

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd February 2024 at 7.30pm
in the Small Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

Membership: K Brown, R Gill, P Jarvis, G Shearing (Chair) & E Tilbury

Together with one member of the public.

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

106.23/24 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Briggs-Price and Catanach, District Councillor Mrs Saddington and County Councillor Laughton.

107.23/24 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

108.23/24 Open Session

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

A resident asked what the present position was with the Great North Road Solar Park. They lived opposite an area that had been included within the proposals and were quite anxious about the impact that would have.

With the approval of Members, the Chair brought forward agenda item 8.1.

109.23/24 To receive a report on the Joint Parishes Action Group held on 7th February 2024, and consider the appointment of a representative to the Parish Steering Group.

The Clerk updated Members on the Joint Parishes Action Group held on 7th February 2024. A copy of the minutes had been circulated to Members for information.

It had been agreed that the affected communities be divided into four groups, with representatives from those groups then being nominated to form a Parish Strategy Group which would feed information up to the larger group and down to the Community Action Group. South Muskham & Little Carlton had been grouped with North Muskham, Bathley and Cromwell. It was AGREED that Councillor Catanach would be the Parish Council's nominated representative on the Strategy Group.

It had also been agreed that a questionnaire would be circulated to all households in the affected parishes in order that Parish Councils/Meetings were fully informed on the views of their parishioners. While the survey would be online, a code would be required and two letters would need to be delivered to each household. Assistance would be required from Members to do this.

108.23/24 Open Session

(Cont) While District Councillor Mrs Saddington had given her apologies, a report had been provided.

Members were aware that there were tankers from Severn Trent currently pumping from Little Carlton and South Muskham. A resident had complained about the noise and complained that they were unaware of what was happening.

Councillor Mrs Saddington had liaised with Severn Trent who had advised that they were having to tanker the network due to excessive amount of ground water infiltration into the foul sewer which results in restricted toilet use and potential pollution is not controlled.

This is emergency work, but Severn Trent have limited the hours to between 0700 and 2230 to try and be considerate to residents and try to reduce the disturbance. They would normally run the tankers 24/7.

The pumping station is checked regularly and it has been confirmed to be continually pumping without issue, but the system is hydraulically overloaded which may give the impression that it's not working.

Members noted that the issue had been posted on social media and residents had had the opportunity to come to the January meeting when a representative from Severn Trent had been present.

110.23/24 **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th January 2024**
The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2024 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

111.23/24 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**
There were none.

112.23/24 **Chair's Report**
The only items to raise were regarding the drains along Church Street and Great North Road.

The Clerk confirmed these had been logged with Via and confirmation received that they had been inspected and a decision will be made on any action that needed to be taken.

113.23/24 **Financial Issues**

113.1 To record Receipts

- Petty Cash – £34.40

113.2 Invoices for payment:

The following invoices were noted and approved:

- Clerk's Wages (January) - £318.60
- HMRC Payment (January) - £79.60
- Bank Charges - £8
- Newark & Sherwood District Council – Election Recharges - £69.64
- South Muskham Village Hall – Room Hire (JPAG) - £20.25
- EDF Energy - £11.35
- Amazon – Allen Keys for emergency battery operated lights in resilience store- £9.99

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- 113.3 To pursue an application to open a 90 Day Account with NatWest
The Clerk referred to documents received that needed to be completed in order to progress opening an account with NatWest. These would be circulated to Members for completion and return.
- 114.23/24 **Planning**
114.1 Applications
There were none to consider.
- 114.2 Decision Notices
23/02157/HOUSE – Crows Nest, Crow Lane, South Muskham – Proposed Garage and Garden Store
Members received and noted the decision notice refusing permission for the development as outlined.
- 114.3 Tree Works
There were none to consider.
- 115.23/24 **Parish Council Matters**
115.1 To receive a report on the Joint Parishes Action Group held on 7th February 2024, and consider the appointment of a representative to the Parish Steering Group
This item had been covered earlier on the agenda.
- 116.23/24 **Beckitt Field**
There were no issues to report.
- 117.23/24 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**
117.1 To consider changes made to the Community Emergency Plan and:
 1. Agree to inform stakeholders of changes including changes to distribution of equipment restrictions and plan to advise stakeholders
 2. Consider failure to close off Trent Lane with concrete bollards to prevent access during closure of A617 and if agreed, to escalate to County Councillor and Via

Members noted that Councillor Catanach and the Clerk had reviewed the Community Emergency Plan and made changes where it was considered necessary. A copy had been circulated to Members who were asked to review and feedback, particularly in terms of the people included as it was acknowledged some may have moved away.

The Chair referred to keys that had been provided for the emergency container. It was proposed that these be held by Councillor Catanach, Councillor Shearing, Jo Longmire and the Clerk.

It was AGREED that once Members had reviewed the Plan and fed back any changes the plan would be circulated.

116.23/24 **Highways**

116.1 Update on the Interactive Speed Sign for Little Carlton

Councillor Tilbury gave an update on the site meeting held with Officers from Via, Members and representatives of the Community Speedwatch Group.

Councillor Tilbury advised that opportunity had also been taken to mention extra signage and road markings while Officers were present. The Clerk was asked to request an update and timeline on the provision of the signage.

116.2 To log concerns over the deterioration and condition of Great North Road from the Cattle Market roundabout to South Muskham

Members noted that this had been raised with Councillor Laughton. It was hoped that funding may be available later in the 2024/25 financial year.

116.3 To request Via to attend to and clean/clear out drains and drain covers in gutters in both South Muskham & Little Carlton

Members noted that these issues had been logged with Via.

117.23/24 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

There was nothing to report.

118.23/24 **Correspondence**

The Clerk advised that notification had been received from Nottinghamshire County Council of an appeal against the refusal of planning permission at The Yard, Great North Road. Comments previously made by the Parish Council would be submitted automatically as part of the process. The matter would be placed on the March agenda for formal noting.

The Clerk advised that the Environment Agency had taken action regarding a property where residents had removed the floodbank without permission. The householder had been advised to reinstate the floodbank. The Clerk had enquired with the Environment Agency on whether there was a timeframe for the work, and whether the Inspector would continue to monitor to ensure the work was completed given the importance of the floodbank to protect the village from flooding.

119.23/24 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**

119.1 Councillor Jarvis asked the Clerk to seek an update on the household glass recycling scheme that Newark & Sherwood District Council had committed to providing.

Councillor Jarvis referred to news reports that the electrification of the Midland Mainline and A46 bypass had not been signed off by Government. The Clerk would try and seek clarification.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, 20th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.28pm

Minutes approved as a true record –