

Meeting Neighbourhood Forum 21/5/2018 – Carlton Cricket Club – 20:15 to 22:00

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1. We recognised that we need further member support, so we will be preparing a Flyer to ask for more support on the back of the 186 objections and the recent rejection on Strawberry fields.

This support is to assist with completion of the neighbourhood plan.

A couple of contacts we have been provided are;

Maria Bradley – 07788 798411 – mrsMariabradley@gmail.com

Jan Laurie may help out – ask them to get involved.

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2. Rejection on strawberry fields – received, we await further guidance on a challenge or appeal.
3. Kevin to sort a logo for the CVNF.
4. We discussed preparing some articles for the web site to encourage engagement.

The topics could be

- Article about the Rhubarb Festival and the history.
- Cricket Club and the village community asset
- Kevin to provide some photos of the village.
- Infrastructure problems and potholes

- Photos around the school at opening and closing time, traffic.
- Put a link to the Carlton PTE page
- Put a link Carlton Village Events Group
- Article on our “in bloom” sponsors
- Farm shop looking for new manager.
- Park and Ride site and current position.
- Farmer destroys public right of way at the back of shayfields
- Orchard Project – Apple orchards
- Carlton manor Article
- Rothwell horticultural show

SWOT Analysis

In order to assist in the formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan the following Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats are identified.

Carlton SWOT analysis

Strengths

- Good access to M1 and M62 other major routes,
- Within easy reach of Leeds and Wakefield but remains rural village character,
- Largely surrounded by green belt land, so should not be in immediate danger of being over-developed or absorbed into neighbouring towns.
- Post office, farm shop and pubs within or very near to the Designated Area
- Community facilities: Social Club, cricket club
- Very good primary school
- Active community organisations e.g. Carlton Village Community Events Group
- Comprehensive range of footpaths
- Good number of skilled and experienced people willing to contribute to voluntary activities
- A distinctive heritage needs to be defined
- A quality location
- A desirable place to live,
- Good allotment provision,
- Village fetes e.g. rhubarb festival;
- Village greens
- Access to local amenities, adjacent to the community, eg leisure centre
- Young to old education facilities are good.

Weaknesses

- Viable sustainable, public transport system
- Through Road traffic, rat running
- Heavy vehicles on narrow roads
- Village not large enough to support a wider range of leisure facilities

- Insufficient parking, particularly near the school
- Minimal employment opportunities in the village
- Access to broadband not sufficiently enhanced
- Historical drainage problems
- A high proportion of older residents,
- Lack of dedicated school sports pitch provision.
- Footpath provision
- Periphery of Leeds boundary
- Periphery of Wakefield boundary
- Political boundaries

Opportunities

- Sensitive development could keep the village character and environment while ensuring it does not stagnate.
- Developments within Carlton could provide funds to improve road infrastructure and footpaths.
- Tourism.
- Rhubarb festival
- Enhanced or upgraded school provision
- Opportunities to increase social provision within the village, particularly if some further housing is introduced,
- Amelioration of traffic issues,
- Creation of improved children's sports facilities,
- Protection of important areas e.g. natural environment and buildings,
- Renewable energy provision

Threats

- More houses in the area could make the village busier with increased through traffic
- Significant areas of green belt land could at some point in the future be released for building and change the character of the village.
- Continued congestion on the A61, and potential increase of its capacity, could impact on Carlton and particularly the potential for it to become a "rat run" for motorists
- Increasing house prices could change the demographics of the village and force young people with village connections to move away.
- Stourton Park and Ride
- Inappropriate new development

- The lack of a ratified Leeds Site Allocation Plan could promote (and has already promoted) exploitation by developers to introduce inappropriate housing provision
- Closure of Community facilities due to limited “footfall”
- Apathy or lack of interest by local people
- Sale or use of farmland and open spaces for development.

Below are our village objectives, which we have had votes and discussions on. We would like to consider how we turn these in to Policy intentions. As agreed with Leeds CC, we would request support on this to proceed to drafting our Plan.

Policy Intentions for Carlton Village

Economic

Objective 1

Encourage businesses and local employment in a sensitive manner that does not detract from the scale of the existing village or its character.

Social/Community

Objective 2

Protect the Historic Core of Carlton: to ensure that any new development is introduced in a way that both maintains and enhances the built environment of Carlton and conserves its local rural character, and in so doing improves the quality of life for present residents and the residents of the future

Objective 3

Support the provision of new affordable housing: The introduction of good quality homes to meet the needs of all sections of the community in an innovative and sensitive way that is sympathetic to the local environment.

Objective 4

Safeguard existing services and provide new services for the benefit of residents and others. Ensure that local residents have excellent access to services, including but not limited to educational and health provision.

Objective 5

Support new, and maintain existing, village facilities for the benefit of residents in a structured manner to promote increased integration and community spirit.

Objective 6

Safeguard existing allotments: To ensure that allotment provision exceeds the Core Strategy policy thresholds reflecting the needs of what is essentially a rural community.

Environmental

Objective 7

Designate increase and improve Local Green Spaces to protect them for the community and at the same time increase the sense of community, local integration and quality of life for residents. Ensure that open spaces and trees are protected and that local ecology and biodiversity are improved with particular emphasis on hedgerows and treescape.

Objective 8

Protect the green corridor around Carlton to ensure that the village feel of Carlton is retained and that the potential for urban sprawl is obviated, thus not disturbing the valuable village feel of the area.

Objective 9

Ensure that any new housing development is provided in a manner that does not detract from ,and at the same time enhances ,the village environment .Such development to be proportional to the scale of the village and the services it is able to provide both from the perspective of facilities and infrastructure.

Infrastructure

Objective 10

Ensure that safe access is achieved to allow walkers, cyclists and those interested in the natural attributes of the area to gain maximum benefit from what the local environment has to offer i.e. enabling healthy outdoor activity for all. In so doing promote the value of the surroundings and allow the community to better engage with the beauty of the local area.

Objective 11

Ensure that public transport continues to be available and that it is sensibly routed in the context of the village layout and that associated facilities are of good quality for the benefit of Carlton residents. Ensure that the safety of residents is fully accounted for.

Objective 12

Improve parking facilities to reflect the needs of the village and ensure that traffic speeds are consistent with the configuration of highways and the local services and facilities in a manner that is safe and demonstrably risk assessed.

Objective 13

Develop a long-term energy action plan for the village that includes actions on both energy efficiency and energy supply projects.

Objective 14

Support the provision of the latest high speed internet access to provide excellent communications for both householders and local businesses.