and the continuing effects on their own land. The size and aspect of the development was objectionable.

It was decided that the Parish Council should be represented at the Appeal and Stephen Roberts and Caroline Revitt would meet to decide what to say based on the fact that there is no need for new housing in Carlton or Brinkley.

5.2 Pinekawk Kennels – conversion and change of use

The Clerk advised that SCDC had not made a decision on this application yet.

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6 Environment

6.1 Bus shelter

Paul Dean advised that the Council need to decide what type of bus shelter to purchase. He would circulate some pictures and prices in good time for including in the application. The minimum spend is likely to be £500.

6.2 Footpaths

Caroline Revitt noted that the County Council had erected new signs at the kissing gates.

She also noted that Thurlow Estate had sprayed the edges of the fields and now there were no wildflowers growing.

Ash dieback is to be found everywhere now.

6.3 Anglian Water-sewerage at Carlton Green

Paul Dean reported that Anglian Water had suggested sharing the cost of the sewerage work with the residents but as the contact at Anglian Water had left, this suggestion had not been progressed.

The Clerk agreed to search through old correspondence with Anglian Water to see what the level of complaints were in the past.

6.4 Roadways

Paul Dean advised that he had received a response from Stephen Dyson who had confirmed that only one application can be made from each parish. It is suggested that the parish spend some money on cutting back hedges at the bends in the road.

Another application needs to be made.

The road safety issues still continue:- excessive speed and the number of cars using the route through the village as a rat run.

Roger Hickford advised that the parish need to offer 10% of the cost of any proposed scheme. There is a maximum £10k to spend on road safety measures. Likely costs are £1,800 but a police assessment is now required.

It was noted that there are no signs at Carlton Green whereas in other villages there are warning signs as you enter the village. Roger Hickford advised that he would obtain the scoring from last year's application in order to help with the next application.

6.5 S106 money

The Chairman stated that the Church is the only community building in Carlton and that the PCC require £13,200 to upgrade the wiring, the heating and other essential work. The fabric fund has £9,500 and therefore the PCC are working on raising money from charitable funds.

The Parish Council need to decide what to spend the S106 money on. It was questioned whether it would be right for the Parish Council to donate money to help the PCC. It was agreed that if the Parish Council were allowed to donate the money, they would.

The Clerk agreed to contact Mrs Gifford at SCDC to see if such a donation would fall within the requirements of S106. A vote was taken to assist with the renewal of the electrics if allowed. It was unanimously passed by all the councillors.

7 District Councillor's report

There were no new items to report.

8 County Councillor's report

Cllr Hickford reported on the following:

- A review is taking place of household waste recycling centres to see what could be done better. The County Council is working on this with other councils across its borders
- £2m has been spent on potholes with £18m set aside for further work but that is only one tenth of the money needed to cope with this issue

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- The City Deal has been signed between SCDC, Cambridge City and Cambridgeshire County Council. It will concentrate on public transport, £100m has been allocated, and looking at Park & Ride at Four Wentways
- A traffic survey was held in June covering Balsham, West Wrating and the A1307 which was done on number plate recognition. The results will be available in September.
- Applications for Highways work need to be made by 12 September. Decision in October.

9 General observations or matters for consideration at the next meeting

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

The Chairman reported that Malcolm Stennett is taking an active role in moving speedier broadband forward for Carlton. Stephen Roberts is the champion for Carlton and he has been in touch with Noelle Godfrey about pushing broadband forward.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 13 November 2014 at 8pm

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm.