

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16th July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Small Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

Membership: C Briggs-Price, D Catanach (Chair), P Jarvis, G Shearing and E Tilbury

Together with District Councillor Mrs Saddington.

035.25/26 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies – received and accepted from Councillors Brown & Gill and County Councillor Laughton

036.25/26 **Declarations of Interest**

There were none to record

Open Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for Councillor Mrs Saddington's report.

Councillor Mrs Saddington advised that at a meeting of the District Council on 15th July, Local Government Reform had been discussed. A decision had been taken to put forward the preferred option of aligning with Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Gedling and Mansfield to the Government for a new unitary authority. This had not been supported by the Conservative Group.

Councillor Mrs Saddington had been liaising with Network Rail in relation to issues with the barriers at Newark Castle Station, and along the line towards Nottingham. The failure of the barriers has a significant impact on the town and other communities along the line.

037.25/26 **Chair's Report**

The Chair had no report at this time.

038.25/26 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2025**

Subject to an amendment to Minute No 023.25/26 to read 'Crow Lane' and not 'Crow Park Lane' the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2025 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

039.25/26 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

Further to a question raised by Councillor Tilbury, the Clerk confirmed that the Church Wardens had been advised of the Parish Council's offer and would advise if there were any projects that needed support.

040.25/26 **Planning**

40.1 Decision Notice - 25/00774/HOUSE – Crows Nest, Crow Lane, South Muskham - Two Storey Side Extension & Porch Extension

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

041.25/26 **Financial Issues**

41.1 To record Receipts

- NatWest – Interest - £124.20

41.2 Invoices for payment:

- Clerk's Wages (June) - £329.44
- HMRC PAYE (June) - £82.40
- Norwell Groundcare – Inv 93 - £90
- Bank Charges - £8.00
- Martin Talbot Builder – Concrete Path – £1,308.96
- Names – Renewal of smlcpc.org - £39.99
- Names – Authenticated smlcpc.org access - £46.99
- EDF – Beckitt Field - £17.47

41.3 To note the Parish Council's financial position as at 30th June 2025

Members noted the Parish Council's financial position as at 30th June 2025, with a balance of £43,392.11 in the Deposit Account and £17,150.42 in the current account.

042.25/26 **Parish Council Matters**

42.1 To receive an update on the Joint Parishes Action Group and GNR Solar Park application

The Chair advised that the next meeting of JPAG was scheduled to be held on Monday, 21st July 2025.

42.2 To note Newark & Sherwood District Council's adoption of the Solar Energy Supplementary Planning Document

Members noted the adoption of a Solar Energy Supplementary Planning Document. The Clerk advised that the document referenced a Landscape Sensitivity Study that would be undertaken, but no timescale had been given. The cumulative impact had also been included.

42.3 To note Newark & Sherwood District Council's 'Call for Sites' 2025

Members noted the 'Call for Sites' issued by Newark & Sherwood District Council. The Clerk was asked to highlight this on social media.

The Chair asked the Clerk to try and establish a list of land/field owners in the Parish should the Parish Council wish to approach the correct landowner should the need arise.

42.4 To consider a consultation from Newark & Sherwood District Council in relation to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Members noted the consultation in relation to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Delegated authority was given to the Clerk to respond to the questionnaire.

The Chair asked whether the improvements the Parish Council would like to see on Great North Road to improve pedestrian safety could be provided through the District CIL scheme. The Clerk advised enquiries would be undertaken.

043.25/26 **Beckitt Field**

To consider the renewal of the Licence to Muskham Cougars for the 2025-26 Season

The Clerk advised that no response had yet been received from the Muskham Cougars in relation to a request asking for confirmation of plans for the 2025/26 season.

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to remind the Cougars that the licence expires on 31st July 2025 and a decision on the 2025/26 season was required as soon as possible.

044.25/26 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

To note the completion of works to install a concrete path from the resilience store to the village hall

Members noted the completion of the works to install a concrete path from the resilience store to the village hall. This work had been funded with a grant from the Newark & Sherwood District Council Flood Resilience Grant Scheme.

045.25/26 **Highways**

45.1 Highways Issues Logged

The Clerk advised that Councillor Laughton was undertaking an inspection with an officer from Via of all areas logged as highways issues. These included the poor surface on Crow Lane and Bathley Lane, the pooling of water at the junction of Crow Lane and Great North Road, pothole on Great North Road and the request for a pedestrian crossing by the bus stops.

In addition to the above, the Clerk was asked to log an overgrown hedge on the junction of Church Lane and Great North Road as it was impeding the carriageway, and the pavement between South Muskham and North Muskham where the verge was encroaching and impacting pedestrians.

45.2 To receive Roadworks Bulletins for July 2025

Members noted the Roadworks Bulletins outlining surface dressing works on the A616.

45.3 To consider concerns raised by residents in relation to speeding traffic on the A616

Discussion took place regarding the nuisance caused to residents by speeding traffic on the A616. Councillor Jarvis advised that the community speedwatch team had recently monitored vehicles travelling in excess of 70mph.

The Chair referred to speed signage through Great Gonerby, Lincolnshire, and asked the Clerk to establish how this had been provided, as it visually reinforced the speed limit throughout the village.

046.25/26 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

46.1 July Newsletter

A copy of the July Newsletter had been forwarded to Members for information.

46.2 To appoint a representative to vote at the AGM on 15th October 2025

The Clerk was appointed as the Parish Council's representative to vote at the AGM on 15th October 2025.

047.25/26 **Correspondence Received**
There were no items to receive.

048.25/26 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**
There were none.

Next Meeting – Parish Council - Wednesday, 17th September 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall,
South Muskham

The meeting was closed at 8.53pm