

Chair's Report 28/7/26

I have not had any meeting this last month other than Council meetings.

I attended the Carlton Primary School Fayre on 5th July; unlike some previous years it didn't rain. It was a lovely afternoon and very well attended by parents and others from the village. Hopefully it raised some funds for the PFA and school.

I have been approached by a parent from West Bank highlighting an issue, which I believe there were also discussions on the village community page that it is affecting others in the village. With the high school in Carlton closing quite a number of parents have put their children into Brayton Academy however they have to apply for a place on the school bus. Some requesting funding and others willing to pay. However it appears there aren't enough places on the school bus and some parents have been notified their children don't have a place and some are being told they will find out the week before the term starts. There was an instance last year of a parent in Carlton whose son had a place on the bus but his sister didn't so the parent had to manage their work around transporting their daughter to school. As we know a lot of the high schools don't start until 9am and finish by 3pm which makes it hard for parents to arrange transport around work. I believe that the issue has been flagged up to our MP but aren't aware of anything that has been done. Surely the solution is to arrange for a bigger bus. Can Councillor Jordan shed any light on the situation as I believe it has been flagged to him by a parent?