

Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report 2010

Carlton Parish Council holds ten meetings each year in Saint Andrews Church. All meetings are open to the public, and are advertised on the Parish notice board, in Carlton News and on the Parish Council's website - leicestershireparishcouncils.org/carlton.

This new annual publication is intended to review the work of the Parish Council, and also meets the requirements of the *Quality Parish Council* scheme.

Parish Councillors



Vice Chairman - Bob Edmunds
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Clerk to Carlton Parish Council

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Chairman's report on 2009-10

The Parish Council has met 10 times during the year, and I would like to thank all of you who attended these meetings - County Councillor Ivan Ould, Borough Councillor Rita Aldridge, our own Councillors, and those parishioners who come and show an interest in the happenings in the village.

For the record, the attendance was: Sharp 10, Boston 7, Edmunds 9, Frazer 7, Moseley 7, Clerk 10. Ten representatives of other organisations attended meetings, as did ten parishioners. The PC was represented at 14 meetings of other bodies, and considered 15 planning applications.

Carlton News has been prepared by Enid Morgan and Judith Moseley, John Piggon looks after the Carlton Footpath Group, Vicky Smith the Neighbourhood Watch Group, Irene Peat the Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Nic Shayler, Kim Owen, and Mandy Purnell-Mullick the Carlton Youth Champions, Chris Peat our Heritage Warden, Chris Brown has represented us on the Ashby Canal Project, and Chris Lilley on the Bosworth Crime and Safety Forum. Nigel Axelrad has been our internal auditor, and the Police have been there when we wanted them. My thanks to you all.

Although it has been a year of frustration, we have achieved some good outcomes. We have bought land to extend Carlton Green, and have plans in place to kerb the edges of the grass areas to prevent damage. We have also bought – for £1 – the former BT K6 telephone kiosk and plan to turn it into a village information point. Gates have been installed on both footpaths to Market Bosworth, and a diversion agreed to the S69 footpath by Bosworth Mill. Some large trees were felled in the churchyard, and cleared away by volunteers. Little Lane is now fully open after building work and planting of a new hedge along the eastern boundary. A dead elm tree was made safe, and four new trees planted. The mobile Youth Club has been very successful and is expanding, and seven young people have achieved Youth Awards. New fairy lights were bought for the village Christmas tree, funded by donations from parishioners, Borough Council, Parish Council and Parish Amenities Fund.

Our ongoing projects include the affordable housing, which has not progressed much since last year. We commented on a site layout this time last year, and have now approved a revised version. We hope that it may be possible to include some small allotments on this site. The housing needs survey was carried out in November 2006, and in spite of lobbying by the Parish Council at every opportunity, there seems little will to make it happen. By contrast, development at Orton's Garage site is moving quickly on, as is the Fernlea development.

Traffic and vehicle speeds are to be monitored in Main Street. The Ashby Canal Conservation Area Management Plan has been reviewed, and is to be implemented. The Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework that we put such a lot of work into last year has been adopted, but the Site Allocations Document has been delayed.

The big disappointment of the year was the abandonment of the footway project from Carlton to Market Bosworth. In the end this was because of the high cost and legal problems. I would still like to see it built, especially as we are designated a rural hamlet, and need access to our key rural centre without walking down the road. A fitness class was trialled, but there was not the take up.

There are many other issues I could have talked on, all carefully minuted and available on our web site, which brings me to my final thanks, to Chris Peat our Clerk, for his hard work over and above the call of duty. Thank you.

Bill Sharp

Work of the Parish Council

The PC has direct responsibility for the churchyard and cemetery, Carlton Green and Little Lane. Routine grounds maintenance is carried out by a local contractor, with the contract being let every three years. Other work, such as tree felling and pruning is carried out by the Heritage Warden with the help of volunteers. The safety of all memorials in the churchyard and cemetery is checked every year by the Clerk, with remedial work being carried out by the owners of the memorial, or volunteers where the owner cannot be traced.

The PC supports the Carlton Youth Club and the Market Bosworth Community First Responder Scheme directly through annual donations (£200 and £100 respectively in 2009-10).

The PC also manages three earmarked funds: the Parish Amenities Fund is supported entirely by donations from parishioners and local fundraising events; the Keep Carlton Tidy Group is funded by grant income from the Borough Council; the Carlton Footpath Group is funded by the Parish Paths Partnership Fund, with grant income from the County Council. Financial transactions in 2009-10 were:

Parish Amenities Fund		£
Balance brought forward		1865.57
Total donations received	+267.95	
		2133.52
Christmas lights	-362.95	
Printing Carlton News	-159.60	
Balance carried forward		1610.97

Parish Paths Partnership Fund		£
Balance brought forward		218.51
Footpath mowing grants	-38.30	
Balance carried forward		180.21

Keep Carlton Tidy Group Fund		£
Balance brought forward		177.58
Rubbish sacks	-18.05	
Balance carried forward		159.53

In the long term the PC hopes to be able to acquire land for a playground, playing field and general public recreation. A capital fund is being built up for this purpose, which is why the PC carries such a high balance of funds. Some recent works have also been funded by s106 developer contributions which are split between capital and maintenance. The balance carried forward includes some s106 money for the maintenance of these works for 20 years.

I would like to thank the parishioners (too many to name here) who have provided voluntary help, equipment, materials, information and advice over the past year. Their contributions to the well-being of the community are greatly appreciated.

Parish Clerk

Financial summary

Year ending 31st March 2010

Brought forward at start of financial year* **£ 33759**

Receipts

Precept (Council tax)	5400	
Bank interest	234	
Grants	85	
VAT refund	56	
Other	1	
Total	5776	£ 39535

Recurrent payments

Clerk's salary	800	
Clerk's expenses	343	
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	849	
Carlton Green maintenance	259	
Little Lane maintenance	40	
Insurance	406	
Audit	165	
Subscriptions	173	
Meetings & administration	100	
Information kiosk	7	
Total	3142	£ 36393

Non-recurrent payments

Youth club (covers two years)	420	
Carlton Green land purchase**	2562	
Community First Responder	100	
Other	1	
Total	3083	£ 33310

VAT on payments 164

Carried forward at end of financial year **£ 33146**

* These statements exclude the PAF, PPP and KCTG funds.

** The purchase of land to extend Carlton Green (but not the associated legal costs) was funded by s106 developer contributions of £2234 paid in 2008/9.

The PC's accounts are both internally and externally audited, and open to inspection and challenge each year. This audit is advertised on the parish notice board at the appropriate time. In practice I am happy to discuss the PC's accounts at any time.

The PC's minutes are published on our website. Those for November 2009 include the budget for 2010/11, and those for April 2010 include the summary financial statement for 2009/10 and comparative data.

Chris Peat

Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer