

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th October 2021 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

Membership: G Shearing (Chair), K Brown, R Gill, P Jarvis,
Members of Public: 2

57.21/22 **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies – Received and accepted from Councillors Catanach, Laughton and Mrs Saddington.

Declarations of Interest – There were none made.

Open Session

One resident was present for agenda item 7.3. The Chair would allow the resident to participate at that time.

58.21/2 **Chair's Report**

The Chair referred to the recent sad loss of Hazel Hall. Condolences were extended to her family. Members noted the significant contribution Hazel had made to the village through her work with the Village Hall. She would be greatly missed.

The Chair asked that the Clerk review the list outlining residents who had previously volunteered as flood wardens to ensure it was up-to-date.

59.21/22 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2021**

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 22nd September 2021 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

60.21/22 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

There were none.

61.21/22 **Financial Issues**

61.1 To record Receipts - Second Half Precept - £6,532

61.2 To approve invoices for payment:

- Clerk's Wages (September) - £278.46
- HMRC Payment (September) - £69.80
- Return of Deposit for Beckitt Field – Sarah Leyland - £150
- EDF Energy – Beckitt Field - £13.22
- Newark & Sherwood District Council - £64.80 – Half Year Dog Waste Bin Emptying.

Members AGREED to payment of all accounts, but the Clerk would query the Dog Waste Bin invoice as it did not include the two additional bins in Little Carlton. The Clerk to also query the frequency of the emptying of the bins.

62.21/22 **Planning**

62.1 Decision Notice - 21/01896/HOUSE – The Gables Barn, Ollerton Road, Little Carlton - Replace existing oil storage tank with two 13kW air source heat pumps

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Members received and noted the decision notice granting permission for the development as outlined.

62.2 Muskham Wood - Solar Farm Construction Consultation

Members noted the plans for a solar farm construction at Muskham Wood, located at the far edge of the parish boundary towards Caunton. No formal planning application had yet been received.

Councillor Brown noted that there were two footpaths that ran across the fields proposed for development. The Clerk advised that, if progressed, the applicant would have to apply for a diversion order.

The applicant had been asked to confirm whether or not any community benefit would be payable.

63.21/22 **Parish Council Matters**

63.1 Update on Request for increase in Dog Bins – South Muskham

The Clerk advised that this should be in place before the November meeting. The bin was currently in production.

63.2 Report on Safer Neighbourhood Group – 30th September 2021

The Clerk had attended the meeting on 30th September. The Police had reported burglaries in Southwell and Farnsfield; with reports of hawkers. The group had been advised that hawkers should be reported through the 101 communication route.

PC Bakin had referred to a complaint made regarding a motorist who had been causing a nuisance by beeping through the 40mph zone, which had resulted in the Police issuing a warning to them.

63.3 Report from Inspector Allardice regarding A616

Inspector Allardice had provided a report regarding concerns raised by various residents relating to motorists on the A616. A copy had been circulated to Members for information in advance of the meeting.

Specific issues identified were:

- Cars and motorcycles continuing to speed through the village ignoring the new speed limit
- Lack of appropriate signage to publicise the new speed limit
- Follow up rates for the Community Speed Watch results.

The Chair suspended the meeting to allow the resident to participate in the discussion.

While acknowledging that the 40mph was experimental at the moment, the resident expressed concern at the lack of signage and it was positive that had been picked up on by Inspector Allardice. It was considered that double white lines and an interactive speed sign would be of benefit.

There was also a concern at the level of abuse directed towards those undertaking the community speedwatch. Members noted that Inspector Allardice had access to

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the Operation Reacher team who provided a visible presence with the speed gun and ANPR cameras for traffic enforcement. Support was also currently being given to 6 CSW groups across the district. Residents could feed information directly to the Operation Reacher team.

The most recent speed data information had been received by the Clerk immediately prior to the meeting and circulated to Members. Councillor Jarvis would share this with the CSW group and it would enable speedwatch sessions to be targeted to the best time. It was noted that, with the dark nights approaching, this restricted the time available to carry out monitoring.

With reference to South Muskham and speeding, at the September meeting it had been agreed that the Clerk raise the white lining on the B6325 following the resurfacing with Via, some of which had been replaced but not the whole stretch. Via had advised that the stretch of the Great North Road, South Muskham mini-roundabout to the A1 roundabout at North Muskham was under consideration for surface dressing in the next financial year, which would include relining.

The Clerk to enquire what would happen to the white lining if funding for the surface dressing was not forthcoming.

63.4 Newark & Sherwood District Council – Street Naming & Numbering Policy

Members noted the District Council were currently reviewing their street naming and numbering policy.

63.5 Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations – June 2022

The Clerk advised this had previously been raised with the Village Hall. Members AGREED that this should be progressed when possible.

64.21/22 **Beckitt Field**

64.1 To consider future arrangements for the mowing of Beckitt Field

The Clerk advised that an additional quotation had been received from Norwell Groundcare, in addition to the three quotations previously reported to Members. This was in the sum of £85 per cut, £170 per month from March to September inclusive.

After discussion it was AGREED that the quotation put forward by Norwell Groundcare be accepted due to the greater flexibility given by retaining a local contractor.

65.21/22 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

65.1 The Clerk advised that Karen Carr had stepped away from the Emergency Plan due to personal commitments. After discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk review the plan and the contents of the resilience store and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

66.21/22 **Highways**

66.1 Network Rail – Castle Level Crossing

The Clerk had received an update from Network Rail regarding the Castle Level crossing. It was expected that further information regarding their plans would be provided by the end of the week.

66.2 Advance Roadworks Bulletin – Church Lane, South Muskham

Members noted the advance roadworks bulletin which would see the level crossing at Church Lane closed by Network Rail over three weekends, 20th to 22nd November; 27th to 29th November and 4th to 6th December from 0100 hours to 0600 hrs. This was to allow essential works at the level crossing.

67.21/22 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

67.1 Finance Training

The Clerk referred to finance training sessions organised by the Association, a copy of which had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Shearing expressed an interest in attending the ‘Budgeting for councillors’.

68.21/22 **Correspondence Received**

There was none to note.

69.21/22 **Other matters arising not on the agenda.**

There were none.

Next Meeting – Parish Council – 17th November 2021 at South Muskham & Little Carlton Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 8.15pm

Minutes approved as a true record –