

Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish on Tuesday 27th May 2025 held at 6.30pm, in the school room of Carlton Methodist Church.

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press may attend the meeting.

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Present: Cllrs Clayton, Hancock, Hawe, Kibble, Land, Lowes, Palmer, Quinn, and Taylor.

Attending: H Phillips – clerk, and four members of the Public

1. Apologies for Absence

All Councillors were present at the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Council received disclosures of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests from Cllr's Hancock and Land on matters to be considered at the meeting.

Resolved: That Cllr's Hancock and Land's declaration of interest be noted.

3. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish

The Council considered the draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on the 28th May 2024.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish 2024-2025 be approved.

4. Chair's Annual Report

The Council received the Chair's Annual Report. (see Appendix 1)

Resolved: That the Chair's Annual Report for 2024-2025 be noted.

5. Reports from Village Groups

The Council received the reports from Village Groups, as follows:

i) Carlton 1st Rainbows and Brownies Pack

- The Parish Council were thanked for providing the funding to permit the purchase of Hi-Viz vests.
- In September the number of Rainbows was 3, and Brownies was 5; as there were so few we decided to join the meetings to make them more economical. Numbers have improved now, with 10 Rainbows, and 12 Brownies so we are a point of potentially splitting the groups again. We hope that the numbers continue to increase; we have an

advertising poster coming out soon to promote the groups, which will go on Facebook and in the Community Noticeboard.

ii) Carlton Cricket Club 2025

- The Cricket Club would like to reiterate the sentiment of the Parish Council Chair in regard to the passing of Mr. Richard Everatt, who was much loved, and did so much in time and efforts for the Cricket Club.
- The Club appreciates the Parish Council and its support for the club, especially in managing the S106 monies which were allocated to the Club by the District Council, which helped to fund the wonderful improvements that have just been completed.
- The Club is still incredibly busy, and is expanding all the time, with women's and girls' teams playing and doing well since they started out.
- We have the 'All Stars', and Dynamo's teams for 4-11 year olds, having 105 attendees at a previous meet. The last head count for these junior teams was 123, which is amazing, and noted by the Yorkshire Cricket Association as being the biggest turnout logged.
- There are 135 seniors participating in the adult leagues, and all are doing very well.
- The Club is please that they provide a service that unites the Community at all age levels.

iii) Carlton Methodist Church

- The present membership is a constant, having 16 attendees. We would like to attract younger members but this is a difficult task to achieve.
- We have a regular monthly Coffee Morning, with varying numbers attending.
- Carols Around the Tree was well attended, with up to 50 people joining, including the Brownie pack. Refreshments were followed, at the Methodist Church.
- The Good Friday Walk of Witness was a joint event, with all 3 churches being involved, and had up to 30 attendees, during the whole of the walk.
- During Easter Week a children's activity day was held at the Methodist Church, in conjunction with the Anglican Church in the village.

- Looking to the future, the Goole and Selby Methodist Circuit is in a period of uncertainty regarding ministerial appointments affecting the planning of Church services; joint services seem to have become the norm.

iv) Carlton Playgroup (read by the Chair of the Parish Council)

- The Playgroup have been focusing on providing children with a various number of resources and activities to try and widen their opportunities.
- Using fund-raising and grants we have had an egg hatching experience, where the children got to watch the life cycle of a chick, from hatching onwards.
- We bought new role play resources through grant funding, for the children to use their imagination. We have an external company coming to hold an imagination dance session.
- We have had a fundraiser at Easter, and have raised money to have our Hi-Viz's emblazoned with the Carlton Playgroup logo, for when they venture into the community with the Group.
- For the future, we would like to focus on revamping the playgroup, and to continue providing a stimulating environment for the children, and a useful space for the staff.

v) Carlton Village Hall – relating to the AGM, held on 29th April 2025.

- The 2024-25 period for Carlton Village Hall Management Committee began as a very challenging period due to the negativity of a few former Committee members. These people tried to create all kinds of problems for the Village Hall, however, thanks to the teamwork and resilience of all the Trustees of the Village Hall this was overcome. Each negative challenge was resisted, and the Village Hall has continued to move forward for the collective benefit of the Parish community.
- Since the start of 2025 there has been significant progress by the Committee. We have decorated the main hall, (which was in desperate need of a repaint), renewed the entrance flooring, replaced the stage carpet, and renewed the blinds. This has been a tremendous feat which has been completed by a huge amount of unpaid, voluntary work, from the Management Committee membership.

- A massive vote of thanks has to be placed on the record to all of the Trustees; to name a few, as follows:
James and Claire, who always go the extra mil, as well as Steve who puts in a great amount of work, generally unseen.
- Special thanks must go to three office holders:
 - Sarah – as the Committee’s Secretary, who not only keeps an accurate record of the meetings, but also produces the agendas and notifications of the meetings. Sarah also deals with correspondence, and has sourced a significant number of grants to fund our improvements programme.
 - Natalie – as the Committees treasurer, has turned around the Village Hall accounts, which are now in a very easily understood format, and most importantly keeps the accounts balanced to ensure the Village Hall continues to be solvent. This has been hard work, including battling with some of our suppliers for the best deals.
 - Thanks go to Natalie and Steve for the efficient running and supply of the Village Hall bar.
 - Emma – as our bookings co-ordinator she works tirelessly (often into the night) to deal with enquiries, chasing potential bookings, and ensuring that the calendar is kept in order, and that the income is gathered for those bookings. Emma has done an amazing job of securing a wide range of bookings for the stalls at both the forthcoming Food Festival, and this years Village Fete.

I look forward to working with everyone during this new year, and seeing the Village Hall going from strength to strength.

vi) Carlton Women’s Institute – Ms. Hinch – Secretary to Carlton W.I.

The W.I. holds its meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. At present we have 38 members. Our programme is varied, hosting many interesting speakers, and holding craft demonstrations, which members are urged to take part in.

Some of our members have attended many W.I. Federation events, Council meetings in Scarborough and York, special celebratory lunches, and quizzes. A delegate attended the National Federation A.G.M. held in the Royal Albert Hall, London. We have had outings to Northallerton, Kilpin Hall, and

Wensleydale. Two fashion shows have been held over the past year, always with an open invitation to Carlton villagers. Some of our members belong to the Village Singing Group, held in the Church on Tuesdays. Two of our ladies decorated the window Christmas Tree in the Church. We support the Eggborough Church film afternoons.

We continue to support and help in the village whenever possible. We attended the Remembrance Sunday service, in the Golden Garden, and laid a wreath that we provided, laid by Mrs Smethurst. Members of our W.I. Walking Group decorated the Golden Garden with bunting to celebrate V.E. Day.

Finally, our thanks must be extended to the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee, and all of the people who run the village groups for their continued hard work. We wish them all well for the future.

Resolved: That all Community Group reports be noted, and representatives thanked for their efforts, and attendance.

6. Questions from the Public

The Council received questions and comments from the members of the public relating to the agenda items of this meeting, as follows:

- A question was asked regarding the electricity supply in the Golden Garden
A response was given to this at agenda point 4.8.
- A comment was received relating to Carlton Village Hall, in that the speaker felt the Hall looks the best it has looked for a long time, with all the improvements that the Committee have made; also noting that an event, a 'Zumbathon' was recently held at the Hall, with around 50-60 ladies attending. All attendees, including people from outside Carlton village commented at how impressed they were with the facility.

Resolved: That the questions and comments be noted.

7. Annual Meeting of the Parish 2026

26th May 2026 at 6.30pm.

Appendix 1.
Chair's Annual Report 2024-2025

2024 /25 has been a very busy year for the parish council. We have achieved a lot in the last 12 months.

1. Following a structural survey of the walls of the cemetery we agreed and appointed a contractor to repoint and rectify any issues with the walls. This has made the walls secure for hopefully a number of decades or longer. I must add that although this was a significant expense we managed to complete this without and loans or additional charges to the council tax precept. This was part funded by the sale of some farmland that the Parish council owned on the outskirts of the village to the farmer who had been renting it for a number of decades.
2. We improved the allotments with footpaths and a new access gate. With this we managed to secure grants to fund this so the benefit of the few was not paid for by everybody. This has made the allotments more accessible for everybody. A review has also been carried out by the clerk and we have managed to reduce some of the size of the plots to allow more people to have use of them.
3. We have continued with our Streetlight replacement programme in the village. This is replacing the old style streetlight heads with modern LED type. This gives better light but in addition also reduces the ongoing running costs by using less electricity. In the medium to long term these new lights are actually self-funding. We have had a disappointment in the Battery powered lights we provided down convent walk a couple of years ago were stolen. We will be looking into options for this area in the future.
4. We initiated the formation of the Carlton Neighbourhood Development plan. The aim of this plan is to shape how we as a village wish Carlton to develop over the coming years. Once finalised and agreed this will sit with North Yorkshire planning and has to be included in planning decisions made for the village. There have been a series of meetings and an open event in the village hall which was very well attended to get everyone interested. This project is being chaired by Cllr Andrew Palmer who is doing a great job of keeping it all on track and hitting the milestones required. Well done Cllr Palmer. Please keep an eye out for future events to involve everybody from the village.
5. We have supported the village hall with funding over the last year as they have had a change in committee members and have been going through a large number of improvements. I won't go into detail as I am sure they will be highlighting their successes in the local groups update.
6. In addition to the funding we have provided to the village hall with have supported local groups with funding for projects just short of £1000. However, I would like to take this opportunity to state that we do budget for more than this and would encourage groups to continue to look at anything they would like funding for. We have an allowance of £250 twice a year for each group so £500 across 2 projects. Please don't be afraid to ask for funding for things you may need to improve your groups. If in doubt about what you can or can't request funding for then please talk to the clerk or myself.

7. We have also supported a number of events at the Golden garden including remembrance Sunday and carols around the Christmas tree.
8. We have also had a change to the power supply in the golden garden. Previously we took a supply from the network with the electricity supplied by Npower however we then experienced a massive hike in prices which considering we only used it for Christmas lights and for a speaker on remembrance Sunday it was incredibly expensive. We discussed it with the owner of Frying Nemo and she kindly agreed to provide us a supply from the shop. We funded the groundwork but she paid for the electrical work, which was greatly appreciated and although we have mentioned it in minutes of previous meetings I would like to thank Keely Richardson of the Frying nemo for this.
Noting that should Frying Nemo cease to trade the original electricity supply point is still in place and the supply can revert to that should it be required.
9. We have had a little change of councillors over the last 12 months with Michelle Deller stepping down. (I would like to thank Michelle for her many years of service to the council). We have had 2 new councillors join us (1 to replace Mark Holmes who left just over a year ago) Cllr David Hawe and Cllr Malcolm Hancock. They both come with a varied background and a wealth of experience to bring to the council and would like to officially welcome them.
10. Finally, I would like to highlight 2 people:
Firstly our clerk Helen who has worked incredibly hard over this last year project managing the projects we have had ongoing and the invaluable support to both me and the other councillors.
I would like to mention Mr. Richard Everett, who for a number of years served on this Parish Council, and even after stepping down still attended the Council meetings as a member of the public and fed relevant information into the Council from time to time. Richard also did a lot for the cricket club and the village as a whole.
Richard sadly passed away this month. He will be missed by us all, and I wanted to mention him here in my report to recognise his commitment and passion to this village.