

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15th March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D Catanach (Chair), K Brown, R Gill, P Jarvis, G Shearing & E Tilbury

Also present 1 member of the public and Cllr Mrs Saddington

100.22/23 **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Briggs-Price.

101.22/23 **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 15th February 2023**

Subject to an amendment to 87.22/23 to reflect that Cllr Tilbury & Cllr Briggs-Price had given their apologies, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 15th February 2023 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Open Session

This item would be taken when Cllr Mrs Saddington arrived.

102.22/23 **Chair's Report**

The Chair apologised for his lack of attendance recently due to ill health and thanked Cllr Shearing for covering meetings.

The Chair referred to the resurfacing of the footpath alongside the Great North Road. The Clerk had extended thanks to Via and Cllr Loughton for the resurfacing works, as the condition had been a source of concern for Members and residents alike for some time. Those thanks had been gratefully received.

With the agreement of Members the Chair brought forward consideration of Agenda Item 10.2 To consider concerns over the 37 Bus Service.

The Chair referred to recent concerns in the community over the continuity of the 37 Bus Service. It was considered that this service was vital to the local community, but Members recognised that it needed to be worthwhile. The Clerk was able to confirm that the route was not under threat at the moment, but it was essential that it be used.

The Clerk was asked to include this in the next edition of the Muskham Magazine.

103.22/23 **Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise covered on the agenda**

103.1 Councillor Shearing referred to an enquiry from a resident regarding resurfacing of the Great North Road. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from Via.

Councillor Jarvis observed that the speed of Bowrings lorries through Little Carlton was much better. However, Craven lorries had been observed speeding and the Clerk was asked to raise this direct with the company.

Councillor Tilbury referred to a regular occurrence of speeding at 3am. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to report this to the Notts Police traffic section, and to also request the speed monitoring vehicle to add Little Carlton to the rota.

Councillor Tilbury referred to lorries being parked along the Great North Road, waiting to enter British Sugar. The Clerk advised that, following the February meeting, this had been raised with the factory. The Clerk advised that if details of when this had occurred could be provided, they could be forwarded to the factory.

104.22/33 **Financial Issues**

104.1 To record Receipts

- Nottinghamshire County Council - £200

104.2 To approve invoices for Payment

Members approved the below invoices for payment:

- Bank Charges - £10.00
- Clerk's Wages (February) - £301
- HMRC Payment (February) - £75.20
- EDF Energy - £10.63
- Norwell Groundcare - £40 & £90
- Parking Shop Direct – Speedwatch Signs - £256
- Signs & Stickers Ltd - Hi-Vis Vests - £20.80
- Amazon – Clicker Counter - £6.19
- WaterPlus - £5.89 & £10.06
- Little Carlton Village Hall – PC Meetings 2022/23 - £210
- NSDC – Second Half Year Bin Emptying - £148.80

104.3 To consider a donation to South Muskham & Little Carlton Village Hall for Wi-Fi

The Clerk referred to a request received from South Muskham & Little Carlton Village Hall towards the wi-fi at the hall. Members noted that this had been paid in previous financial years.

After discussion, Members AGREED a donation of £316.80 and asked the Clerk to include this item for consideration at the January meeting when the budget was set. It was AGREED that the amount be capped at £316.80.

105.22/23 **Planning**

There were no items to consider.

106.22/23 **District Councillor's Report**

With the arrival of Cllr Mrs Saddington, the Chair suspended the meeting for her report at 8.04pm.

The Chair asked if there was any update on the solar farm applications in the Parish. Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that it was understood further information had been

requested from the applicants. It was not yet known when the applications would go before the Planning Committee.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Chair draft a letter to members of the Planning Committee and Chairs of adjacent Parish Council's to outline concern at the number of applications for solar farms and the impact on local communities.

Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that a donation of £200 had been made to the Parish Council towards any Coronation Celebration.

The Chair thanks Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 8.10pm.

107.22/23 **Parish Council Matters**

107.1 To receive details on the local elections in May 2023

Members noted the information circulated by the Clerk regarding the local elections. The deadline for submission of completed nomination forms was 4th April 2023. The notice for the election would be called on 20th March 2023. This would trigger the pre-election period (purdah) until the election on 4th May.

107.2 To consider works required to the Parish Council Noticeboard at South Muskham

The Clerk referred to the condition of the 'glass' in the noticeboard at the Village Hall which had deteriorated to the point that it was difficult to read any documents posted in it.

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations and report back to the April meeting.

107.3 To note changes to the Village Hall Committee

Members noted the changes to the Village Hall Committee.

108.22/23 **Beckett Field**

108.1 To consider replacing a bench on Beckett Field

Members considered the condition of a memorial bench on Beckett Field. After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk research the best way to refurbish this and report back to the April meeting.

Councillor Gill would seek to provide contact details of the family that had placed the bench.

108.2 To receive advice from the Council's insurance provider regarding the open boundary

The Clerk advised that advice had been sought from the Council's insurers on the open boundary at Beckett Field from a safety perspective. Photographs had been supplied and a response was awaited.

108.3 To receive an update from the Clerk on changes requested to the Public Space Protection Order

The Clerk referred to endeavours to establish when the changes to the Public Space Protection Order at Beckett Field would be changed to a 'Dogs on Leads' from a 'Dog Exclusion' order.

Until such time as the changes were listed on the District Council's website, people could still be fined. The Clerk would update Members if any information was received prior to the April meeting.

- 108.4 To note information received from EDF Energy
Members noted that the contract with EDF Energy for the supply at Beckitt Field was coming to an end. After discussion, it was AGREED that the contract be renewed.

It was noted that the Parish Council qualified for the £150 Energy Bill Relief Support which would be credited to the account.

- 109.22/23 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**
The Clerk had not yet received an update from Via on the issues experienced at Brammersack Close. Cllr Brown advised that Via had been in the area recently and had identified a collapsed drain. The highway was marked for repair.

110.22/23 **Highways**

- 110.1 To note works to the pavement on Great North Road
This item had been covered during the Chair's report.

- 110.2 To consider concerns over the 37 Bus Service
This item had been considered earlier on the agenda.

111.22/23 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

- 111.1 Carbon Literacy Training Launch Event
The Clerk would forward details to Members for information.

- 112.22/23 **Correspondence**
There was none to note.

- 113.22/23 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**
Councillor Jarvis referred to the Speedwatch training held recently. With schemes in both South Muskham and Little Carlton, more volunteers would be welcomed. It was AGREED that the Clerk include in the article for the Muskham Magazine.

Next Meeting – Parish Council – Wednesday, 19th April 2023 at South Muskham & Little Carlton Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Minutes approved as a true record –