

## CARLTON MINIOTT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Carlton Miniott Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in external classroom to the rear of Carlton Miniott CP School**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A Colls, C Ridsdale, M Porteous, M Nickson & J Nickson

### **1) TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

C/Cllr G Dadd & D/Cllr J Watson

### **2) TO RECEIVE MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Due to an error in the attendance log it was agreed to accept them at the next meeting.

### **3) TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

It is my pleasure to report on our Parish Council's activities over the past 12 months.

The Planning committee have been busy this year, discussing a total of no less than 20 applications, 3 of which have been refused, including Rydal Close, Thistle Dhu and The Dog & Gun. 16 granted and we have 2 outstanding. We hosted a public meeting in response to an application off Rydal Close earlier this year which was extremely well attended. Cllr Gareth Dadd chaired the meeting and with Mark Harbottle from HDC noted the views and strong feelings from residents. Thankfully this application was refused. There was also strong feeling throughout the village regarding a new application to change the Dog & Gun pub back to a dwelling. A number of villagers attended the Parish Council meeting to share their views on this and we agreed to support them where we could. This application was later withdrawn and the owner has now been instructed that the building is to remain as a public house.

Sadly, earlier this year Cllr Jackson resigned from the Parish Council but I am pleased to report that we have co-opted a new member, Cllr Porteous who has worked hard from the outset and is now a valued member of the team. We continue to actively seek new Cllrs to join the council and we welcome any new applications.

#### **Ongoing.**

We still have a number of long standing items ongoing throughout the village, the first being Busby Stoop Roundabout. Thank you to Cllr Nickson for submitting relevant paperwork to date and for meeting with Area2 Highways to pursue the matter. We have now taken over responsibility for the Roundabout and we hope that Mr Jackson can soon begin improvements. We hope to make the roundabout a welcoming entrance to our village. During her time as Cllr, Katie Jackson fought tirelessly to source funding for a new Notice Board for the village and the project is thankfully now coming to an end and I would like to thank Katie again for her hard work on this matter. I would like to add that due to a 2% rise in the Parish Precept in Dec 2015, we now have some funds to spend on further improvements to the village and decisions on how to best spend these will be made throughout the forthcoming year. We are also able to continue to fund grass cutting for the village after reduced funding.

Parking still remains an issue throughout the village. I reported last year that one of the worst areas was around the entrance to Manfield Terrace. I feel that with the help of Cllr Dadd and the local authorities we have seen a huge improvement in this area. However, the problem with overflow parking from the Railway and the morning rush at the school are still issues of concern for some residents. Mr Crocker has worked hard to improve the flow of the school traffic and I feel this has been achieved. We are grateful for this and will

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strive to make further improvements where possible in the future. We are also fully aware of the dangers caused by Railway users parking throughout the village. This is an issue which is largely out of our control but we will fully support residents where highway regulations are violated. Only 2 days ago, one car that had been illegally parked and left on the roadside was removed by the police.

Although the Parish Council took over the running of the Scarecrow competition and promoted last years' event, entries were very low indeed. We have taken the decision this year to try a new competition and this will be in the form of a Christmas display comp. The Playing Field Association reported another good outcome from the Party On The Playing Field event which was again very well supported and they are planning their 3<sup>rd</sup> event for June 25<sup>th</sup> of this year. Thirsk Rotary has again agreed to support with security and parking. They have made further improvements throughout the past year and are progressing well towards the overhaul of the football pitch.

This year has seen a new recycling scheme which is making a real impact on government recycling targets.

In March we hosted a Clean For The Queen event in the village. I was extremely impressed with the number of volunteers that took part in the event and was delighted to be joined by our local MP Kevin Hollinrake. Further events of this type will be arranged later in the year. I am delighted to see that Network Rail have also cleared the banking at the station and I would like to thank Cllr Janet Watson for pursuing this work.

Last years' Carol service saw record numbers and again the weather was kind. Thanks once again to the Royal British Legion Band and to Cllr J.Nickson for stepping into the shoes of David Loveden and leading the event. Thank you to all that continue to support this very special event. As ever, the night was brought to a close with Mulled Wine and mince pies in the church. Thanks to the councillors for their contributions. It is a lovely way to see in the Christmas period.

I would like to remind residents that we now have a Parish Portal. This is a website provided by NYCC to be used for reporting any highways issues and can be found via the NYCC Highways website.

At the end of my second year as Chair I would like to thank all members of the Parish Council for giving up their time to make this council a productive one. I would like to thank our district and county councillors for their information, help and advice. Finally thanks go to our members of the public for supporting us and for also keeping us right!

#### **4) TO RECEIVE SCHOOL REPORT**

Mr Crocker reported that the school has had another very successful year.

Year 6 pupils achieved really good results in the national tests and were chosen by the Yorkshire Post as one of the top schools in the county.

Sports team entered several events and were very successful.

The gardening club came second in the Great Yorkshire show competition.

Our school singing group of about 40 of our pupils went to sing at Sheffield Arena as part a 5000 strong choir and the children were very excited when this was featured on Blue Peter.

There have been several staff changes through the year. Mr Blackmore left in the summer – Mrs Farrington & Mrs Suggett left at Christmas and Mrs Graham has left on maternity leave. Mrs Mallet, Mrs Whitehouse and Mr Macklem have joined the staff.

Mrs Parvin has retired and been replaced in the kitchen by Mrs Wilson.

CMCP continues as a popular school and is over subscribed so class sizes remain high (between 25 & 32) and, due to the new estate off Ripon Way, some extra money has been received which has enabled the building of an extension to a classroom at the front of the building – work will start in May. Due to the erection of a new fence, entry to the

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school will have to change during the work. Apologies given for any inconvenience this may cause.

Discussions are taking place about the possibility of the school becoming an academy – there will be a consultation period if they do decide to go down this route.

Mr Crocker gave his thanks to the Parish Council for their continued support and encouragement.

### **5) TO RECEIVE PLAYING FIELD'S REPORT**

It is my pleasure to report to you on the following for the year for 2015/2016.

Due to the continued success of the support we get from our committee members we have had a successful year again.

In my third year as chair, I hope I have done well in trying to push the committee and the playing field forward.

In the last year;

Fundraising;

- The Christmas draw & summer raffle have continued to do well with an average of around £400 been made every time, as with a lot of businesses times are hard so we invested this year in buying vouchers to try and bump the raffle up and I think this worked well. We have continued to sell raffle squares instead of tickets in the post office and vale of York pub. It has come up in the meetings about a gambling licence so we are going to look further into this. We will continue the square method for the raffle as it works well.
- This year Sarah had some ideas to raise more money in the way of a quiz and a bingo night we approached Julian in the Vale of York and he was happy for us to have the last Sunday of the month in the pub and also donate a £50 bar tab. We have tried both ideas and both have made a profit.
- In our second year doing Party on the Playing Field it was a huge success and made the most money we have to date it was hard work but well worth it and everyone that came seemed to enjoy all the entertainment we provided. In the second year we also learnt that we have a lot more to do to make the potpf3 a success as its getting bigger we need more facilities and also first aiders.
- We have also looked closely at the parish survey and try to work through the top requests from the community and one of the projects was a roundabout so we looked into this getting quotes from various different companies and soon realized that roundabouts are very expensive. We found that there was a grant we could apply for from Hambleton district council for £2500 we applied and it we then added £2500 ourselves from the profit from potpf2 and went ahead in making it happen it has now been installed and is continually used.
- A scheme that also came to our attention is the Tesco & groundwork Bags of Help scheme we decided to apply for this and it was a quick turnaround to get the application in before the closing date but as we had everything in place knowing that on the parish plan the community wanted Adult fitness equipment so we got a few quotes from different companies and then submitted the application on line. we soon come to learn we had got through to the final stages where the public would vote for the 3 chosen projects in the

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region in 3 local Tesco stores. We quickly got some flyers done and distributed them throughout the local area. The amount we could receive was either £12,000 £10,000 or £8,000. The votes were cast over 9 days in Tesco stores. We found out on 16<sup>th</sup> march that we have received £8,000. We should be able to get 2 pieces of equipment and in the meantime try to source another £5,000 to complete the project.

Development;

This year we have continued in developing the wildlife area, after installing various pieces of den making equipment and places for wildlife to move in we also added seating so people could sit and enjoy the area too. The wildlife area needed a fence on the boundary asap, so we decided to fund this from the money we had from recent fundraising. Phil had managed to source different types of hedging from the woodland trust which Phil and Sam planted onto the boundary line next to the new fence.

We had been offered the sum of just short of £50,000 from Sports England which is for the football pitch to be drained, leveled and re-turfed. However due to an oversight in the leasing agreement made in 1997 we have had a long few years of trying to sort out a new leasing agreement between the parish and the county council and our solicitor Simon Cole has been sorting out the agreement with the others parties involved as how it stood the playing field was not a legal entity and needed to be put into the hands of trustees. Therefore we could not progress with the football pitch until this had been resolved. It has now all been resolved and the three trustees are Sam Irvine, Andrea Colls and John Gabler.

We have also still got £70,000 from the new development in Carlton Miniott, this is hopefully to help fund a sports pavilion. In the next year we will try and push forward with this now that the lease has now been amended and is correct also the contracts have been signed with Sports England.

We have had our second ROSPA report and they have carried out a maintenance and safety inspection which highlighted area for us to improve on, we must action these points and make sure that all equipment is well maintained.

Future plans and goals;

I think as far as future plans go we are in general looking into developing the field and park further with trying to introduce some more play equipment. It would still be nice to get some more or at least replace some of the under 5's play equipment. We have talked recently about creating a pump track which would benefit all ages and of course the final goal is to get a sports pavilion. Within the next few months we are going to create a new parish survey so that we have a good insight into what the community are wanting. I think as a committee we have been very driven again this year and I think these goals are hopefully obtainable for us all to reach. I hope in the next year myself and all of us continue to drive forward.

To finish;

I would like to just thank again everyone that has been part of the committee or being a volunteer at any of our events over the last year as without each

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one of you giving ideas, feed-back and your own time the playing field committee would not work....and finally I want to take this opportunity to welcome any new members.

- 6) TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT** – the Clerk had prepared the accounts and circulated them prior to the meeting. She reported that they didn't balance by £73.10 which was the same amount as the Stock Certificate that was sold during the year. The accounts have been handed over to the Accountant who will double check the figures.
- a) Cllr Colls proposed that the annual governance statement be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr M Nickson and agreed by all.
  - b) Cllr Colls proposed that the accounting statement for 2015/16 be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Nickson and agreed by all.
- 7) TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – none present.
- 8) DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**A Colls (Chairman)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_