

CARRINGTON and NEW BOLINGBROKE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes taken by the Town Clerk, Mrs Victoria Clark, at the Meeting of Carrington and New Bolingbroke Town Council held on Tuesday, 25 March 2025, in Carrington Village Hall

Present: Councillors, Ken Rundle (Town Mayor), Eric Wells (Deputy Town Mayor), Tim Morgan, Richard Wiggall, Mike Forward and the Clerk.

Also present: County/District Councillor Tom Ashton and two members of the public

Public Forum:

The members of the public did not wish to speak

County/District Councillor Tom Ashton: PRESENTATION

Councillor Ashton, as a gesture to commemorate the Council becoming a Town Council and adopting a Mayor in 2023, presented the Mayor, Councillor Ken Rundle with a gavel for his and future Mayors' use.

The Mayor thanked Councillor Ashton for this kind gesture

Councillor Ashton gave apologies from District Councillor Neil Jones and updated the council on matters including the County and District council

- Both County and District council are setting the 2025-26 budget
- The signage for lowering the speed limit through New Bolingbroke and joining both 50mph sections in Carrington is scheduled for late summer early Autumn.

The meeting was opened at: 19:26

1. Mayor's welcome:

Councillor Rundle welcomed those attending

2. Apologies for absence: To receive and accept apologies where valid reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the meeting

Councillor Andy Paul had given his apologies with reasons at the end of the January meeting.

On a proposal from Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Forward, and with no objections, it was resolved to accept the reasons given

3. Declarations of interest: (if any) To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests

No declarations were given

4. Notes of the Town Council meeting held on 26 November 2024

To resolve as a correct record and to authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes

On a proposal from Councillor Wiggall, seconded by Councillor Morgan, and with no objections, it was resolved to accept the minutes as a correct record, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: Tuesday, 29 April 2025

5. Notes of the Town Council meeting held on 28 January 2025

To resolve as a correct record and to authorise the Chairman to sign the official minutes

On a proposal from Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Forward, and with no objections, it was resolved to accept the minutes as a correct record, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them

6. Financial matters: Previously sent to Councillors, to resolve as correct and authorise payments

- i. Bank statement Balance 28 February 2025 £20,033.58
- ii. Payments: Made or to be approved
 - TA Blackamore annual grass cutting Invoice SI-5221 £1,692.00
 - Due April 2025 Carrington Village hall hire fee including the remembrance Sunday refreshments £100.00
 - Due April 2025 New Bolingbroke Town Hall hire fee £90.00
 - Lloyds bank charges 10/1 – 9/2 £4.25 DD on or after 18/3

The financial items above due in April will be paid on or just after Tuesday 1 April, along with April payments approved in January.

On proposal from Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Wiggall and with no objections, all resolved to approve the payments

7. Planning: Town and Country Planning Act 1990. To consider and make observations on all planning applications received and to note planning approvals, refusals, enforcement complaints and appeal decisions advised by the district council. To include those received from the date of this notice and the day on the meeting

No planning applications had been received

8. FixMyStreet, Lincolnshire County Council and East Lindsey

- a) Resurfacing of footpaths – To receive any updates

In April the Clerk will contact LCC for an update on the schedule for these works

- b) Reducing the 60mph speed limit to connect both 50mph and reduction through New Bolingbroke: To receive any updates

Councillor Ashton explained that now this reduction had been approved, the signage is scheduled to be installed in late summer or early autumn

9. Clerk's reports, outstanding matters and new matters

- a) Village Gates, sign and posts for New Bolingbroke: Update

The extra poles are now available, on a site visit, the Clerk will show the contractor the areas in New Bolingbroke that have been approved by highways to have four posts to hold village gates and two signs.

- b) To discuss jobs that need completing for the Darrens Groundcare and Maintenance

No new jobs have been identified.

Councillor Wiggall passed on thanks from a resident using the bus shelter for keeping it tidy

- c) To approve applying for a grant to help with the upkeep of the Carrington Swans

On proposal from Councillor Wiggall, seconded by Councillor Forward and with no objections, all resolved to give the Clerk delegated power to complete the grant form when received

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10. Information, reports and correspondence

a) To receive updates on the consultation for the reduction of speed limits

This was discussed during Councillor Ashton's update

b) Ownership of The Green: To receive any updates

The Clerk would contact the solicitor for any updates

c) Telephone Kiosk: Usage as a micro museum of the area. To discuss action

- Councillor Rundle will arrange for the Kiosk to be pressure washed
- Councillor Morgan will arrange to have the electric to the Kiosk disconnected
- The Clerk will inform the Council's Maintenance Man that once the Kiosk has been pressure washed, he should proceed with painting it. The Clerk will ensure the required paint is provided.

d) To receive a report of costs for planters

The Clerk had given a report on costs to all members and all agreed this would be too costly. It was agreed that bulbs directly into the soil would be a less expensive. The costs of these would be discussed at the July meeting and the Clerk would enquire whether the Maintenance Man was willing to plant the bulbs.

e) To discuss possible positions for defibrillators and costs

The Junction would be an ideal position for a second defibrillator, Council Rundle would approach them

f) To discuss pot holes on The Green and consider any quotations received and receive any updates

- After discussions regarding the gradual loss of the grass area due to parking, the Council noted that since solicitor fees had been paid to regain ownership of The Green, losing the area would be unfavourable. The Clerk will explore options, including the suggested white-painted curbs, and report on potential costs
- Where to place the boundary line would also need discussing when a suitable solution is found.
- An economic solution to the pot holes will need to be found

11. Defibrillator: To discuss and resolve a monthly check by the council's maintenance contractor

On proposal from Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Wiggall and with no objections, all resolved to hand over the monthly checks to the council's maintenance man.

12. Next meeting/s Tuesday 29 April 2025 and approve future meeting dates

The clerk had provided a list of dates that had been agreed with both halls, all members had received the list and all agreed to the scheduled dates. These will be added to the website

13. To resolve to move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in relation to the following matters:

It was agreed that there was no need to move into a closed session

- i. To consider the resignation of the current Clerk/Proper Officer/Responsible Financial Officer, Mrs Victoria Clark and to discuss the process of filling the vacancy

The Clerk had provided a draft advertisement, job descriptions, and proposed locations for advertising the vacancy. With no objections, it was resolved to approve the details as presented.

The meeting closed at 20:12

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