Minutes of Carrington’s (with New Bolingbroke) Annual Parish Meeting held on 6th May 2014 at 6pm in New Bolingbroke Town Hall.

Present: 16 members of the public, including Cllr. K Rundle (Chairman), the Reverend R Taylor and the Clerk, Mrs V Clark.

1. **Refreshments** were served from 6 to 6.30pm and everyone had a chance to socialise, meet their Councillors and pick up information from various sources, including the council, police, Church, LIVES.org.uk and New Bolingbroke Town Hall.

2. **Apologies for absence** – None received

3. **Welcome and report by the Chairman** – District Cllr. Jones was thanked for his grant that will go towards a re-vamp of the car park outside the Town Hall and for updating the council with information, County Cllr. Mair was also thanked for the information given to the council. The Chairman also thanked Cllr. Mrs S Brown as Vice Chair for stepping in when needed and contractors for their good work.

4. **Notes from the Annual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2013** to be approved as the minutes by those that attended last year’s meeting – on proposal from Cllr. S Clark (Frithville) and seconded by Cllr. Mrs J O’Connor all those that attended last year’s meeting resolved to accept them as the minutes of the meeting and they were signed by the Chairman.

5. **Playground area in New Bolingbroke** – The contractor has removed all old and bent panels, cut down the broken basketball hoop & pole and removed from site they also tidied up and removed all foreign debris; all remaining loose panels are being stored. The grass cutter still has to spend time clearing foreign debris before each cut.

Residents were asked if they had any ideas going forward, fund raising to revamp the area was suggested however this has been done on two occasions but the area and equipment was still vandalised. CCTV was mentioned but it was felt that nearby residents might not feel happy about this and it is hoped that someone may come forward to keep an eye on the area or if a group want to get together the council would be happy to listen to their proposal and help them where they can.

6. **Missing post boxes at Shorts Corner and Medlam Lane** – Thanks were given to Mr Mark Simmonds MP for his help with this issue and liaising with Royal Mail.

Medlam lane – This box will be replaced soon

Shorts corner – The post office are no longer allowed to fix boxes to BT poles and lamp posts. They will not dig up and place a pole in the ground as there are underground utilities in the vicinity.

After discussion it was agreed that the next stages would be to speak to the nearest resident and then to find out the requirements.

**ACTION:** Clerk to visit the nearest resident to make sure this is what they want

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to Royal Mail through Mr Mark Simmonds MP to find out what size pole they need to fix a box to.

7. **Footpath south of the village** – Carrington - Mr Mark Simmonds M.P was thanked again for his help with this matter – The footpath disappeared due to turf encroaching and after many years of residents and council trying to get it reinstated Mr Ratcliffe of Lincolnshire County Council has agreed to having the turf removed to a width of at least 18inches along the length from the church to the crossroads. Now that we are in the new financial year more information should soon be available.

Two residents stated that they had met with Mr Mark Simmonds during his recent surgery in Carrington Village Hall and explained the history of the path to him and the importance of it being re-instated. They said they found Mr Simmonds really listened to them and explained that he would bring this up at his meeting later that day with Lincolnshire County Council.

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It was discussed that if pathways in fields are being cleared then this imported path should also be re-instated and that it used to be over 3ft wide when roads were considerably quieter and that now very fast traffic are on the roads it is getting ever more essential that the village has it back before another fatality.

8. Any other issues or comments from residents
   a) Trees outside the Town Hall New Bolingbroke – a point had been made to the Town Hall committee by planning that the roots could damage the building and that the porous brickwork cannot dry out.
      **ACTION: Clerk to check that the land is parish land and the rules for cutting trees.**
   b) Anaerobic digester – Residents were reminded that they still have until the 20th May to write to planning with their views of this proposed plant.
   c) Bus shelter near Town Hall New Bolingbroke - There is funding available from the County Council which provides a contribution towards the cost. It was mentioned that would this also be vandalised as with the play area.
   d) Speed indicators – The Lincolnshire Road Safety partnership have movable speed information signs for a cost of just over £2,000 the idea is for several parish councils to buy one between them and share it. Langriville Parish Council has indicated an interest in this and that District Cllr. N Jones would give some of his grant money towards it. The discussion was mixed as to whether it would help with speeding traffic and that the last time the parish had a portable one it was recorded that only a low percentage of traffic did actually speed.
   e) Directory/Welcome leaflet - This would be for any new residents moving in and would include local information including doctors, dentists, council members, clubs & societies etc. and would be hand delivered by the nearest councillor. It was discussed if this is needed in this modern age of technology and that the parish already has a website that can include this information on the other side it was said that a lot of people like something that they can pin to the fridge for reference and that there are still a lot of people that do not have an internet connection.
   f) Car park outside the Town Hall – Funding that will cover most of the cost to re-vamp the area has been received
   g) More Tea Vicar? An hilarious audience with Dad’s Army Vicar, Frank Williams – Friday June 27th 7pm Sibsey Church Tickets only £6 (Includes a glass of wine) – To reserve tickets 01205 751674, 01205 751378 or 01205 750336
   h) Frithville to Revesby – It was asked if the council could clarify what the status of this thoroughfare is. As this is in the Parish of Frithville with Westville the question will be asked at their next meeting on 13th May.

N.B. Items 6, 7 and a-g of item 8 will be included on the Agenda of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 20th May 7pm in New Bolingbroke Town Hall, all residents welcome.

AS THERE WERE NO OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.15PM

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