

**SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING**

**Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at the MRCC, Nelson Lane, North Muskham at 7pm.**

**Present:** Councillor I Harrison (Chair)  
Councillor P Beddoe  
Councillor N Hutchings  
Councillor A Oliver  
Councillor S Preston  
Councillor M Talbot

**Also in attendance: 4 members of the public, Councillor Mrs Saddington and County Councillor Laughton**

**NM044-24 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Dolby.

**NM045-24 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Talbot declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8(a); Councillor Hutchings declared a personal interest in Agenda item 8(c)

It was AGREED that any further declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

**NM046-24 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

**NM047-24 Public 10 Minute Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.02pm for the public session.

A resident referred to the proposal for FP1 and the comments made by the Network Rail representative at the June Parish Council meeting relating to a fence between the A1 and Level Crossing. As this had not been mentioned in any statement relating to the footpath, the resident advised they would seek clarification and keep the Clerk updated on any information received.

A resident expressed concern at the removal of dog waste bins at Cromwell Lock. The Chair advised that, as this was outside of the Parish Council boundary, responsibility lay with either the Canal & River Trust or Newark & Sherwood District Council. The resident to make enquiries and update the Clerk.

Cllr Talbot asked the Clerk to seek clarification on when the litter bins were emptied by the District Council.

Residents were thanked for their input and the meeting was reconvened at 7.07pm.

**NM048-24 To consider any matters that need to be raised with District Cllr Mrs Saddington**

The Chair welcomed Cllr Mrs Saddington to the meeting and suspended the meeting at 7.08pm for her report.

The development on Nelson Lane had been refused permission by the District Council.

A Beat Surgery would be held at the MRCC at 10am on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July by PC Bakin and PCSO Dunn.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to the recent occupation of the MRCC Playing Field. The Chair confirmed this was on the agenda for review.

**NM049-24 County Councillor Update – Cllr Laughton**

This item would be taken if, and when, Cllr Laughton arrived.

**NM050-24 To consider the recent unlawful occupation of the MRCC Playing Field, mitigation against future occupation and the impact on the village**

The Chair referred to the recent occupation of the MRCC playing field by 16 caravans and various vehicles which arrived on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June and left on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

The Parish Council's solicitors, Tallents, had confirmed to the Clerk that responsibility in law for the eviction rested with the MRCC as they were "in possession" of the land.

Thanks were extended to everyone who were involved in seeking the removal of this unauthorised occupation. The District Council had been helpful in providing initial advice, with their cleansing team tackling the aftermath after the occupants had left.

The Chair advised that, together with Cllr Hutchings, he would be attending the MRCC Trustees Meeting on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to discuss mitigation against any future occupancy. A request had been made for a meeting with the District Council to discuss bunds, and potential funding available.

There was some concern at the Police response and an invitation had been extended to Inspector Ellam to attend the September meeting to discuss in more detail. The Clerk was asked to put a message out to the community to ask for details on any incidents experienced or concerns they had during the occupation that could be shared with the Police.

**NM049-24 County Councillor Update – Cllr Laughton**

**(cont)**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for Cllr Laughton's report.

A paper would be presented to Members at the County Council recommending the sale of County Hall. If agreed, the County Council would move out in February 2025.

Legislation for the devolution would be considered by Parliament in November.

Highways encroachment at Marsh Lane was now with the County Council's Legal Team.

Great North Road, by British Sugar, had been scheduled for surface repairs.

The Chair referred to the fissures in the surfacing on the A1 roundabout. These had been reported on numerous occasions previously, with Officers at Via advising a new way of repairing was being considered. Concern was expressed at the width of the fissures and it was considered that urgent repairs were required before an accident occurred. Cllr Laughton to raise with Officers direct and report back to the Clerk.

The Chair thanked Cllr Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.37pm.

#### **NM051-24 Planning**

- (a) 23/01037/LDCP – 4 Hatton Close, North Muskham - Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension

Members noted the application as outlined.

- (b) 23/00898/HOUSE - Burridge Farm, Crab Lane, North Muskham - Demolish conservatory and boot room. Single storey rear extension

After consideration, it was AGREED that the application be supported.

- (c) 23/00885/TPO – Four Trees, Old Great North Road, North Muskham - Undertake works to trees protected by TPO N247 identified as T1 - Remove 1 No. dead Silver Birch Tree

Prior to consideration of this item, Cllr Hutchings, declared a personal interest and did not participate in any discussion.

Members noted the application for the tree works as outlined.

- (d) Decision Notice - 23/00639/FUL – Land at Nelson Lane - Change of use of paddock land to erect 6 No. 5 bedroom detached house

Members noted the decision notice outlining the refusal of planning permission for the development as outlined.

#### **NM052-24 Parish Council Matters**

- (a) Allotments/Green Hub Report including proposed changes to the Allotment Agreement and Guidelines

Members noted and agreed the proposed changes to the Allotment Agreement and Guidelines.

- (b) To note progress with reconvening the Speedwatch Group

Cllr Oliver advised that there were now a group of 8 people willing to be part of a Speedwatch Group. Information had been received from the Police on the requirements to run the group and training required. It was noted that there would

be a financial outlay and it was AGREED that delegated authority be given to the Clerk to spend up to £1,000 on appropriate signage and a speed gun, together with any other items that may be required, including room hire.

The Chair thanked Cllr Oliver for his work in re-establishing the Group.

- (c) To discuss the MRCC playing field football pitch layout and response  
Members noted that the Chair and Cllr Hutchings were attending a meeting of the MRCC Trustees on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July where this would be discussed in more detail.

- (d) To consider land north of the village and alternative scheme  
The Chair advised that further correspondence had been received from the agents and owners of the land north of the village. Confirmation had been given that the Parish Council had an interest in acquiring the land.

Funding streams, in addition to the UK Prosperity Fund being managed by the District Council, were being investigated.

An additional meeting of the Parish Council may need to be called during the August Recess if the District Council launched the details of the Fund.

An alternative scheme would be a community hub and shop at the MRCC.

#### **NM053-24 Environmental & Community Issues**

- (a) Skatepark and Play Area  
The Clerk advised that two of the new items had been referred to HAG SMP for fraying. A response was awaited.

Cllr Beddoe advised that there was little progress on the skatepark as without willing volunteers to put a bid together it would remain as it was.

- (b) To note improvement works undertaken by Notts Wildlife Trust  
Members noted that the Notts Wildlife Trust had been on site to upgrade the path behind the lake at Manor House Drive. Work would also be undertaken to the fence and a seat would be installed.

A donation of £500 had been agreed to the Wildlife Trust, which the Clerk would now process.

#### **NM054-24 Highways**

- (a) Highways Log  
The Clerk was asked to log the condition of the footpath on Main Street, adjacent to the Church.

It was noted that the lights on Ferry Lane were still not working. The Clerk to log again.

- (b) Roadworks Bulletin – Great North Road, North Muskham – 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Members noted the bulletin advising of a closure to allow work on the telecoms tower adjacent to the A1 roundabout.

**NM055-24 Financial Matters**

- (a) Accounts for payment  
The Chair referred to the accounts for payment. It was AGREED unanimously that the following accounts be agreed for payment:

- Clerk's Wages – June - £284
- PAYE – June – £71
- Village Handyman –

- (b) To note any Receipts  
The following receipts were noted:
- Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery - £151
  - Newark & Sherwood District Council – Coronation Grant - £300
  - Allotment Rent - £82.12

- (c) Financial Report – to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Members noted the financial report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

The Clerk would progress the transfer of funds out of the current account into the reserves account for the Skatepark and Play Area Maintenance (£1,300 and £1,000).

**NM056-24 Notts Association of Local Councils**

- (a) To receive information on the 2023 Annual General Meeting  
Members received and noted the information on the 2023 Annual General Meeting. As this was the same date as the September meeting, no representative would be attending.

- (b) To note proposals for a National Beacon Lighting to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Members noted proposals for a National Beacon Lighting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day.

**NM057-24 Items for Notification**

- (a) Christmas Event  
The Chair referred to a date for the 2023 Christmas Lights Switch-On. A date of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 was agreed. The Clerk to progress an invitation to the Salvation Army to attend.

(b) Reverend Hadley  
Cllr Talbot advised Members that the last service for Reverend Hadley would be on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 10am.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan  
The Chair advised that there were now 4 people interested in working to put a Neighbourhood Plan together. Permission was requested for the Clerk to seek further volunteers to come forward through a post on Muskham Messenger. This was AGREED.

**NM058-24 Correspondence**

There was none to consider.

**NM059-24 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.