

Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report - May 2022

The Parish of Carlton is in the Borough of Hinckley & Bosworth and the County of Leicestershire. In January 2022 there were 160 occupied dwellings in the parish, and 294 registered electors. The parish element of the Band D Council tax in 2021-22 was £47.65.

Chairman's



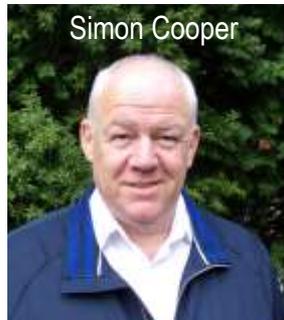
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The last two years have been challenging for everyone with the Covid 19 pandemic and thankfully following the widespread and comprehensive vaccination programme we are, with a certain amount of caution, able to continue our daily lives.

Carlton Parish Council held five meetings last year; four in Saint Andrew's Church and one in The Gate Hangs Well Public House whilst the church was closed for building works. All meetings were open to the public and were advertised on the Parish notice board, in Carlton News and on the Council's website—www.carltonpc.co.uk.

Attendance this year was: Tupling 5; Boston 5; Cooper 4; Sarson 4; Vann 4; Clerk 5; members of the public 7. The PC considered 14 planning applications and 4 enforcement matters, and also commented on the Draft local Plan.

The Parish Council's accounts for the financial year 2021-22 are summarised on the back page of this report; more details and supporting documentation have been published on the Council's website. All financial records for this year will be open to public inspection from 13th June to 22nd July. These accounts are exempt from routine external audit unless objections to them are raised by a member of the public.



Saint Andrew's Church and churchyard

Building works were completed before the end of the year, providing the village with its **Community Hub**, a meeting place with kitchen and toilet facilities and internet connection. This a valuable asset for the village and my thanks go to all concerned for their valuable time and effort.

The churchyard retaining wall has been monitored for some time for seasonal movement and it was decided that some remedial action should be taken. The level of the ground behind the western section of the wall has been reduced slightly, weep holes installed in the wall, and drainage introduced. The turf in this area had been compacted and damaged by the recent building works, and the area has been cultivated and re-seeded.

Cemetery

The tarmac paths in the cemetery were extended and repaired, and the spoil arising from the works has been used to level up a hollow and sown with grass.

Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting

Three new specimen trees were planted in the churchyard on Sunday 6th February, the day of our Queen's accession to the throne. The plantings were carried out by young people and members of the former Carlton Brownie pack who had planted trees to mark the Silver Jubilee.

Village Christmas Tree

For several years we have erected a Christmas Tree on the village green, usually with a traditional lighting up ceremony. This year the event will be relocated to the front churchyard and Community Hub.

Parish Plan

All households in the village have been consulted by way of a questionnaire and the information has now been collated. The completed Parish Plan will be launched at a public meeting in the Hub on Wednesday 29th June at 7.30pm - all are welcome.

Carlton Charity Lands

The income from these lands have provided a valuable revenue stream to help students within the Parish in their careers. Following the responses to a recent consultation in Carlton News, changes have been made by increasing the monetary amounts available and widening the qualification criteria.

Miscellaneous

A new village information board has been erected in the garden of the Gate Hangs Well by kind permission of the owners.

The hedge to the north of the Jubilee Orchard has been laid and an old water trough has been planted up and placed on the verge to the corner of Main Street.

The ash tree monitoring continues and fly tipping is becoming an increasing problem. Unfortunately, there has been a recent incident where an empty property was unlawfully occupied by travellers.

Village News

A good way of keeping up to date with village activities is Carlton News, Facebook, the Parish website or indeed word of mouth particularly at the weekly coffee mornings in The Gate Hangs Well.

Thanks to

Internal Auditor, Carlton News, Carlton Parish Plan Group, Carlton Footpath Group, Carlton Gardening Group, Carlton Neighbourhood Watch Group, Keep Carlton Tidy Group, Carlton Youth Champions, Heritage and Tree Warden, Parochial Church Council, The Friends of Saint Andrews and the Village Fete and Horticultural Show organisers.

Borough and County Councillors – Maureen Cook & Bertie Harrison-Rushton; our local Police officers and supporting authorities.

As always, my thanks go to the army of volunteers who have given their time, expertise and equipment to keep the Parish running smoothly.

Finally, my thanks go to my fellow Councilors, Judith Boston, Simon Cooper, Ian Sarson, Mick Vann and your Parish Clerk Chris Peat whose support make all of this possible.

Stuart Tupling, Chairman, May 2022

Parish Councillors

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Financial summary for 2021-22

RECURRENT PAYMENTS	£
Clerk's salary	1500
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	1358
Transfer to Fixed Asset Fund	650
Clerk - reimbursement of costs	576
Insurance	375
Carlton Greens & Little Lane maintenance	494
Diamond Jubilee Orchard maintenance	310
Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show)	305
Annual subscriptions (LRALC, NALC, LCR, LPFA, ICO)	249
Christmas tree	250
Payroll administration	75
Play equipment annual inspection & repairs	67
Audit	80
Room hires	80
Defibrillator kiosk	89
Administration / miscellaneous	20
Maintenance of benches and signs	56
Bank charges	44
NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS	
Cemetery paths project (delayed from 2020-21)	5480
Gate information board project	1855
Laying Diamond Jubilee Orchard hedge	1560
Playbark for toddlers play area	485
Transfer to Parish Plan group	150
Platinum Jubilee trees	132
Churchyard turf and grass seed	87
Answerphone	52
Total VAT on payments	1731
RECEIPTS	£
Precept on H&BBC	8300
VAT refunds (part for 2020-21, part projects)	1938
Grants & financial contributions	4293
Cemetery fees - net income	200
Bank interest	5
Rents	1
Total receipts	14737
Brought forward at start of financial year	48325
Total of receipts and balances	63062
Total payments	18110
END OF YEAR BALANCE	44952

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2022-07 and on the Finance pages of the PC's website. The PC also runs five earmarked funds, which are not included in the figures above - one is the Parish Amenities Fund which is supported by public donations and which pays for things like printing Carlton News. Details of these funds can be found in Report 2022-09.

I am happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)