

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th October 2022 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs K Brown, R Gill, P Jarvis and G Shearing (Chair)

Also present 2 members of the public, together with County Councillor Laughton and District Councillor Mrs Saddington

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair called for a minutes silence in honour and remembrance of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

49.22/23 **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**
Apologies – Received and accepted from Councillor Catanach.

Open Session

The Chair welcomed Councillor Laughton and suspended the meeting at 7.31pm to allow him to present his report.

Councillor Laughton advised that the devolution deal was moving forward, with a shadow Mayoral office being established funded by Central Government. The deal would see £1.3b investment over its life span, and once established it would be the second largest Mayoral district in the country. Leicester had expressed an interest in joining the scheme. Mayoral elections will be held in May 2024.

A new Chief Executive Officer had been appointed at Via, together with a new Chairman of the Board.

Councillor Laughton advised that Jo Horton would be acting as the liaison for highways matters relating to the South Muskham & Little Carlton area for the time being.

Officers were currently looking at the County Council's 2023-24 budget.

Councillor Jarvis raised concerns over continued speeding on the A616, particularly when the A1 was closed in June which saw a substantial number of lorries travelling at speed after 9pm. It was considered that more traffic measures were needed to encourage traffic to slow down. Speedwatch had recorded one vehicle travelling at 105mph.

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow residents to participate and raise questions.

A resident acknowledged that the reduction in the speed limit had made it much easier to pull in and out of their drive. However, signage was not adequate to reinforce the 40mph. It was also noted that the SatNav network did not yet recognise that the speed limit had changed to 40mph.

Councillor Jarvis noted that a lot of the speeding traffic was by HGVs. After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk contact local HGV companies, and identified hauliers, to ask that drivers respect the speed limit through the village.

After discussion, Councillor Laughton AGREED to put in a bid for an interactive sign but would need to know which position would be best. Councillor Laughton also AGREED to discuss reinforcements on the road with 'Slow' and 40mph.

The Clerk was also asked to liaise with the Safer Neighbourhood Group regarding enforcement.

Councillor Jarvis asked whether there was any progress on resurfacing the Great North Road between the mini roundabout and the Cattle Market roundabout, as it was littered with potholes and an uneven surface. Councillor Laughton advised he would make enquiries. If any work was to be undertaken, the surface would be replaced in blocks.

The Chair thanked Councillor Laughton for his report and invited District Councillor Mrs Saddington to present her report.

Councillor Mrs Saddington noted that the planning application on Kelham Lane had been withdrawn.

In advance of the meeting, Councillor Catanach had raised a question that once agricultural land had been given over to a solar panel farm, the land was no longer considered agricultural and could then be applied for development as a brown field site leading to massive development which would not have been allowed if the land remained agricultural. Councillor Mrs Saddington had raised this with the Planning Officer and had received a response which would be circulated to Members for information.

The Chair thanked Councillor Mrs Saddington and reconvened the meeting at 7.56pm.

50.22/23 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd August 2022

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd August 2022 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

51.22/23 Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise covered on the agenda

There were none.

52.22/33 Financial Issues

52.1 To record Receipts

- NSDC 2nd Half Precept - £6,858.50

52.2 To approve invoices for Payment

Members approved the below invoices for payment:

- Clerk's Wages (August & September) – £283.40
- HMRC Payment (August & September) – £70.80
- L C Computers (Laptop/Email Repairs) - £129.99
- NSDC – Half Year Dog Bin Emptying – 148.80
- EDF Energy (Beckitt Field) - £11.46
- WaterPlus (Beckitt Field) - £10.78
- Norwell Groundcare - £85
- HSBC Bank Charges (August & September) - £16
- Internal Auditor Fee – TBC
- CU Medical – Defib Battery - £204

- 52.3 To consider correspondence received regarding the option to opt out of the central External Audit process
Members noted the information received regarding the option to opt out of the central External Audit process. After discussion, it was AGREED that the Parish Council would remain within the central process.
- 53.22/23 **Planning**
53.1 22/01960/HOUSE – The Sydings, Ollerton Road, Little Carlton - Demolition of small rear extension, construction of new rear extension, front porch extension and alterations to dwelling
Members considered the application as outlined and raised no objection to it.
- 53.2 Decision Notice - 22/01325/HOUSE – 2 Grange Farm Cottages, Main Street, South Muskham - Demolish existing garage and single storey side extension. Replace with single storey side extension
Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development as outlined.
- 53.3 Amended Planning Scheme of Delegation & Planning Training
Members noted the amendments to the planning scheme of delegation. Councillor Shearing was attending training arranged by the District Council on Wednesday, 26th October.
- 54.22/23 **Parish Council Matters**
54.1 Casual Vacancy
The Clerk advised that no applications had yet been received for the casual vacancies. A post would be put on the North & South Muskham Info Page and also on the Muskham Messenger.
- 54.2 To note arrangements that were put in place following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II and to accept the Proclamation in to the Parish Council's archives
Members noted the arrangements that had been put in place following the death of HM The Queen. A copy of the Proclamation would be held with the Parish Council's minutes as part of its archives. Members noted the comments that had been written in the Book of Condolence.
- 54.3 To note a letter of condolence to be sent from the Parish to the Royal Family
The Clerk advised that a letter of condolence would be sent to the Royal Family advising that a Book of Condolence had been opened in the village, and that it would be held as part of the village archives.
- 54.4 To consider enhancements to the corner area at Forge Close and Main Street
The Clerk advised that the dimensions of the area, as provided by Councillor Shearing, had been forwarded to Plantscape who would submit a design for the Parish Council to consider.
- 54.5 To discuss responsibility for the Defibrillator Monitoring at South Muskham
It was noted that Gill Gilroy had asked to step away from the Defibrillator Monitoring at South Muskham. Members extended their thanks to Gill for her time

and dedication to ensuring this valuable asset was available to residents in South Muskham.

Councillor Shearing AGREED to take over responsibility for the monitoring and would liaise with Mrs Gilroy on what was required.

The Clerk was asked to investigate Defibrillator training that could be delivered to residents on how to use the Defib in an emergency.

55.22/23 **Beckett Field**

Councillor Brown confirmed that there would be one additional invoice for grass cutting from Norwell Groundcare.

56.22/23 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

56.1 To receive feedback on the August training

Members noted that the August training had been informative and beneficial. The Clerk would review the Emergency Plan and circulate to Members.

56.2 To note the Community Flood Signage Scheme Policy

This would be incorporated into the Emergency Plan.

57.22/23 **Highways**

57.1 Roadworks Bulletin – Bathley Lane, North Muskham – 12th to 14th November 2022

Members received and noted the bulletin outlining the closure of the Bathley Lane Level Crossing over the period outlined.

57.2 Roadworks Bulletin – Church Lane, South Muskham – 5th to 7th November 2022

Members received and noted the bulletin outlining the closure of the Church Lane Level Crossing over the period outlined.

58.22/23 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

58.1 To receive details of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17th November 2022 at Oxton Village Hall

The Clerk referred to information circulated regarding the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Members were asked to confirm with the Clerk if they wished to attend.

58.2 To receive the Civility & Respect Newsletter and consider whether to sign up to the Civility & Respect Project and adopt a Dignity at Work Policy

Deferred for consideration at a future meeting.

59.22/23 **Correspondence**

59.1 ASB Newsletter

The Clerk referred to a newsletter that had been received from the Community Protection Team at Newark & Sherwood District Council which outlined the work undertaken by the team, which included work around speeding.

59.2 To note information on the County Council's Devolution Deal and FAQs

The Clerk advised Members that information relating to the Devolution Deal and a list of Frequently Asked Questions had been circulated to them for information.

59.3 To note the offer of a Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree from Newark & Sherwood District Council in partnership with the Sherwood Forest Trust
Members noted the offer of a Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree sapling, but after discussion it was AGREED that this not be accepted.

60.22/23 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**

60.1 Councillor Shearing asked if the Clerk could seek clarification on whether the clock on the Church was in need of repair.

60.2 Councillor Brown expressed concern at the speed of cars passing dog walkers and horse riders when they were walking down Crow Lane, and also Bathley Lane. The Clerk to raise with the Safer Neighbourhood Group.

Next Meeting – Parish Council – 16th November 2022 at South Muskham & Little Carlton Village

The meeting was closed at 8.30pm

Minutes approved as a true record –