

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 28th SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING

Minutes of the North Muskham Parish Council held on Monday, 11th July 2022 at the MRCC commencing at 7pm.

Present: Councillor I Harrison
Councillor B Bearpark
Councillor S Dolby
Councillor N Hutchings
Councillor P Beddoe
Councillor D Saxton
Councillor M Talbot

Also in attendance: Councillor Mrs Saddington, and 32 members of the public

NM040-23 Apologies for absence

There were none.

NM041-23 Declarations of Interest

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

NM043-23 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th June 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman

NM044-23 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chairman suspended the meeting at 7.01pm for the public session.

No questions were raised so the meeting was immediately reconvened.

NM045-23 Planning

- (a) 22/01251/OUTM – Land off Main Street, North Muskham – Residential development for 18 entry level affordable dwellings with all matters reserved except access

The Chair referred to the application submitted for land off Main Street. This was an outline application with access the only matter to be considered. However, given the implications Members would consider a prepared statement on the development as a whole.

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.04pm to allow members of the public present to give their views on the application.

Concerns raised during the public session, are summarised below:

- Why would consideration be given to building on a flood plain?
- Foul sewers run through a residential garden and regularly back up now. One

resident has been compensated three times by Severn Trent for foul sewage in their garden.

- Why is the application for more affordable housing in the village? Has this need not been met by the Gilbert's Field development?
- Road safety issue given the narrowness of Main Street, together with a bus stop and post box that would need to be moved.
- Loss of an historic hedge and all the ecological benefits from that.
- Impact of any development on the mature trees that are on the site.
- Loss of an area of open land in the village that provides a safe habitat for wildlife.
- The SHLAA in 2021 concluded that the field was too small for site, but if extended into the whole of the site that would be a massive impact.
- Would the school be able to accommodate an increase in numbers?
- Impact on existing properties on Hatton Close given the closeness of the dwellings as outlined in the indicative master plan.

In thanking the members of public for sharing their concerns, the Chair concluded that the Parish Council could only consider what was in front of it at this time. This was an outline planning application, with all matters reserved except for access.

It was understood the school could accommodate additional children, as there were only 170 pupils, out of a capacity of 200. However, these spaces were not due to the lack of children in the village but a lack of Foundation Education on a Monday which had led to parents taking children elsewhere.

The concerns around foul sewage and flooding would be covered by Severn Trent Water and the Environment Agency who were statutory consultees.

It was noted that, even with the Flood Defence Scheme installed by the Environment Agency in 2016, the displacement of water from a potential 18 dwellings would have a severe and detrimental effect in this high flood risk zone.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.20pm.

(b) To note proposals by Cemex to apply for planning permission to extend the quarry at Cromwell

The Chair advised that advance notification had been received from Cemex relating to submission of a planning permission to extend the quarry at Cromwell, part of which would fall within the boundary of North Muskham.

It had been the Parish Council's view when responding to the Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan that gravel companies continue to extend on existing sites, rather than open new sites, and that view had not altered.

A representative from Cemex had been invited to the September meeting to discuss the proposals in more detail.

(c) Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk advised that a Neighbourhood Plan would give a lot more strength to the views of the village in the Development Plan. However, it was a substantial piece of work that could not be undertaken by Members of the Parish Council alone, it needed to be a community project with support from the Parish Council. Once the plan was constructed, a referendum had to be held in order for it to be adopted into Policy.

If any resident was willing to get involved, or knew anyone that may be, they were asked to contact the Clerk (northmuskhampc@hotmail.co.uk).

NM046-23 Financial Matters

(a) Financial Report – to 30th June 2022

Members noted the financial report to 30th June 2022.

(b) To consider a report to transfer funds to the Community Reserve and Deposit Accounts

Members considered the Clerk's report outlining the transfer of funds held as reserves in the current account, to the Community Reserve account.

After discussion it was AGREED that the sum of £6,908.50 be transferred to the Community Reserve Account as outlined in the report, together with a sum of £2,503.27 to the Deposit Account.

NM047-23 Correspondence

There was none.

NM048-23 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 12th September 2022

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.