

Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish, held at 6.30pm on 9th May 2023 at Carlton Methodist Church.

Present: Cllr's Lowes, Taylor, Clayton, Deller, Holmes, Land, Kibble, and Quinn.

Representatives of Village Groups: Carlton Methodist Church and Carlton Towers Cricket Club.

Members of the Public: No members of the public attended the meeting.

Attending: Mrs H Phillips, clerk to Carlton Parish Council.

1. Apologies for Absence

- i) The Council received apologies from the representatives of community groups, for the Women's Institute and St Mary's Church.
- ii) The Council received an apology from Cllr Barker and considered her reason for absence.

Resolved: That

- i) **the Council received apologies from representatives of the Women's Institute and St Mary's Church; and**
- ii) **the apology from Cllr Barker was received and her reason for absence approved.**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosures of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish

The Council considered approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on the 17th May 2022.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish, held on 17th May 2022 be approved.

4. Chair's Annual Report

The Council received the Chair's Annual Report for events and actions completed in the year 2022-2023. The report will be available to view on the council's website, and in the Golden Garden noticeboard.

- i) Projects Completed and On-going in 2022-23
 - Improvements to streetlights, both repairs and change to LED lamps, which will ultimately save money. Solar lights installed on Convent Walk.
 - Additional and replacement waste bins where required have been installed.

- New noticeboard in the Golden Garden, with the old noticeboard being made available for use by community groups.
- Extensive memorial testing completed in June 2022 to ensure the safety of visitors to the Cemetery. Remedial actions have been completed in many cases.
- Funding has been provided for a large percentage of our community groups, both generic funds and for Jubilee events.
- Careful monitoring and consideration has been given to a number of localised planning applications for housing developments and solar energy field development.
- A new council website was set up, which is now running, regularly updated and available to the on-line community.
- The Cemetery Chapel has been structurally assessed and was found needing some small works to ensure it is watertight. This work has been completed.

Projects for the Future.

- Continued streetlight improvements are scheduled in conjunction with North Yorkshire Council.
- Along with the structural survey of the Cemetery Chapel, the Cemetery Walls have also been assessed. They need remedial works to stabilise them in areas, but as this cost is excessive funding options are being investigated. The work will be completed as soon as possible, pending fund investigation outcome.
- Additional pedestrian crossing area is being pursued, being that more retail stores will be on both sides of the High Street.
- Continued support for community groups is available through budgeted funds for 2023-24.

As we have lost two valuable assets in councillors, we would like to thank Jackie Bell and Karen Mann for their time and efforts whilst they were in attendance.

We have now added to the councillor count, being back to full capacity, with the additions of Cllr's Andrea Barker and Paul Kibble.

Finally the Chair and Council thank the clerk, Helen Phillips, for her work over the last year and in the future.

Resolved: That the Chair's Annual Report be noted.

5. Reports from Village Groups

The Council received the pre-notified reports from St Mary's Church, and Carlton Women's Institute, read by Cllr Lowes and the clerk; copies of which were available at the meeting and will be added to the Council's website and the Golden Garden noticeboard.

The Council received the following verbal reports from Carlton Methodist Church and Carlton Towers Cricket Club.

i) Carlton Methodist Church

The Coffee Mornings have been suspended and the Warm Space gathering commenced though were not too well attended.

The Food and Friendship gathering is the new initiative and are held on the first Tuesday of each month, hoping to help combat loneliness in the community – all are welcome for soup and a roll, cake, and a cuppa.

On 7th May there was a joint church service with the Anglican Church with around thirty people attending.

A community Litter Pick was held on 8th May 2023, with twenty people attending, it was a success, ending with tea and cake for all who wanted it.

There is now a Facebook Group set up for the Methodist Church.

ii) Carlton Towers Cricket Club

The club have had a successful year, especially the 1st team who closely missed promotion to the top division. There are three adult men's teams, three Junior teams and an 'All Stars' team which is for children up to the age of nine. It is hoped to raise a lady's team soon.

Planning applications have been put forward for changes and extensions to the clubhouse and for training nets area/s, with the hope to apply for a new groundsman's store in the near future.

The club members have worked closely with Lord Gerald to ensure that all parties are happy with the look and style of the clubhouse after the work has been completed.

We have the option of additional funding via Sport England.

iii) Carlton Village Hall

There have been a few changes to personnel within the Committee, with things settling down now and the system is coming together nicely.

The re-roofing has been completed in 2022-23, the Committee would like to thank Sheena Grice for her work on that project.

There was no village fete, but Jubilee celebrations did take place and were well attended. We continue to have good and improved usage of the Hall, with a successful Bingo evening and a Curry night being just a couple of great events.

We are hoping to hold a Village Fete potentially on 27th May 2023; public notices will be posted about it.

With Snaith Sports Hall closing the Village Hall has benefitted from that with a good number of groups and events transferring to Carlton.

For the future, after completing the refurbishment of the porch area we are gathering quotes for refurbishment/ replacement of the ceilings in the hall.

The Committee give thanks to the Parish Council for providing replacement pads for the defibrillator situated at the Village Hall.

iv) St Mary's Parish Church

We have had a busy year with many baptisms, weddings and funerals taking place. We have built a great partnership with the Little Black dog brewery taprooms, who are hosting many families for receptions after baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

At Christmas we planned a nativity walk together with St Mary's Catholic Church and the Methodist Early Years outreach worker Lydia Harrison. This was well attended including families who regularly use the playgroup in Carlton. Little Black Dog created some amazing signs for the event.

We welcomed Carlton primary school in 2022 for Easter, Harvest, and Christmas services, and Camblesforth Primary for school trips and assemblies, as well as a Christmas service attended by parents for the first time since COVID.

In June 2022 we were awarded a Bronze Eco-church status after working with Carlton Primary to fundraise for Tearfund, by twinning our toilets to places overseas. We run an afterschool club called 'Godsquad' at Carlton Primary, which sees the children enjoy fun and games, and a bible story as well as crafts and a snack. Our thanks to the school for hosting us at the Community Hub.

At Christmas the church was beautifully decorated by lots of local groups in our Christmas Tree Festival which provided a wonderful backdrop to the outreach services we ran, including a Christmas concert organised by Sing Together choir, a Santa Party for local children, and a Christmas singalong.

Thanks to the funding provided by the Parish Council we have been able to pay for the licence fees that are required for the music. In 2023 we hope to install a new screen to make viewing lyrics for songs easier and to use in services such as funerals when audio visual equipment is often required. This allowed us to host a community singalong on Friday 5th May to the film Mary Poppins.

Dream Heritage run our youth club in Drax, which is attended by Carlton families, and have also been busy working on repairs to our roof in St Mary's, thanks to a grant from Two Ridings Community Grants. Through our cafe church we have seen new families join us on Sunday mornings, including families from the new housing in the village. At Easter we welcomed around 30 people for our Easter Sunday morning service and egg hunt in Carlton, and held a lily festival to remember loved ones at Drax Church.

For the King's Coronation Selby Abbey ringers are joining us to do a quarter peal at 6pm on Friday 5th, and a new bell-ringing group is starting in May led by Roger Riley from Selby Abbey. We continue to host Little Monkeys toddler group on Thursdays from 9.15 in term-time, and 'Sing Together' on Tuesday mornings at 10am.

In June we will welcome children from Year 6 in Carlton, Read, and Camblesforth Schools, to talk about 'Moving On' and how our Christian faith can support us in challenging times.

v) Carlton Women's Institute

Carlton holds its meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, in Carlton Village Hall, hosting many varied and interesting speakers. Our membership continues to grow and stood at 42 members in May 2023. Carlton W.I. celebrates its 75th year this year, holding an afternoon tea at The Stables, Carlton Towers, in May, which is to be attended by Sarah McFarlane, the Chair of the North Yorkshire East Federation of W.I.'s.

Five of our members attended the Spring Meeting of the Federation, which was held at the Spa in Scarborough, in April, where our secretary was presented with the 75th Birthday certificates, from the National and the North Yorkshire East Federations.

We continue to help the village and at the Golden Garden decorated it for the King's Coronation and attended the Remembrance Sunday Service, laying a commemorative wreath.

Events planned for the year include visits to country houses and a local theatre, and are hosting a Federation Ramble around Drax, with lunch at Drax Club, with thirty members taking part.

The Carlton W.I. members would like to extend their thanks to all of the people and organisers of the various village community groups, and wish them well for 2023 onwards.

6. Questions from the Public

There were no Members of the Public in attendance.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.30pm.