

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th March 2024 at 7.30pm
in the Small Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

Membership: C Briggs-Price, K Brown, D Catanach (Chair), P Jarvis & G Shearing

Together with District Councillor Mrs Saddington and County Councillor Laughton.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and welcomed them to the meeting.

120.23/24 **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Gill and Tilbury,

121.23/24 **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

122.23/24 **Open Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for the open session.

Councillor Laughton advised that he had attended the inaugural meeting of the East Midlands Mayor Cabinet. The election will be held on Thursday, 2nd May and residents were encouraged to use their vote. The Mayoral Office will be responsible for dealing with training and skills, plus combined transport including maintenance of the highways.

Great North Road, from the Cattlemarket roundabout to British Sugar will be resurfaced over the summer. Councillor Laughton understood this would be a full resurfacing. Kirklington Hill will also be resurfaced. The work on the A614 junctions will start in July.

Work on the new County Council headquarters at Top Wighay has begun, with completion due in February 2025. County Hall at West Bridgford will be put up for sale as a whole site.

Finally, residents were encouraged to report potholes, and other highway concerns, on the MyNotts App.

The Chair thanked Councillor Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.41pm.

123.23/24 **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st February 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2024 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

124.23/24 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

There were none.

125.23/24 **Chair's Report**

The Chair thanked Councillor Shearing for chairing meetings in his absence.

126.23/24 **Financial Issues**

126.1 To record Receipts

There were none to record.

126.2 Invoices for payment:

The following invoices were noted and approved:

- Clerk's Wages (February) - £318.60
- HMRC Payment (February) - £79.60
- Clerk's Wages (March) - £318.60
- HMRC Payment (March) £79.60
- Bank Charges - £8
- Newark & Sherwood District Council – Dog Bin Emptying - £163.68
- EDF Energy - £24.51
- WaterPlus - £10.59
- Norwell Ground Care – Beckett Field Mow - £90
- Sack Trucks – 2 x Sack Barrows – £149.90
- South Muskham & Little Carlton Village Hall – Room Hire - £60

The Clerk advised that the projected year end figure of the current account was £40,626.

122.23/24 **Open Session**

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With the arrival of District Councillor Mrs Saddington, the Chair suspended the meeting at 7.41pm for her report.

Councillor Mrs Saddington referred to emails received regarding the tankers in the village. It was understood that overnight pumping had stopped, but work would continue as long as it was required in order to protect properties.

The kerbside glass recycling bins were in the process of being delivered.

Councillor Mrs Saddington referred to the joint agencies public meeting at Newark Town Hall on Monday, 25th March, where officers would be available from the Environment Agency, Severn Trent, Newark & Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council to discuss the Storm Henk flood event.

The Chair thanked Councillor Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 8.19pm.

126.3 To pursue an application to open a 90 Day Account with NatWest

The Clerk advised that the application to open an account with NatWest was nearly complete.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Parish Council's account with NS&I be closed, with funds transferred to the savings account. It was further AGREED that, a working balance of £10,000 be retained in the current account and all other funds transferred to the savings account.

126.4 To confirm the appointment of the Internal Auditor for the 2023-24 Financial Accounts

The Clerk advised that Mr Harness was available to undertake the Internal Audit for the 2023-24 financial accounts. Members AGREED that the appointment could be confirmed.

126.5 To consider the renewal of the electricity contract for Beckitt Field

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's contract with EDF was due for renewal in July 2024. After discussion it was AGREED that delegated authority be given for Councillor Jarvis and the Clerk to review the information.

126.6 To consider the renewal of the Parish Council's Insurance Policy

The Clerk referred to correspondence received regarding the renewal of the Parish Council's Insurance Policy. The Clerk was asked to complete the Declaration and proceed with the renewal.

127.23/24 **Planning**

127.1 Applications

24/00457/FUL – Thornholm, Church Lane, South Muskham - Change of Use of Land to Domestic Garden and Erection of Garden Outbuilding

Members noted the application for the change of use of land to domestic garden and the erection of a garden outbuilding.

The Chair referred to the work that had been undertaken to remove the floodbank that had been reported to the Environment Agency, prior to this application being submitted. The Environment Agency had confirmed that the floodbank had to be reinstated but the timescale was unclear. Clarification had been sought.

After discussion it was proposed by the Chair that objection be made to the application on the grounds that:

- the proposals were contained within flood zone 3 in an area at high probability of flooding
- the applicant had already demonstrated that they were prepared to lose the integrity of the floodbank
- work had already started on the development
- the flood risk assessment submitted with the application was insufficient for this application and inaccurate
- there was a concern that should permission be granted it may be used as an Air BnB or similar. If the District Council were minded to permit the development then a condition would need to be included that the building should be for the sole use of the occupants of Thornholm.

This was unanimously AGREED.

- 127.2 Decision Notices
There were none to receive.
- 127.3 Tree Works
There were none to consider.
- 127.4 Planning Appeal
3/23/00239/CMW - Briggs Metals Ltd, The Yard, Great North Road - Reconfiguration and extension of existing recycling yard including raising ground levels, new/extended buildings, weighbridge, external walls and new access
The Clerk referred to notification received regarding the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the above development. Comments previously made by the Parish Council objecting to the application would be forwarded as part of the appeal process.
- 127.5 Other Planning Matters
To note the submission of the Pre-Submission Draft of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan to the Secretary of State for public examination
Members noted the submission of the draft to the Secretary of State for public examination.
- 128.23/24 **Parish Council Matters**
- 128.1 To consider a request to support the Hedgehog Highways Project
Members considered the request to support the Hedgehog Highways Project but did not wish to support it at this time.
- 128.2 To note the introduction of the Kerbside Glass Recycling Scheme by Newark & Sherwood District Council
Members noted the introduction of the kerbside glass recycling scheme, with the rollout of the collection starting in April. The first collection in South Muskham and Little Carlton would be on 8th May 2024.
- 128.3 To consider the renewal for the Dog Bin Contract with Newark & Sherwood District Council 2024-25
Members considered and AGREED the renewal for the Dog Bin Contract with Newark & Sherwood District Council for the 2024-25 financial year.

Discussion took place around the quantity of dog fouling on the pavements around both communities. The Clerk would raise the matter with the District Council's allocated Community Protection Officer again, but information on the time of any repeated fouling would be beneficial.
- 128.4 To note an order has been placed for the Official Portrait of HM King Charles III
Members noted that the Clerk has placed an order for the Official Portrait of HM King Charles III.
- 129.23/24 **Beckitt Field**
There were no issues to report.
- 130.23/24 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**
- 130.1 To progress made with the changes to the Community Emergency Plan

A copy had been circulated to Members for review. No comments had come back so the Clerk would progress with confirming the Plan.

130.2 To receive an update from Severn Trent on the situation within South Muskham & Little Carlton

The Clerk referred to information received from Severn Trent, which provided an update on the present position with the tankers in both Little Carlton and South Muskham.

In Little Carlton, Severn Trent were still having to manage the amount of ground water entering the network with tankers due to the persistent wet weather. Signs of improvement have been observed and the CCTV unit has surveyed the main sewers to try and find where the water is excess water is coming from. When results were known they would be assessed and a decision taken on any works required to resolve the issue.

In South Muskham, the situation was ongoing but showing signs of improvement. However, as it's closer to the river it's more difficult as the flows are greater. Severn Trent will be attempting to survey the main sewer through the village again week commencing 25th March. Results will be assessed to determine what further works may also be required. The pumping station is still being checked and confirmed to be pumping.

Due to the number of issues that both villages have experienced in the past few months, Severn Trent have kept the tankers on site to prevent any issues with restricted toilet use when the system fills up.

Residents who were experiencing drainage issues were asked to report it through to the Severn Trent call centre on 0800 783 4444, and also to the Clerk in order that they could be sent direct.

The Chair expressed some concern as to whether or not the drainage system in both villages was sufficient to cope, given the developments that had taken place over the years. The Clerk would raise this question with Severn Trent.

131.23/24 **Highways**

131.1 Update on the Interactive Speed Sign for Little Carlton

The Clerk advised that an update had been requested on the present situation with the interactive speed sign following the site meeting held in January. Members would be advised as soon as that information was received.

132.2 To receive an update on issues logged with Via

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council would be updated when action was taken on the issues with drainage reported to Via.

Councillor Brown referred to the deteriorating condition of the A1 roundabout adjacent to the Ashiana. The Clerk advised that North Muskham Parish Council had been actively lobbying Via to get the surface repaired.

It was AGREED that South Muskham Parish Council would also lobby Via to try and get some movement on the repairs.

133.23/24 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**
There was nothing to report.

134.23/24 **Correspondence**

(a) 24/00304/FULM – Burr ridge Farm, Crab Lane, North Muskham - Change of use from agricultural to dog walking field. Erection of fencing

The Clerk advised that an application had been received for a change of use from agricultural land to a dog walking field at Burr ridge Farm. This would be included on the agenda for the April meeting.

135.23/24 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**

Next Meeting – Wednesday, 17th April 2024 at 7.30pm.
The meeting was closed at 9pm.

Minutes approved as a true record –