

CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held On Thursday 10 November 2022

Present: - Stephen Roberts, Giles Dobson, Kate Homan, Paul Archer, Robert Foster, Henry Batchelor - County Councillor
Edith Osborn as Clerk
Members of the public

- 1 **Apologies:** Polly Fenwick, Geoff Harvey – District Councillor
A quorum was present.
- 2 **Minutes** of the Meeting held on 4 August 2022.
The minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2022 were reviewed.
Stephen Roberts proposed that the minutes be approved and Robert Foster seconded the proposal.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest**
No councillor had any new interests to declare.
Robert Foster advised that his surname had been amended and asked whether an alteration would be required on the Register. The Clerk to respond.
- 4 **Administration**
 - 4.1 Co-option of councillor
Stephen Roberts advised that he would be stepping down from the council next May after 14 years as a councillor and therefore there will be two vacancies on the council. As a result of the vacancy being advertised two people had offered to stand; Kat Jones had agreed to be co-opted at the February 2023 meeting and Nicky Whetstone agreed to be co-opted at the May meeting.
Stephen Roberts reminded the councillors that a new Chairman would need to be voted in.
Giles Dobson proposed a vote of thanks to Stephen for all his work for the council over the years.
 - 4.2 New website update
All councillors can request training slots from the website provider.
The new website will be added to Village Voice shortly so that residents are aware of it.
 - 4.3 Grass cutting contract
The Clerk advised that she had obtained two quotations for cutting the verges within the village boundary. The Friendly Gardiner's quote was for £436.50 per cut and CGM's quote was for £150 per cut, plus VAT.
It was agreed that Robert Foster would review what verges need cutting and frequency of cuts.
It was agreed to accept CGM's quote but discuss with them a revised schedule based on Robert Foster's review.
- 5 **Environmental**
 - 5.1 Speed limits – LHI application
As discussed later in the meeting.
 - 5.2 Road surfaces/gulleys
The Chairman noted that the corner at the School House remained flooded despite many notifications to Highways over the past couple of weeks.
 - 5.3 Flooding on B1052
It was noted that flooding on the B1052 at the bend in Willingham Green happened two years ago and the D'Abo Estate had not carried out any work to the verges in that time period. There has also been no action via the County Council.

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Henry Batchelor joined the meeting.

Henry Batchelor advised that this issue should be being dealt with by Highways not the Flood department at the council. He will provide contact details for Senior Management in the Highways Department.

5.4 Climate Change issues

It was reported that Josephine Roberts had bought 6 litter pliers, hi-viz jackets and bag holders in order to do litter picking around the village. Eight residents have volunteered to help with litter picking.

Robert Foster advised that he had reviewed the 'Communities Prepared' website and thought it was a good website which he plans to register with to obtain advice, particularly for flooding, flood kits are also available.

5.5 Footpaths

It was noted that the bridleway has bedded in now but the ground is still sticky at the bottom.

5.6 Greater Cambridge Partnership-Making Connections Consultation

Henry Batchelor confirmed that the Consultation is still open. The proposals will fund an improved bus service but also introduce a congestion charge for driving in Cambridge. He encouraged everyone to reply to the Consultation. The link to the Consultation will be circulated again as the Consultation is open until 23 December. If residents are affected by the withdrawal of bus services by Stagecoach, they should write to them about their concerns.

5.7 Village Emblem

It was agreed that Robert Foster and Caroline Revitt would contact Kay Leeves and discuss usage of the painting and possible prints.

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Finance

6.1 Payments proposed for authorisation were:

6.1.1	Thurlow Estate Mgt chq no 400	£ 1.00
6.1.2	Josephine Roberts chq no 401	£ 424.44
6.1.3	Narked Ltd chq no 402	£ 523.00
6.1.4	Brown & Ralph chq no 403	£ 729.60
6.1.5	Community Heartbeat Trust chq no 404	£ 295.20
6.1.6	Edith Osborn	£ 10.80

6.2 Receipts, payments and reconciliation as at 31 October 2022

Stephen Roberts proposed that the accounts as at 31 October 2022 be approved and Giles Dobson seconded the proposal.

5.3 Precept 2023/24

The proposed budget was reviewed. The Chairman advised that a bid could be made again via LHI for reducing the speed limit in Carlton. As 20 mph is being brought in elsewhere in the county and the rules are being relaxed, the council could apply.

Therefore, to take account of the council's contribution of 10% of the cost, it was agreed to increase the precept from £4,300.

Stephen Roberts proposed that the precept of £4,500 be accepted and the proposal was seconded unanimously.

The Clerk agreed to review the original English Heritage terms for being awarded the grant to see if the cleaning costs could be reduced.

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Planning.

7.1 22/03238/LBC Cromwell Cottage – render

This planning application has been approved by SCDC

7.2 22/03489/HFUL Corner Cottage – extension

This planning application has been approved by SCDC

7.3 22/00009/FUL land north of Providence House

This planning application remains outstanding.

7.4 22/03497/OUT land to south of Willingham Green – 1 dwelling

This planning application remains outstanding

8 District Councillor's report

Items covered by County Councillor's report.

9 County Councillor's report

Henry Batchelor reported as follows:

- He recommended that all residents engage with the GCP consultation
- He confirmed that the pot of money to be used for the LHI grants is slightly higher this year
- There will be the usual monthly combined meeting with Planning attending this time and all queries can be raised at that meeting.
- The Boundary Commission has proposed moving the Balsham ward into South Cambridgeshire. There is a four week consultancy period in progress currently. A new constituency is being proposed to include St Neots.
- He advised there is £1m to fund the Linton to Cambridge Greenway which will run through Abington and up Pampisford Rd. A travel hub is proposed on A1307.
- The issue with flooding at the Old School corner will be taken forward by Cllr Batchelor together with the other flooding issue in Willingham Green.

10 General observations or matters for consideration at the next meeting

Progress of LHI bid

Apologies for next meeting given by Giles Dobson.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their input this evening.

The Meeting closed at 9.50pm.