

CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton at 19:30 hrs on Wednesday 11th September 2024

Present: S G Tupling (Chairman), R G Arnold, I Sarson, M A Vann (Councillors), M A Cook (Borough Councillor), 2 members of the public, C J Peat (Clerk).

1. Administrative matters

a) Apologies for absence from Councillors

It was resolved that an apology from Cllr Boston be accepted.

b) Declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda

There were none.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 10th July 2024

It was resolved that the minutes be confirmed and they were signed by the Chairman.

3. Reports, questions and comments from the following

a) Parish Councillors

The Chairman had attended a public consultation meeting about the Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan. There was concern that local infrastructure and services would not be able to cope with the increases in traffic and population arising from the number of new dwellings proposed in the Draft Local Plan, and that this would also affect service provision for the surrounding settlements. **It was resolved** that this issue be raised in comments on the Local Plan.

A parishioner, citing an article in the Daily Mail that the government were leaving it up to local government to decide speed limits in their communities, had suggested that the PC repeat its request for a 20 mph speed limit in the village (p.1877/10a refers). The Clerk had advised that the article appeared to be based on a speech made by Louise Haigh, Head of the DfT, and that revised guidance had not yet been issued. Current guidance was that 20mph speed limits should only be introduced where they would be self-enforcing – in practice where the average speed was below 24 mph – and the SID data showed that roads in the village rarely met this criterion. **It was resolved** that this matter be kept under review.

Cllr Arnold reported that he had picked up 7 deposits of dog faeces in one 24hr period, and that other residents were also clearing up deposits. All those involved **were thanked** for carrying out this unpleasant task and helping to keep Carlton clean.

Cllr Sarson reported that the *Give Way* sign on Nailstone Road was obscured by the hedge. **It was resolved** that the hedge be cut back.

Cllr Vann reported that a gully at Harry's Grave was sinking again. **It was resolved** that the problem be reported to LCC Highways.

Cllr Arnold reported that the footway opposite Manor House Farm had been damaged by a heavy vehicle, and that litter was being blown into the street from the building works there. **It was resolved** that the damaged footway be reported to LCC Highways.

Cllr Arnold had witnessed a car being driven at high speed along Bosworth and Barton Roads at 8.30am, a time when schoolchildren were congregating in the area to catch school buses.

It was noted that there had been a collision between a motorcyclist and a vehicle overtaking a horse on the blind corner at the western end of Main Street.

b) Leicestershire County Council

Cllr B Harrison-Rushton had sent information about applications for school places and free play sessions for families.

c) Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Cllr M A Cook **was thanked** for a report on current local issues.

d) Carlton Neighbourhood Watch group

Ms R Yule reported that there had been no reported crime in May and June 2024.

e) Carlton Horticultural & Produce Show

Mr Sharp reported that there had been 67 entries from 15 parishioners this year, compared to 125 from 21 last year (p.1916/3e refers). The dreadful weather on the morning of the show was a contributing factor for the reduction. The show had been held in the Community Hub again, and attracted 47 visitors, compared to 85 in 2023.

Receipts	£. p	Payments	£ .p
Brought forward	75.23	Prize money	46.00
Grant from PC	20.00	Schedule printing	24.00
Entry money	33.50	Judge's gift voucher	20.00
Donations	14.00	Consumables	10.00
Totals	142.73		100.00
Balance	42.73		

Mr Sharp and Mr Peat **were thanked** for organising the show and making report. **It was resolved** that the balance of £42.73 be carried forward to 2025.

Mr Sharp reported that he had stood down as an organiser of the show, and would be replaced by Mrs Boston. Mr Sharp **was thanked** for inaugurating the show in 2009 and for his dedicated work in making the show a regular and successful event each year since that date.

f) Parish Clerk

Bespoke training course – had been re-arranged for Monday 28th October (p.1948/6 refers).

Benches – volunteers from Market Bosworth Rotary Club **had been thanked** for re-painting the bench seats on Carlton Green and in the churchyard (p.1947/3e refers).

Bus shelters – volunteers from the CGG **were thanked** for treating both bus shelters with ‘creocote’.

Nailstone Rd – streetlights 1 and 3 had become obstructed by trees. **It was resolved** that the landowner be advised and the trees be cut back.

Footpath S78 – there had been delays on the part of LCC RoW in arranging for the replacement stile (p.1934/9; 1941/5e refer).

Footpath S75 – a new kissing gate has been installed on the eastern side of the railway by the Battlefield Line.

Record Office – PC minutes for the calendar year 2023 had been deposited on permanent loan at the ROLLR under accession number DE10792.

Churchyard wall – had been surveyed on 22/8. The sides of the main bulge had returned to minimum deflection, but the centre of the bulge had not, suggesting the development of a central area of weakness.

Northfields – a replacement shrub in the privately maintained bed near the Barton Road entrance had been stolen soon after planting.

Local Plan consultation – had been attended by the Clerk on 15/8.

H&BBC Parishes Forum – had been attended by the Clerk on 5/9.

Market Bosworth Neighbourhood Plan consultation – had been attended by the Chairman on 7/9.

Local Transport Plan – a consultation on the Core Strategy for LTP4 was in progress and would close on 23/9. **It was resolved** that the PC had no constructive comments to offer, and that individual Councillors respond to the questionnaire as Leicestershire residents.

A list of digital communications and reports received would be copied to each Councillor, and copies of any files would be forwarded on request. Additional written documentation would be circulated.

g) Members of the public

There were no questions or comments.

4. Toddlers Play Area

A briefing paper had been copied to Councillors before the meeting (p.1946/3a refers). The play equipment had been installed in 2015 at a cost of £12,821; had an expected lifetime of 20 years and was subject to a s106 agreement. It had been recognised from the start that the playbark would require regular topping-up as well as total replacement during the lifetime of the equipment, and the FAF had been set up to fund this and to contribute to the cost of replacing the equipment when it reached the end of its life (Report 2015-16; p.1570/5 refer). Additional expenditure on materials to date had not been charged to the FAF and totalled £1,945.45 of which £1,685.00 had been on extra playbark. These figures exclude the cost of the annual independent safety inspection (£82.50 in 2023) and insurance (£58.44 in 2015). An allocation of £650 had been made to the FAF each year: this fund had a current balance of £7,129.90.

Removal of the playbark, infilling the excavation and installing a different safety surface would be very expensive and would not be justified given the age and expected lifetime of the equipment. In the long term, if land for a playing field was acquired, it might be desirable to create an equipped play area on the new site and remove the equipment from the Jubilee Orchard.

It was resolved that (i) the TPA be maintained in its current state until at least 2036; (ii) that the level of the playbark be monitored and topped up or replaced when necessary; and (iii) that the annual allocation to the FAF be increased to £1,000.

5. Replacement lamp for the church gate

The local blacksmith who had agreed to make the replacement lamp and repair the church gate had been advised that the PC would seek another contractor if the works had not been completed by the end of August (p.1946/3a refers): the work had not been done. The Clerk had discussed the designs with a lighting supplier and found that it would work out more expensive to modify a ready-made lamp than to fabricate a new one. Commercially available lamps were also less robust, and would not complement the wrought iron of the arch over the gate. A mock-up in the church gate was examined to show the size of the proposed lamp, and a revised design was tabled and discussed.

It was resolved that detailed drawings of the agreed design be prepared and copied to Councillors for approval, and that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to order fabrication if the price was comparable with the £300 approved previously (see p.1882/6).

6. Civility & Respect Pledge

It was resolved that the PC would not take up this pledge on the grounds that it was unnecessary. Councillors were subject to the Code of Conduct, had always treated each other, the Clerk and members of the public with civility and respect, and would continue to do so.

7. Report 2024-12: Survey of roadside ash trees

It was resolved that Report 2024-12 be noted.

8. NHT Public Satisfaction Survey

Copies of the PC's response to the 2023 survey had been sent to Councillors before the meeting. Most responses remained the same but some required modification. **It was resolved** that the updated survey response be submitted to LCC/NHT.

9. Planning matters

a) Draft Local Plan

Draft comments on the Local Plan had been copied to Councillors before the meeting. There was further discussion in view of the consultation meetings attended by the Chairman and Clerk. **It was resolved** that revised comments be copied to all Councillors for comment, and that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to submit the final version to H&BBC before the deadline of 27th September.

b) Planning applications and appeals

There were none.

c) Comments submitted under delegated powers

24/00513/FUL Erection of 4 holiday lodges and associated works (resubmission of 24/00027/FUL). Kyngs Golf & Country Club, Station Rd, Mkt Bosworth. PC objected on the grounds that the proposed lodges are in an isolated position in open countryside, not well related to other built development, and with a long access track which crosses a public footpath; stated concern that this application could establish the principle of dispersed holiday lodge development over this site and that no details were provided as to how foul sewage was to be disposed of; requested conditions (i) that the lodges shall only be occupied as short term holiday lets associated with the proposed club house and hotel, and shall not be occupied until the golf course is fully operational; (ii) that a landscaping

plan be required, which will screen the proposed lodges from public footpaths S68 and S70; and (iii) that no security lighting shall be installed outside the lodges or around the car parking areas.

24/00691/HOU Demolition of existing garage, porch and conservatory and erection of a two storey side and rear extension. Midway, 75 Main Street. PC had no objections.

d) Planning applications and appeals determined

24/00357/FUL Demolition of existing garage and construction of a new skincare treatment room with associated access and car park. Weston, Bosworth Road. Permitted.

24/00691/HOU Demolition of existing garage, porch and conservatory and erection of a two storey side and rear extension. Midway, 75 Main Street. Permitted.

e) Planning enforcement matters

There were none.

10. Financial matters

a) Report 2024-13: Quarterly financial statement July-September 2024

The Clerk apologised for including this item in the agenda by mistake: the report should include all financial transactions in September and would be prepared for consideration at the next meeting.

11. Date, time and place of the next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting be held at 7pm on Wednesday 13th November 2024 in Saint Andrew's Community Hub, Main Street, Carlton.

The meeting closed at 20:26 hrs.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations used in these minutes

DfT	Department for Transport
FAF	Fixed Asset Fund
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LRALC	Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils
LTP	Local Transport Plan
NHT	National Highways & Transport
PC	Parish Council
ROLLR	Record Office for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland
TPA	Toddlers Play Area