

**SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING**

**Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the MRCC, Nelson Lane, North Muskham at 7pm.**

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

**Also present, District Cllr Mrs Saddington and 3 members of the public.**

**NM082-24 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Beddoe

**NM083-24 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

**NM084-24 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Hutchings declared an interest in Agenda Item 9(a).

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

**NM085-24 Public 10 Minute Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.02pm for questions from the public.

A resident referred to the number of advertising signs that were on the fencing on the bridge heading towards South Muskham. Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that she would request an inspection.

A resident referred to the speeding traffic on Main Street, and trucks going along the road at school time. The Chair explained that the Clerk had enquired about a 20mph zone with Via but that would not be considered as it did not meet criteria.

Councillor Oliver advised that the Muskham Speedwatch was in the process of being re-formed, with the PCSO attending a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October with the group.

Concern was expressed at dogs fouling on the MRCC playing field when caravan events were being held. This would be raised at the Trustees meeting.

The Chair thanked residents for their questions and reconvened the meeting at 7.06pm.

**NM086-24 To consider any matters that need to be raised with District Cllr Mrs Saddington**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.07pm for District Cllr Saddington's report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to the meeting on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October at the MRCC between 11am and 12 Noon with members of the Integrated Care Board. Any changes will have to be considered by the Health Scrutiny Committee in November.

Residents were encouraged to attend to ensure their views were heard.

A recording of the online session would be posted on Muskham Messenger on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**NM087-24 Newark & Sherwood District Council**

(a) To consider correspondence received regarding the review of CCTV

The Chair referred to correspondence received from Newark & Sherwood District Council who were reviewing their CCTV.

After discussion, it was AGREED that delegated authority be given to the Chair to respond and outline concerns regarding the centralisation of the CCTV and the impact on the town centre.

**NM088-24 To consider any matters that need to be raised with County Councillor update Cllr Laughton**

Councillor Talbot asked if the gaps in the surfacing of the A1 roundabout could again be highlighted by the Clerk with Cllr Laughton and Officers at Via.

**NM089-24 Nottinghamshire County Council**

There were no matters to report.

**NM090-24 Planning**

(a) 23/01698/FUL – The Nook, Marsh Lane, North Muskham – New gabion wall

Prior to consideration of this item Councillor Hutchings left the room.

The Clerk advised Members that the Legal Department of the County Council were investigating whether part of the highway was included in the department.

After consideration it was AGREED that, while the Parish Council had no objection to the actual proposals, they were aware that there was some concern over the legal boundary. If it was found that the wall was encroaching on to highways land, the Parish Council would object to the proposals.

(b) To consider a response to the Local Development Framework Plan Review – Second Publication Allocations & Development Management Development Plan Document – Regulation 19 Consultation

Members noted that there was no specific mention of North Muskham, which was covered by existing policies.

The Chair expressed concern about the proposals for out of town retail development, with reference made to Balderton and Fernwood, and the impact this would have on Newark.

It was AGREED that a response be submitted outlining concerns on this area.

- (c) To note the determination of the application made to Newark & Sherwood District Council registering land to the north of the village as an Asset of Community Value  
Members received and noted correspondence from Newark & Sherwood District Council confirming that the land to the north of the village had been registered as an Asset of Community Value.

The Clerk advised that the District Council had been notified that the Parish Council wished to be treated as a bidder, which meant there would be a moratorium on sale of the land to April 2024.

- (d) Update on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan  
The Clerk advised that there had been some issues with the application to Locality for funding. The Clerk was asked to update the WhatsApp group and arrange a further meeting. Administrative support to be requested from the group.

#### **NM091-24 Parish Council Matters**

- (a) Allotments/Green Hub Report  
Councillor Preston advised that the gully had now been filled with soil. The weed membrane that had been requested had been provided. The polythene membrane previously supplied to be stored in the container for future use.

The Clerk confirmed that a new tenant had taken on plot 11, which meant that there was now only plot 2 vacant.

It was AGREED that the water would be turned off on the 31<sup>st</sup> October and the pipes drained. It would be turned back on in the Spring. Councillor Preston would advise the tenants.

- (b) To note the present position with the submission of a bid to the Community Ownership Fund for land at North Marsh  
The Chair advised that the bid to the Community Ownership Fund had been submitted. Whilst the amount of the bid could not be shared, it was expected that a loan of £47,000 would be required from the Public Works Loan Board over a 50 year period.

Further applications for funding would be considered to the Severn Trent Community Fund and the A46 Community Fund.

The Chair confirmed that 80 forms had been received back so far expressing an interest in joining the friends group.

It was expected that the outcome of the bid would be known by mid-December.

The Clerk noted the substantial additional time undertaken by the Chair in putting together the Community Ownership Fund bid.

(c) To consider correspondence received regarding appointment and training of Flood Wardens

It was AGREED that the Clerk register the Parish Council's interest in the appointment and training of Flood Wardens. The Chair and Councillor Dolby would attend on behalf of the Parish Council. A request for volunteers to be placed on Muskham Messenger and Social Media.

(d) To receive notes of a Village Briefing meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Members received the notes of the Village Briefing meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**NM092-24 Environmental & Community Issues**

(a) Skatepark and Play Area

The Clerk advised that both areas were being reviewed with the Village Handyman on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October.

(b) To note the present position with a new memorial plaque on a play area bench

The Clerk referred to the proposals for the memorial plaque forwarded by the family. Members were content for the plaque to be installed as outlined.

(c) To agree a way forward on the resurfacing under the play area equipment

After discussion, it was AGREED that replacement of the surfaces underneath two items of the existing play area equipment be progressed. This would be funded by the grant from Newark & Sherwood District Council of £2,000, with the balance to be taken from the Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery Fund.

**NM093-24 Highways**

(a) Highways Log

The Clerk was asked to again report the surface of Great North Road, which was degrading along the whole length.

The Clerk was asked to establish the extent of the highways at Ferry Lane as it was being used to illegally launch boats on to the River Trent.

**NM094-24 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 – September - £284.20
- PAYE – July – £71

- Village Handyman – September – £211.49
- NSDC – Dog Bin Emptying April to September 2023 - £480.48
- WaterPlus - £22.69 – Allotments Water
- Screwfix - £34.98 – Weed Compression Membrane
- MRCC – Invoice 6618 - £50
- MRCC – Invoice 6599 - £12.50

(b) To note any Receipts

The following receipts were noted:

- Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery – £122
- MRCC – Donation to Bailiff Costs - £6,950
- MRCC – Donation to PWLB Loan - £1,500
- NSDC - 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Precept - £9,202.50

(c) Financial Report as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Members received and noted the financial report as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Chair queried the overspend on the playing field budget, which the Clerk explained was due to the payment of the Bailiff's invoice.

**NM095-24 Notts Association of Local Councils**

It was AGREED that the Clerk attend the training arranged on Allotments which would be delivered via Zoom on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 23023. The £45 cost to be shared with the Clerk's other two councils that had allotments.

**NM096-24 Correspondence**

There was nothing to consider.

**NM097-24 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**NM098-24 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

This report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information) which is a category of exempt information under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) which the Council has the power to exclude the press and public if it so wishes.

RECOMMENDED that under Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of this item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Exempt Minute NM099-24

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.