

Carlton Parish Council

Annual Report - May 2023

The Parish of Carlton is in the Borough of Hinckley & Bosworth and the County of Leicestershire. In January 2023 there were 160 occupied dwellings in the parish, and 294 registered electors. The parish element of the Band D Council tax in 2022-23 was £47.65.



Stuart Tupling

Chairman's Report 2022-23

This report covers the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Simon Cooper did not stand for re-election on 4th May 2023, and Robin Arnold has been elected in his place.

I thank Simon for his hard work and many contributions to the work of the Parish Council since his co-option in February 2017.

The last year has been overshadowed by Royal events with the memorable world-wide celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, unfortunately to be followed by the sad loss of Britain's longest serving Monarch. Her reign was joyously celebrated in the village with a well-attended street party and my thanks go to the hardworking members of the Jubilee Team.

Carlton Parish Council held six meetings last year in Saint Andrew's Community Hub. 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. Everyone is welcome and if any of you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact myself or any Councillor.

Attendance this year was: Tupling 6; Boston 5; Cooper 6; Sarson 6; Vann 4; Clerk 6; members of the public 23. The Parish Council considered 12 planning applications and 4 enforcement matters.



Judith Boston



Robin Arnold



Ian Sarson



Mick Vann

The Parish Council's accounts for the financial year 2022-23 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 5th June to 14th July. These accounts are exempt from routine external audit unless objections to them are raised by a member of the public.

All companies and organisations assume that everybody is fully conversant with, and has access to, the internet and mobile technology. Clearly this is not the case and if anybody would like assistance in viewing documents and reports please contact myself, the clerk or any councillor and we will be happy to assist.

Last year we reported that the Christmas illuminations would be moved from the Green to the Churchyard and it was pleasing to see so many parishioners enjoying the festivities during the light switch on accompanied by the Carlton Rock Choir. This year's lighting up event will take place on Sunday December 10th.

Last year's annual village fete and horticultural show raised just short of £4,000 for Saint Andrew's Church and your continued attendance and support is most welcome.

All households in the village were consulted by way of a questionnaire for the Parish Plan which was successfully completed and launched in June. Its contents have been noted and, where possible, been acted upon as appropriate.

The Carlton Gardening Group enjoyed a busy year. In addition to their general duties, hundreds of daffodils were planted, an old trough was moved and planted up at the corner of Main Street and three new oak tree saplings were planted.



Archaeological test pits were dug in the Autumn as part of the Bosworth Links Project. A film is available on the website and the report is in preparation.

For those walkers in the village the majority of the remaining stiles have been replaced with kissing gates and our thanks go to the landowners, County Council members and their funding allocations.

Unfortunately, the incident reported last year where an empty property with land was unlawfully occupied by travellers has still to be resolved and recently the property was affected by a major fire.

Good ways of keeping up to date with village activities are Carlton News, local Facebook groups, the Parish Council website or indeed word of mouth, particularly at the weekly Friday coffee mornings in The Gate Hangs Well.

Thanks to

Internal Auditor, Carlton News, 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 and the Jubilee Committee; 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 Councillors, Judith Boston, Simon Cooper, Ian Sarson, Mick Vann and your Parish Clerk Chris Peat whose support has made all of this possible.

Stuart Tupling Chairman

May 2023

Parish Councillors

Stuart Tupling, Bufton Lodge, Barton Road (290301)

Robin Arnold, 53 Main Street (293663)

Judith Boston, 64 Main Street (291880)

Ian Sarson, 74 Main Street (290733)

Mick Vann, 91 Main Street (290976)

Clerk

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Financial summary for 2022-23

RECURRENT PAYMENTS	£
Clerk's salary	1800
Cemetery & churchyard maintenance	1378
Transfer to Fixed Asset Fund	650
Clerk - reimbursement of costs	331
Insurance	367
Carlton Greens & Little Lane maintenance	502
Diamond Jubilee Orchard maintenance	315
Donations (First Responders & Horticultural Show)	290
Annual subscriptions (LRALC, NALC, LPFA, ICO)	261
Payroll administration	157
Room hires	140
Bank charges	130
Play equipment annual inspection & repairs	112
Audit	80
Defibrillator kiosk	88
Training	60
Christmas lighting	40
Administration / miscellaneous	35
Maintenance of benches and signs	0
NON-RECURRENT PAYMENTS	
Playbark for toddlers play area	1340
Christmas lights for churchyard	403
Platinum Jubilee party grant	200
Churchyard wall drainage	233
Coronation trees	100
New gatepost for Jubilee Orchard	61
Speed Indicator Device repairs	67
Total VAT on payments	538
RECEIPTS	£
Precept on H&BBC	8550
Fee income	1100
Grants & financial contributions	610
VAT refunds (part for 2020-21, part projects)	359
Bank interest	131
Refund from Parish Plan Group	123
Rents	1
Total receipts	10874
Brought forward at start of financial year	44953
Total of receipts and balances	55827
Total payments	9678
END OF YEAR BALANCE	46149

The figures above have been rounded, and in some cases simplified: more detail can be found in Report 2023-08 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 2023-10. I am happy to answer questions about the accounts at any time.

Chris Peat (Responsible Financial Officer)