

Carlton Town Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council

Peter Dinsdale, Chairman	Town Foot (☎ 640480)
Raymond Brown, Vice Chairman	Park View (☎ 640409)
Howard Thomas	Little side (☎ 640689)
David Suttill	Lane House (☎ 640380)
Dinah Alonso-Wilkes	High Barn (☎ 640566)
Carol Brown, Clerk	Park View (☎ 640409)

Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd October 2024 at 7.30pm.

Those present:

Councillors Peter Dinsdale, Howard Thomas, Dinah Alonso-Wilkes, Raymond Brown and the Clerk, Carol Brown, attended the meeting along with Jenny Walker from the Water Committee, and three parishioners.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor David Suttill. Apologies received from Edgar Jenkins.

2. To receive any declarations of interest and special dispensations

No declarations of interest were made.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 2024

RESOLVED: The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. To receive any public questions, comments or representations

None

5. To receive a report from the Parish Clerk

5.1 Completed Actions from Last Meeting

All actions have been dealt with or are items on the agenda.

5.2 Welcome Letters to New Residents

RESOLVED: The council asked the Clerk to send new residents letters to Highfield, Barn Cottage and Sunnyside.

5.3 Items for the December Newsletter

None given at the meeting, but Councillors to inform Clerk of any proposals.

5.4 Other Matters Arising

Correspondence received

RESOLVED: An email was received from Martyn Whistler, Chairman of the Coverdale Community Pub (CCP) asking if the parish council delivered new Shareholder forms alongside the new Welcome letters sent by the council as this had been done in the past. The council stated that this was the responsibility of the CCP and not the council. Clerk to reply.

6. To receive the Water Report from Jenny Walker and consider any financial expenditure. Update on water plant.

Jenny Walker circulated the following report:

Water Report for Parish Council 3rd Oct 2024

The water coming into the taps of the householders in Carlton continues to be safe to drink.

Water samples obtained in July from the potential new spring sources were analysed by Culligan, and this information has enabled both Culligan and another Water Treatment Company to send quotes to the Parish Council for the replacement of the treatment equipment in the Water Hut to produce safe drinking water for the village of Carlton.

The Culligan engineer came in August to review the treatment plant and the adequate chlorination of the water. He ensured correct workings of the equipment, and explained that apart from the increased water usage needing more chlorine, it is also because the media in the Filters continues to increase in age and is becoming even less efficient, and hence more chlorine is needed to maintain adequate treatment levels when we test it.

The engineer has set the parameters on our spare Chlorine dosing pump to be the same as the dosing pump which is currently in use in the Hut, ready for immediate replacement if necessary.

In late July concerns were raised by some householders in the area of the village near Winterburn House regarding the pressure in their taps. This was improved slightly by the opening up of the stop-tap valve outside Melbeck Studio.

On 19th August water usage suddenly jumped to over 99 cubes in 24 hours, and the storage reservoir was only half full despite normal inflow of water into the Hut, indicating a big leak. Raymond located a tap in an outbuilding behind Pinfold which had burst and was pouring out water. Stopping this leak reduced the water usage by over 30 cubes per day, and it also improved the pressure in the nearby house taps.

In mid-September, a visible leak was seen in the road outside Hall Ing (formerly called Ivy Cottage) at the bottom of the village.

The householder contacted their insurance who arranged for the leak to be repaired by Metroplumb under their insurance cover. The leak was due to a corroded lead pipe between the stop tap and the house and stopping the leak reduced water usage by 10 cubes per day, back to the usual current usage.

Unfortunately there is still sediment coming into the water supply at Hall Ing. This is presumed to be from the old connecting pipe between the Mains pipe and the stop tap to the house. The householder is needing to use a filter to catch this sediment before it enters their taps.

There was extremely heavy rain last week and on Friday morning the top half of the village had no water, and the bottom half had very low pressure. It was found that the supply pipe inside the quarry face at Melbecks had become dislodged. Fortunately, Raymond and Pete Hill managed to connect the water supply through one pipe, rather than the previous two, into the top reservoir through a temporary connection, and the water flow to the village is normal again now.

Water usage is running at 70-74 cubes per day.

Village water usage is expected to be 35-40 cubes per day.

Raymond and Pete Hill carried out a night-time leak test of the village in mid-August and measured 31 cubes/day being lost in the village between Littleaside and the pub. These leaks have not yet been investigated any further,

Daily checking by volunteers of our water treatment system at the Water Hut is essential.

It confirms the electricity supply, the availability of adequate water volume, the water usage, the correct function of the equipment in the Hut, as well as testing water from the home tap and from the reservoir at the Hut to ensure adequate sterilisation of the water, which is supplied to the Village, and confirming that it is safe to drink.

We look forward to hearing about the plans for the urgent replacement of the current water supply and treatment system. Thank you.

Jenny Walker, on behalf of Carlton Water Committee

Update on water plant

Two quotes had been received for the Community Water Supply (CWS) one from Culligans and one from H & H Water Services Ltd. Other companies had been asked to quote but no quotes had been received. A public meeting is to be arranged to discuss the quotes alongside Yorkshire Water Funding Committees (YWFC) findings to inform residents and discuss setting up a working group/company to run the CWS for the short-, medium- and long-term with help from North Yorkshire Council (NYC). Councillor Brown stated that going forward with the CWS the new working group would need to work with Carol Little. A member of the community asked if the two quotes received were a like for like representation, Councillor Dinsdale stated that they were slightly different as one included UV filters in the water hut and one did not. Also, one quote included the installation of the tank but not the cost of the tank itself, and the other quote did not include either. Councillor Dinsdale stated that a like for like quote would be needed for the public meeting.

The councillors had attended two meetings with NYC regarding funding and legal implications, water charter, etc. NYC stated that funding was limited but would be willing to help with advice and research and setting up water charter and business plan. Suggestions of a loan or connection charges were made as to how to raise funds needed to facilitate the CWS. A member of the Parish who was in favour of Yorkshire Water stated that as no funding was available for the Yorkshire Water option, the CWS option would be considered if operated legally under a new Water Charter and as a continuous investment for the village. Councillor Dinsdale also stated that the Parish Council could only facilitate the CWS and not the Yorkshire Water option, and if no new working group could be formed or residents still wished to pursue Yorkshire Water the Parish Council would have to consider their roles as councillors.

RESOLVED: David Llewellyn would be asked by Councillor Dinsdale to attend the public meeting to give the findings and options for Yorkshire Water.

Jenny Walker stated that she was extremely concerned about the state of the current water treatment plant as it is at the end of its useful life. She would like progress to be made as insurance could become invalid if Culligans were to refuse to service it due to parts not being available. Jenny Walker also stated she was concerned about any issues developing whilst Councillor Brown was away on holiday as he is part of the water committee who oversees any emergency issues that may arise.

7. To discuss the broken wall at the village garden

RESOLVED: Councillor Thomas informed the Parish Council that both sides of the bridge in the village garden had holes in them also the wall above the beck. Councillor Dinsdale to inspect the garden and approach Andrew Dent regarding repair work.

8. To discuss and consider the Parish financial report:

The Clerk gave the following information to the meeting:

Bank balances as at 3rd October 2024:

Current Account	£3754.30
Deposit Account	<u>£56206.89</u>
Total	<u>£59961.19</u>

The Clerk also gave her apologies to the Parish Council as she had just recently had a family bereavement and had been unable to provide information for items **8.1** and **8.4**. for the meeting. This would be circulated to the Parish Council as soon as possible.

8.1 Expenditure and receipts since the last meeting.

No information given at this time. Clerk to forward to Councillors.

8.2 Outstanding requests for payment

Contributions are still outstanding for M Suttill for Agri contributions. Clerk to send a reminder.

8.3. Agreement of the water buffer fund

This would be discussed at the next meeting when information has been gathered following the village meeting.

8.4 Half yearly review of the annual budget

No information given at this time. Clerk to forward to Councillors.

8.5 To consider setting of the precept

All Councillors agreed to set the precept for 2025/26 at £22000.00

8.6 To consider precept refunds

Council tax bills - Refunds are due to villagers who are not connected to the water supply. The Clerk to send out the usual letters to Mr F Lawson, Sir Gary Verity, Mr A Parr and Mr & Mrs M Suttill.

9. To consider and set the calendar of Parish Council meetings for 2025

Agreed dates were 23rd January 2025, 10th April 2025, 10th July 2025 and 9th October 2025

10. To Consider items for the next Parish Council meeting agenda in January 2025

Items to include review of risk assessment and asset register, water contributions and land letting rates, VAT refund claim, update on the water plant and items for the March 2025 Newsletter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm