

Carlton Town Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council

Howard Thomas, Chairman	Little side (☎ 640689)
Peter Dinsdale, Vice Chairman	Town Foot (☎ 640480)
Raymond Brown	Park View (☎ 640409)
David Suttill	Lane House (☎ 640380)
Dinah Alonso-Wilkes	High Barn (☎ 640566)
Marina Briggs, Clerk	Quakers Garth (☎ 640058)

Minutes of Meeting held on 21st July 2022

Those present

Councillors Howard Thomas, Peter Dinsdale, Raymond Brown and David Suttill and the Clerk, Marina Briggs, attended the meeting along with Jenny Walker from the Water Committee and 3 members of the community.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Alonso-Wilkes
- 2. To receive any declarations of interest and special dispensations**
No declarations of interest were made.
- 3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2022**
RESOLVED: The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 4. To receive any public questions, comments or representations**
Michael Grayson from MANY addressed the meeting with the outcome of the 5G pilot. The testing has not been wholly satisfactory and the project has now come to an end. Michael is continuing to endeavour to find ways to bring broadband and mobile signal to the dale. He will send us a report of his findings once it is complete.
- 5. To receive a report from the Parish Clerk**

5.1 Actions from Last Meeting

All actions have been dealt with or are items on the agenda.

5.2 Welcome Letters to New Residents

A letter is to be sent to Amy and Ophelia from Sunnyside. A letter has been sent to Aaron and Amy from Rover Cottage.

5.3 Items for the September Newsletter

Use water sparingly.

5.4 Other matters arising

The plaque for the Jubilee Tree is now in place.

Grant funding from RDC Area Partnership Fund is now open for up to £1000. The clerk showed examples of replacement newspaper/ supplies boxes and noticeboards.

The clerk informed the meeting that noticeboards are a significant amount of money, however John Law a local joiner in village has kindly agreed to make a new noticeboard using the existing posts and only charge for the materials which are approx £750. This will include a lead roof, treated mahogany for longevity, metal backing and magnets to preserve the display and a separate locked side for Parish Council info for clear display of all notices but easy access for the community for the other side.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the stainless-steel box would be most suitable for supplies/ newspaper. It was agreed that John Law is exceedingly skilled and that his offer would result in a superior quality noticeboard for the cost involved. The clerk will apply for funding accordingly.

Freddie Lawson requested a contribution towards the Coverham Churchyard maintenance.

RESOLVED: £200 is to be sent to the Coverham Churchyard appeal.

6. To receive the Water Report from Jenny Walker and consider any financial expenditure.

Jenny Walker circulated the following report:

The water supply to the residents of Carlton village continues to be safe to drink.

“There have been various issues with the supply and treatment of Carlton water since the last Council meeting on 12th May.

Initially in May and into early June the mechanism which chlorinates the water was misbehaving. Whilst this was being investigated and sorted, the houses at the top of the village ran out of water on 31st May. The water supply to the Hut was found to have become very low due to blockage problems in the supply pipes bringing water from Melbecks to the top reservoir from where it goes down to the Hut. In order to keep water flowing to all the village, it was necessary to bypass the Filters. This action further affected the chlorination mechanism and a Boil Order Notice was issued to Carlton residents on 2nd June.

Different strategies were used to correct the different problems, and the Boil Order notice was lifted on 14th June. The residents of Carlton were reminded

“Due to unseasonably low rainfall this year, water levels are significantly down - please use water carefully”

There were further supply problems to the Hut on 8th July and the pipes from Melbecks needed further corrective action to keep adequate water flowing to and through the Hut.

The water usage in Carlton is on average, if there are no leaks, 30-40 cubes per day.

Usage was running at 75-80 cubes per day between early March and the end of May this year, and after investigation is thought to be due to a leak in the top half of the village.

During the Boil Order notice in early June, water usage fell to 60-65 cubes per day, at which it stayed until the very hot weather this week of 18th July when it is back up to 75-80 cubes again, which may be expected considering the weather.

I am very happy to report that I am off on holiday at the end of next week, and I am very grateful to the other 3 members of the water committee who will continue to ensure, if possible, that the residents of Carlton have adequate water which is safe to drink.”

The Clerk informed the meeting that the wrong tariff had been applied to the electricity contract but this has finally been rectified and the tariff backdated correctly. She also pointed out that the water bill under the new tariff was £700 in June compared to £66 last year. The bore hole is on all the time.

RESOLVED: Further investigations into the leaks should be made to reduce the water usage and therefore the electricity costs.

7. To discuss and consider the Parish financial report

The Clerk gave the following information to the meeting:

Bank balances as at 11th July 2022:

Current Account	£3184.72
Deposit Account	<u>£43782.32</u>
Total	<u>£46967.04</u>

7.1 Expenditure since the last meeting

		£
M Briggs	Salary payments for May & June 2022	673.40

Requests for payment

The Council formally approved the following invoices that have either been paid but not yet minuted or have not been paid and need approval before payment

		£
HSBC	Bank Charges May & June	29.50
Damien Henegan	Grass cutters meal	50.00
Marina Briggs	Whisky, Ink, Paper, Envelopes & Plaque	205.21
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Policy for 2022/3	524.16
Dawn Suttill	Thank You meal	50.00
Opus Energy	Electricity for Water Plant May & June	1192.10
Coverdale Memorial Hall	Hall hire for July meeting	12.00
K & L Sharpe	Water Committee Meal	350.00

Income since the last meeting

		£
K Sharpe	Foresters Arms Water Contribution	155.00
HSBC	Interest on Savings A/C	3.20

7.2 Outstanding contributions from business properties towards the water supply

Contributions are outstanding from the following: Foresters Arms (Bill to 26th July 2022 - £51), Carlton Old Hall, South View and Barn Acre.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Exemption certificate for the Annual accounts has been accepted by the Auditors PKF Littlejohn and the accounts are complete for the year 2021/2.

The insurance policy was renewed with the sums insured increased as agreed at the last meeting.

8. To consider items for the next Parish Council meeting agenda in October 2022

Half yearly budget, parish precept, precept refunds, December newsletter and calendar of council meetings

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm