Minutes of Carlton Town Annual Parish Assembly held on 9th March 2023

Members of the Parish Council

Howard Thomas, Chairman	Littleside (☎ 640689)
Peter Dinsdale, Vice Chairman	Town Foot (☎ 640480)
Raymond Brown	Park View (☎ 640409)
David Suttill	Lane House (☎ 640380)
Dinah Alonso-Wilkes	High Barn (☎ 640566)
Marina Briggs, Clerk	Quaker's Garth (☎ 640058)

The meeting was held in the Coverdale Memorial Hall Annexe and started at 7.30pm.

Those present
Members of the Council present were Chairman Howard Thomas, Vice Chairman Peter Dinsdale, Councillor Dinah Alonso-Wilkes and Councillor David Suttill. Jenny Walker from the Water Committee also attended the meeting with two other members of the community.

1)To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 10th March 2022
The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman Howard Thomas.

2)Annual Parish Land lettings
Applications were invited from all interested parties via the parish notice board and letters to existing tenants on the 23th February 2023 with a deadline for applications being Wednesday 8th March 2023.

The council lands are let on the basis that they cannot be sub-let, no horses can be grazed on the Bull Park or Melbecks and thistles need to be cut before they go to seed on the Bull Park. Tenants are responsible for the upkeep of the boundaries of each parcel of land and fallen stock must be removed in a timely manner.

The following applications were received by the Clerk:
Land adjacent to Beech Cottage – One application from Reverend Kirkman – this is therefore let at an annual cost of £30.
Melbecks – One application by Mr Ronnie Suttill – this is therefore let at an annual cost of £60.
Bull Park – One application by Sir Gary Verity – this is therefore let at an annual cost of £200.

RESOLVED: The Parish Clerk will send letters to the tenants accordingly.

3)Chairman's report
The Chairman read his report which is attached.

4)End of year financial report (subject to change up to 31st March 2023)
The Parish Clerk presented the attached end of year financial report up to 3rd March 2023 and clarified that this was subject to change up to 31st March 2023. The final financial report will be printed on to the back of the June newsletter.

5)Public questions, comments or representations
None were received

The Assembly closed at 7.45pm and was followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MARCH 2023

I start as usual by thanking all the members of the Council for yet another year of service, & to welcome Dinah into our midst – always good to have a willing volunteer, & we look forward to your input. Marina continues to do sterling work, guiding us all through the many complexities of local government! Long may you continue keeping us on track.

As regards water, which has given several headaches this past year as to useage & leakage, we thank Jenny for her faithfull attention to the water plant, day after day, & in all weathers. You are a stallwart. Thanks also to Raymond & Peter for stepping up at crucial moments.

One thing especially has come to the fore recently & that is in regard to second homes/empty properties. One house, left unoccupied for almost two years, suffered a burst pipe. The fire brigade were called & had to break in. This has left the house in a pretty sad state. R.D.C. Environmental Health are on the case & we await developments. This incident confirms the message in the Village Newsletter, that all properties should have a local key holder, & that the Parish Clerk has the details.

Dog dirt in Melbecks has got worse, & also there are reported incidences throughout the village. Pity we can't catch someone.

As street lights fail they are being replaced

Date Chairman

with modern ones – quite a bit brighter as well.
As always, some people like them & others don't!
Roadside parking has been a challenge at times –
especially to larger vehicles & farm machinery.
People have been advised to park more considerately
but certain parts are still a bit of a chicane.
General tidiness is good on the whole, but some
verges are being damaged by large farm vehicles
when they meet each other in narrower parts.
The Methodist Chapel will sadly close this year
& so a little piece of village history will be lost.
And so after saying all that – life goes on!

Clarrad Chapman
Chairman 9/3/23

Date Chairman

CARLTON TOWN PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2022/23 (Subject to change up to 31st March 2023)			
RECEIPTS	**2022/23**	**2021/22**	**2020/21**
Precept	15,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
Bank interest	74.98	2.69	12.39
Rent	245.00	245.00	220.00
Water contributions	2,923.00	2,238.00	2,130.00
Water repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wayleaves	0.00	5.74	5.74
VAT	885.43	1,637.73	904.64
Grass Cutting Payment	28.74	28.74	28.74
Donations	75.00	0.00	75.00
Grants	749.25	0.00	336.24
Total receipts	**£19,981.40**	**£19,157.90**	**£13,712.75**
PAYMENTS			
Administration	913.97	533.77	456.68
Clerk Salary	3,703.70	3,120.00	3,120.00
Insurance	524.16	516.02	510.97
Charity / Donations (s137)	200.00	150.00	150.00
Open spaces	1,092.40	300.77	81.90
Precept refunds	689.57	676.39	450.54
Water plant costs	5,019.34	8,517.95	5,124.64
Water repairs	2,745.00	0.00	0.00
VAT	1,385.22	1,550.08	982.56
Total payments	**£16,273.36**	**£15,364.98**	**£10,877.29**
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY			
Funds brought forward	33,224.66	29,431.74	26,596.28
Receipts added	19,981.40	19,157.90	13,712.75
Less payments	16,273.36	15,364.98	10,877.29
Balance carried forward on 31st March	**£36,932.70**	**£33,224.66**	**£29,431.74**

Date Chairman