

# 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)
Dawn Suttill	Haydn Carr (☎ 640276)
Marina Briggs, Clerk	Quakers Garth (☎ 640058)

## Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The meeting was held in the Coverdale Memorial Hall and started at 7.30pm. The meeting was held in line with the government guidelines for social distancing due to the Coronavirus pandemic and a risk assessment and track and trace record were carried out accordingly.

### Those present

Councillors Howard Thomas, Peter Dinsdale, and Dawn Suttill and the Clerk, Marina Briggs, attended the meeting along with Jenny Walker from the Water Committee and 2 members of the community.

#### 1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted for Raymond Brown

#### 2. To Co-opt a new member of the Parish Councillor

Cllr Thomas explained to the meeting that Carlton Town Parish Council needs to have 5 councillors. Since Margaret Simpson's resignation we only have four councillors and since there were no requests for an election the post has been advertised for co-option.

The post was advertised on the notice board and one application had been received from David Suttill who fulfilled the criteria needed to become a parish councillor.

Cllr Dinsdale proposed that David Suttill be Co-opted onto the council this was seconded by Cllr Dawn Suttill and unanimously agreed.

Cllr Thomas thanked David for volunteering and welcomed him to the council.

**RESOLVED:** David Suttill was Co-opted as a member of the Parish Council and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### 3. To receive any declarations of interest and special dispensations

None received.

#### 4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**RESOLVED:** The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### 5. To receive any public questions, comments or representations

Questions/ requests were received by a member of the community:

a) Please could the council report the state of the road at High Line just near the speed limit sign. The road is eroding at the sides and needs repairing

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Thomas is to report on the parish portal and the resident was advised to do the same on the public portal.

b) Are the businesses in the village billed for water rates? – Yes, they are checked each year and invoiced accordingly.

c) Please could the council make residents aware that fireworks are illegal after 11pm at night and before 7am in the morning under the Fireworks Act of 2003.

**RESOLVED:** The newsletter will mention the laws surrounding fireworks.

d) The water was very brown this week – this was explained that the weather had been

very dry and then an unexpected downpour had made the water more coloured than usual. As soon as this happened, the Bore Hole was put on the colour returned to normal shortly after.

## **6. To receive a report from the Parish Clerk**

### **6.1 Actions From Last Meeting**

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

### **6.2 Welcome Letters to New Residents**

None needed

### **6.3 Items for the September Newsletter**

Fireworks and thanks to Damien for grass cutting at Coverham Churchyard.

### **6.4 Other Matters Arising**

A request had been made by Freddie Lawson for a contribution to the upkeep of Coverham Church Yard.

**RESOLVED:** £150 to be sent to Mr Lawson

## **7. To receive the Water Report from Jenny Walker and consider any financial expenditure.**

Jenny Walker circulated the following report:

“Since the last report on 13<sup>th</sup> May Carlton continues to drink safe water.

Regarding the water supply to the Hut, ways were sought to unblock the earthenware pipe from the quarry face to the top reservoir. Howie from Rodney's came around 19<sup>th</sup> May and confirmed the site of the blockage of the pipe, but he was unable to clear it. I understand that Howie indicated a figure of around £5000 to replace the pipe from the quarry face to the top reservoir. Raymond moved one of the blue feeding pipes leaving the quarry face as a temporary bypass to the top reservoir on 20<sup>th</sup> May. This has kept the water supply flowing to the treatment Hut.

Keith and his brother came from Cumbria Pumps on 26<sup>th</sup> May to service the Borehole and pump. They tested the pump and found it to be working adequately, but as it only produces half the volume it used to, it could have been a problem with the pump and/or the liner being blocked with manganese etc as was seen in 2017. They spent the day cleaning the pump and liner but this unfortunately has not changed the volumes produced, and the conclusion is that the aquifer is now less full and hence there is less water available.

Water usage has fluctuated, and at the end of May was down to 30-35 cubes/day. It is usually around 40-45 cubes/day, although there is often a spike at a weekend with the visitors and weekend activities. Good weather and a steady supply of clear Melbeck water via Raymond's bypass-pipe has allowed the Borehole to be switched off for the last 5 weeks.

Barry has put the new manhole cover on the reservoir in the water hut compound and renewed the concrete surrounds, and the tank is now easier to access for testing the water. Pete Hill does very good work to keep the vegetation within the Hut compound under control. Thank you both very much.

Phil Ward came from Yorkshire Water and spoke to members of the Parish Council and Water committee on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Marina has circulated the notes following that visit.

Mark Evans came from Culligans and spoke to a similar group last October, and then sent further information and costings in December 2020 for the additional features asked about by the Councillors. He contacted me in late May to remind me that the quotes received were valid for 45 days, and he would now need to propose an updated price for the installation and supplies.

I am sure we are all aware how the cost of all such supplies have increased since Covid, since Brexit and since the container ship was stuck in the Suez canal in March this year.”

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Thomas is to arrange a water meeting to try and drive the updating of the water supply forward.

Parish Clerk is to write letters exploring funding opportunities

The Council agreed to the annual meal for the water committee and grass cutters and this will be arranged at the next water meeting.

#### 8. To receive an update on the registration of Parish land.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had had an email from McGarry Solicitors to say that they had been very busy and would get to looking at our case as soon as they can.

#### 9. To discuss the grass cutting in the Parish

Cllr Thomas set the record straight that Damien Henegan has been looking after Coverham Churchyard by himself for many years and that there is no team as is intimated in the newsletter. This will be reflected in the next newsletter.

#### 10. To discuss and consider the Parish financial report

The Clerk gave the following information to the meeting:

Bank balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021:

Current Account	£4000.42
Deposit Account	<u>£37976.17</u>
Total	<u>£41976.59</u>

#### 10.1 Expenditure since the last meeting

		£
M Briggs	Salary payments for May 2021-June 2021	520.00
The Sign Shed	Sign for the Village Garden	22.97
Zurich Municipal	Parish Insurance	516.02
Marina Briggs	Whisky for Frank Fletcher	13.00

#### 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 needed approval before payment

		£
Eden Farm Supplies	Chlorine for Water Plant	52.20
Opus Energy	Electricity to the Water Plant May 21-June21	390.44
Grahams Power Washer	Cleaning of Bore Hole	581.52
Coverdale Memorial Hall	Hire of Hal for July meeting and water meeting	18.00

#### Income since the last meeting

		£
HSBC	Interest on Deposit Account	0.83
NYCC	Grass Cutting for 2021	28.74
R Inch	Water Contribution Lyndhurst	144.00
K Sharpe	Water Contribution Foresters Arms	144.00

**10.2 Proposed contributions from business properties towards the water supply**

Contributions are outstanding from the following: Cragg View and F Dinsdale & Sons.

The Clerk has received an updated list of businesses in the village and South View, Thirsdale House and Barn Acre are all newly registered.

**RESOLVED:** The Council asked the Clerk to write to these properties for water contributions.

**11. To consider items for the next Parish Council meeting agenda 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Half yearly budget, parish precept, precept refunds, items for the December Newsletter and calendar of council meetings.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm