

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 17th APRIL 2023 MEETING

Minutes of the North Muskham Parish Council held on Monday, 13th March 2023 at the MRCC commencing at 7pm.

Present: **Councillor P Beddoe (in the Chair)**
 Councillor S Dolby
 Councillor N Hutchings
 Councillor D Saxton
 Councillor M Talbot

Also present three members of the public, Elaine Wareing (Allotments) together with District Councillor Mrs Saddington and County Councillor Laughton

NM128-23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Harrison.

NM129-23 Declarations of Interest

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

NM130-23 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th February 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

NM131-23 Public 10 Minute Session

There were no questions raised.

NM132-23 District Councillor update – Cllr S Saddington

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.04pm to allow Cllr Mrs Saddington to present her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington was aware of the concerns over the 37 Bus Service and had written to Marshalls Coaches to seek clarification. It was noted that some people will have chosen to move to the village as it had a bus service.

Residents in Norwell were looking to pursue a village shop.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 7.13pm.

NM133-23 County Councillor update – Cllr Laughton

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.14pm to allow Cllr Laughton to present his report.

Referring to the 37 bus service, Cllr Laughton advised that the County Council were lobbying the Government to establish if funds could be re-allocated to use on infrastructure.

A demand led service, Notts Connect, was running across the County and was being well used. Cllr Laughton acknowledged how vital the 37 service was and was working hard to ensure that it remained as it was.

A resident referred to a survey on bus usage undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council over an 18 month period. 50% of users were women over the age of 60. It was vital that access to the service remained.

The Chair summarised that the Parish Council would consider how to encourage more people to use the service to ensure its future.

Cllr Laughton was thanked for his report and the Chair reconvened the meeting.

NM134-23 Planning

- (a) 23/00279/FUL – Zimaru, Trent Close, North Muskham - Removal of existing bungalow and build replacement dwelling

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Beddoe, seconded by Councillor Saxton that no objection be raised to the application, but that the Clerk review comments made to the previous application at the address given concerns raised by neighbours.

- (b) Decision Notice - 22/020347/HOUSE – 28 The Grange, North Muskham – Single-storey side extension

Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission for the application as outlined.

NM135-23 Parish Council Matters

- (a) Allotments/Green Hub Sub-Committee Report

The Clerk advised that invoices, together with the revised allotment tenancy agreements and guidelines, had been issued to all tenants on the site. A meeting to review outstanding items had been arranged on site on Monday, 20th March at 11am.

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow a member of the Allotment Sub-Committee to speak.

- A number of issues were raised:
- Non-closure of the shed door
- Surface of the road down to the site
- Social prescribing
- Filling in of ditch

Councillor Talbot advised he would review the shed door, the rest would be addressed at the meeting on 20th March.

It was noted that the rainwater harvesting was working well. A suggestion had previously been made that another one could be installed, which would save on water costs.

The Clerk confirmed that the water was still switched off at the mains and it was AGREED that this did not need to be switched back on yet.

(b) To consider Celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III – 6th May 2023

It was noted that the following were proposed:

- Fun Run – Friday, 5th May
- Afternoon Tea at Church – Sunday, 7th May
- Celebration at Ferry – Monday, 8th May

The Clerk to liaise with the Sub-Committee to establish if any help was needed on pulling publicity together.

An application had been submitted to the Lottery for funding as for the Platinum Jubilee. A response was awaited.

(c) To receive information on the Local Elections 2023, including timetable for submissions

The Clerk reminded Members of the closing date for the submission of nominations to the District Council for the local elections in May. Nomination forms had to be submitted by 4pm on 4th April 2023.

(d) To consider a letter to adjacent residents regarding access to the playing field

The Clerk advised that confirmation had been received from the Council's solicitors outlining the charges that would be levied to undertake work to prepare a letter to adjacent residents.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk would contact the Council's insurers to establish if any legal advice was offered through the policy.

NM136-23 Environmental & Community Issues

(a) Skatepark and Play Area – Inspection Reports

The Clerk advised that the recent vandalism to the skatepark had been addressed by the Village Handyman.

The Chair would follow up with the Lincoln Co-Op to establish the outcome of the recent funding campaign through their Community Fund.

NM137-23 Highways

(a) Highways Logs

Members noted that the work to removed the dead trees on Mackleys Lane had now been complete.

Items to add to the log included, potholes on Main Street, close to Crab Lane, and entrance to The Park. The Clerk was also asked to follow up on the splits in the A1 roundabout which were deteriorating.

(b) Public Footpath Map

Thanks were extended to a resident who had put together a pdf map of the public footpaths within the parish. Subject to a slight amendment, this would then be published in the noticeboards, on the website and on Social Media.

NM138-23 Financial Matters

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

- ££9.99 – Keyhole It Solutions – Domain Renewal
- £59.99 – Microsoft – Licence Renewal
- ESET Renewal
- £1,318.55 – TDP Limited – 3 x benches
- £284 - Clerk's Wages – February
- £71.20 - HMRC PAYE – February
- £7,150 – Tuxford Lawnmower Centre – New Mower
- £324 – D Lyne Grounds Maintenance – Hedge Cutting
- £815.34 – Proludic – Play Area Black Net Ladder
- £400 – Muskham Magazine – Donation
- £53.58 – WaterPlus – Allotments
- £30 – RCAN – Energy Saving Workshop
- £100 – Newark Town Council - Torches
- Village Handyman - £230.62

It was noted that the three new benches would need to be installed. The Clerk would liaise with the Village Handyman on the ones allocated for the play area, an offer to install the seat at Manor House Drive had been received from Newark & Sherwood District Council.

The Clerk acknowledged that neighbouring residents on Manor House Drive still needed to be contacted on the siting of the seat.

(b)

To note any receipts:

- £156 – Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery
- £2,979 – MRCC

(c)

Financial Report as at 28th February 2023

Members received and noted the financial report as at 28th February 2023. The Clerk advised that the reconciliation was currently adrift by £10 on summary but not on the cashbook. Financial papers would be recirculated once reconciliation had been achieved.

(d) To note the outcome of the application to the District Council's Community Grant Scheme

Members were delighted to note that the application to the District Council's Community Grant Scheme for funding towards the replacement of the surfaces under the older pieces of equipment at the play area had been successful. A grant of £2,000 had been awarded.

The Clerk would review the quotations received and report back on what could be achieved to make the best use of the grant.

(e) To note the offer of funding from Newark & Sherwood District Council for support towards a Coronation Celebration

Members noted that Newark & Sherwood District Council were offering support towards a Coronation Celebration, based on the level of Precept charged. The Clerk had submitted the form to accept the funding, which would be £300.

NM139-23 Correspondence

The Clerk referred to a letter of thanks that had been received from the Muskham Magazine following the Parish Council's recent financial support.

NM140-23 Notts Association of Local Councils

Members received and noted the Civility & Respect Newsletter as circulated.

NM141-23 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 17th April 2023

The May meeting date would also need to be revised. The Clerk to bring a suggested new date to the April meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm