

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 14th NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING

Minutes of the North Muskham Parish Council held on Monday, 10th October 2022 at the MRCC commencing at 7pm.

Present: Councillor P Beddoe (in the Chair)
Councillor B Bearpark
Councillor N Hutchings
Councillor D Saxton
Councillor M Talbot

Also in attendance: County Councillor Laughton and one member of the public

NM063-23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Dolby, Harrison and District Councillor Mrs Saddington.

NM064-23 Declarations of Interest

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

NM065-23 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 28th September 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman

NM066-23 Public 10 Minute Session

There were no questions raised.

NM067-23 District Councillor update – Cllr S Saddington

(a) No report was presented as District Councillor Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.

NM068-23 County Councillor update – Cllr Laughton

(a) This item would be taken if and when Councillor Laughton attended.

NM069-23 Planning

(a) 22/01515/HOUSE – Zimaru, Trent Close, North Muskham - Demolish existing garage and conservatory. Single storey extension to north and west elevations. Increase roof height for accommodation in roof space

Members considered the application received as outlined. It was noted that there were concerns from adjacent neighbours and those on Mackleys Lane around the loss of privacy. In planning terms, there was a right to light, but not a right to a view and the distance between properties was far in excess of the 21m in the regulations now. After discussion, Councillor Hutchings proposed, seconded by Councillor Saxton, that the application be supported as there were no material considerations. This was unanimously AGREED.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan

This item was deferred for consideration at a future meeting.

NM070-23 Parish Council Matters

(a) Allotments/Green Hub Sub-Committee Report

The Clerk to source appropriate locks and keys for the shed and container.

NM071-23 Environmental & Community Issues

(a) Skatepark and Play Area

The Chair was pleased to advise that the skatepark had been accepted as a Community Champion by the Lincolnshire Co-Op, Lincoln Road store, over a three month period in the New Year. Details would be advertised nearer the time so that residents could support if they chose to.

(b) Play Area Extension Update – Handover and Inspection

The Clerk advised that an official handover had yet to take place with HAGS.

NM072-23 Highways

(a) Highways Log

The Clerk advised that direct contact had been made with Via regarding the A1 fissures, and also the hedge that was still encroaching on Great North Road.

The Chair referred to the potholes in the A1 North Slip Road. The Clerk advised that these had previously been reported direct to Highways England, and would report again.

Reference was made to the poor condition of Main Street, from where the resurfacing undertaken earlier in the year had stopped down to the A1 bridge. Parts of the edging were breaking away and a property had recently experienced flooding, which had been attended by Via. The condition of the road was not suitable for the increase in HGV traffic to the farm. It was AGREED to raise this with Councillor Laughton should he attend, or the Clerk liaise outside of the meeting if he was unable to.

NM073-23 Financial Matters

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

- Clerk's Wages – September - £260.20
- HMRC – PAYE – September - £65
- Newark & Sherwood District Council - £436.80 - Half Year Dog Bin Emptying

(b) To note any receipts:

- Jubilee Receipts – Various - £107.95
- NSDC Community Lottery - £165.50

- NSDC – 2nd Half Precept - £9,202.50

(c) Financial Report as at 30th September 2022

Members noted the financial report as at 30th September 2022. A copy of the cashbook, outlining spend against budget, had been circulated to Members for information.

NM068-23 County Councillor update – Cllr Laughton

(cont) With the arrival of Councillor Laughton, the Chair suspended the meeting at 7.30pm to allow him to present his report.

Councillor Laughton advised that the Devolution Deal had been agreed. Work had commenced on a remit for the Mayor, with elections scheduled in May 2024. Elections will be funded from Central Government. The Mayoral role will have a right to precept but it is not expected that this will be adopted.

A new Chief Executive Officer had been appointed at Via, he had previously worked for ARK, an arm of the County Council. There had been a 60% reduction in the use of Viafix, and the number of patching gangs had increased to 9 working around the County.

Councillor Laughton referred to the successful bid to convert West Burton Power Station into a fusion power plant, which it is expected will have a considerable impact along the A1 corridor. A construction village will be built at Cotham for 4,000 employees. It was expected to go live in 2040, and represented an £18b investment.

The Chair referred to the discussion earlier in the meeting regarding the poor condition of Main Street, from where the resurfacing had taken place earlier in the year to the A1 bridge. Councillor Laughton was requested to put this forward as a project as one of his schemes for resurfacing, to tie in with the rest of Main Street.

NM074-23 Parish Council Matters

(a) Christmas Tree

Councillor Talbot referred to a donated tree that would be available from 19th November and queried whether this would be too early for it to be put in place, given that the Christmas Tree switch-on event was not until Friday, 2nd December.

After discussion, Councillor Talbot was asked to liaise with Mr Willey to determine a way forward.

In terms of the switch-on event, Councillor Saxton was asked to liaise with the Salvation Army regarding their attendance, and the Clerk with the landlord of The Ferry to confirm that the same arrangements as last year could be put in place.

NM074-23 Correspondence

There was none.

NM075-23 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 14th November 2022

The meeting closed at 7.40pm