

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 9th OCTOBER 2023 MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 21st September 2023 at the MRCC, Nelson Lane, North Muskham at 7pm.

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

NM075-24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Beddoe, Hutchings & Preston.

NM076-24 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 11th September 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

NM077-24 Declarations of Interest

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

NM078-24 Parish Council Matters

- (a) To seek approval to submit an application to the Community Ownership Fund for grant funding to purchase land to the north of Dickinson Way, North Muskham.

The Chair referred to an email received from the agent acting on behalf of the owners of the land to the north of Dickinson Way. In light of the application submitted by the Parish Council to the District Council to register the land as an Asset of Community Value, the owners were willing to wait for that to be determined before agreeing to any sale.

The Community Ownership Fund had confirmed they had received and accepted the Parish Council's expression of interest and had invited a full bid. A full bid would need to be submitted by 11th October 2023.

Discussion took place around the work required to complete the bid, and the need for engagement with the community.

The Chair advised that the Government would provide guidance throughout the process. If successful, any bid would have to be spent within a 12 month period, and it was expected that the outcome would be known by December.

- (b) To discuss whether to mandate the optional use of a Public Works Loan Board loan and other funding to provide required match funding for the bid.

Members received details on the potential cost of a Public Works Loan Board, with examples of repayments for a £30,000 and £50,000 loan shared with Members. If

the Precept was increased to cover the cost of borrowing, it would equate to less than £10 per household at Band D.

(c) To note details of a village briefing to be held on Wednesday, 27th September 2023 at 7pm

Members noted that a village briefing had been arranged at the MRCC at 7pm on Wednesday, 27th September 2023. This meeting would enable the village to be updated on the position so far and to gauge what support there was within the community for the purchase.

NM079-24 Date of Next Meeting
Monday, 9th October 2023

NM080-24 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 Minutes NM081-24

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.