

## South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

### Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

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

Also present: District Councillor Mrs Saddington and Inspector Allardice

#### 70.21/22 **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies – Received from the Clerk, Jayne Saunders, who was ill.

Declarations of Interest – There were none made.

#### **Open Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting and welcomed Inspector Allardice, Newark Police, to the meeting.

Inspector Allardice noted that the experimental 40mph speed limit was due for review in January 2022. Counters were in place to see if it is appropriate. Despite recurring speeding data, decisions would be driven by accident fatalities, that is where priorities would lie.

The community speedwatch group in Little Carlton was one of the most active groups in the area. Inspector Allardice was aware that the group were getting abuse and suggested that support could be given by one of the Operation Reacher officers on a monthly basis. This would be co-ordinated through Emma Tilbury of the Community Speedwatch team.

Inspector Allardice was aware there was a disappointment at the number of letters issued to those caught speeding by the speedwatch team. This was down to a lack of resources.

The concern of residents regarding signage and white lines were noted by the Inspector, but these were the responsibility of Via.

The Chair thanked Inspector Allardice for attending and for her support of the speedwatch team.

The Clerk would be asked to ensure that the Parish Council were included in the review of the speed limit.

The Chair invited Councillor Mrs Saddington to present her report.

Problems with the level crossings between Nottingham and Newark continued, with the barrier at Bleasby recently being closed for 5 hours. Councillor Mrs Saddington continued to lobby Network Rail for improvements along the line, and also at the Newark Castle level crossing.

It was noted that the work at Southwell Racecourse had started.

71.21/22 **Chair's Report**

The Chair thanked Councillor Shearing for leading the October meeting in his absence.

72.21/22 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

73.21/22 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

There were none.

74.21/22 **Financial Issues**

74.1 To record Receipts - None

74.2 To approve invoices for payment:

- Clerk's Wages (October) - £278.46
- HMRC Payment (October) - £69.80
- Norwell Groundcare – Mowing of Beckitt Field - £85
- EDF Energy – Beckitt Field - £7.91
- Waterplus – Beckitt Field - £35.67
- Newark & Sherwood District Council – Additional Dog Bin Charge - £14.40

74.3 To consider changes to the Parish Council Bank Account

Members noted the changes to the Parish Council's HSB C bank account that had come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November. Delegated authority was given to the Chair and Clerk to investigate alternative accounts, with a report back to the January meeting.

74.4 To consider a contribution in memory of Hazel Hall

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Catanach, seconded by Councillor Jarvis, that a donation of £30 be made to Beaumont House Hospice in memory of Hazel Hall.

75.21/22 **Planning**

75.1 Decision Notice – 21/0199/HOUSE – Cottmead, Main Street, South Muskham – Demolition of lean-to garage and formation of a two storey side extension

Members noted that the development had been refused permission.

75.2 Decision Notice – 21/02309/TWCA – South Muskham – Fell 1 no Crack Willow

Members noted the decision notice, but were of the opinion that the tree was located in Little Carlton, not South Muskham.

75.3 Decision Notice – 21/01978/HOUSE – The Old Police House, South Muskham – Proposed extensions, front entrance porch and new boundary wall

Members noted that the development had been refused permission. In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, the proposal would cause unacceptable harm to the significance of the Old police House, which is a non-designated heritage asset.

75.21/22 **Parish Council Matters**

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

Members noted that the bin had now been installed on the verge at the junction of Church Lane and Main Street, South Muskham. It had been added on to the collection schedule and would be emptied on a monthly basis. This could be revised if usage was heavy.

76.2 Newark & Sherwood District Council – Street Naming & Numbering Policy – Request for Names

Members noted that the policy had been adopted with effect from 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was not considered necessary to forward a list of names for upcoming developments.

76.3 Casual Vacancy Advertisement

It was AGREED that the vacancies be advertised, with consideration of any applications at the January meeting.

77.21/22 **Beckett Field**

77.1 Free Trees Availability

Members noted that there were two packs available, and opted for Pack 1 – Wildlife Hedge. The Clerk would be asked to confirm and request delivery to Councillor Brown.

77.2 Hedge Cutting

Members noted and AGREED to accept the quotation in the sum of £50 from Norwell Groundcare to cut the rear boundary hedge. The Clerk to liaise with Norwell Groundcare, and Councillor Brown to report back to the January meeting.

77.3 General Maintenance

Councillor Gill had expressed a concern regarding the centre post that appeared to have been hit as it was mis-aligned. Councillor Gill and Shearing to review and report back to the January meeting.

77.4 Wet Weather Arrangements

Members noted the concerns raised following a Cougars match played on the Field when it was particularly wet.

The Clerk to liaise with the Cougars and ask that common sense be applied when the field was wet.

78.21/22 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

78.1 Updates Required to Emergency Plan

Members noted that the Clerk would circulate the revised plan to Members once complete.

78.2 Date for Flood Signage Training

The Clerk to look to arrange dates in January 2022.

79.21/22 **Highways**

79.1 Network Rail – Castle Level Crossing

Confirmation had been received from Network Rail that remedial work for the crossing would be commissioned in the New Year.

79.2 Letter to Network Rail re Church Lane Level Crossing

Members noted that the letter sent to Network Rail by the Chair had been acknowledged. A detailed response would be sent in due course.

79.3 Advance Roadworks Bulletin – Bathley Lane, Little Carlton – from its junction with Brammersack Close to its junction with A616 Newark Road

Members noted the closure as outlined from 0800 hours on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November through to 1700 hours on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

79.4 Petition re A616 Bridleway

Members noted the response from Nottinghamshire County Council advising that the request for a bridleway alongside the A616 had not been supported. The Clerk to ask Councillor Laughton to attend the next meeting to express the Council's disappointment that the request hadn't been supported, and to request more support.

80.21/22 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

80.1 Finance Training

The Clerk to liaise with the Chair on dates.

81.21/22 **Correspondence Received**

Members noted the correspondence from a resident expressing their concern at the 40mph experimental speed limit which, in their view, made the road more dangerous.

82.21/22 **Other matters arising not on the agenda.**

Councillor Jarvis advised that 24 additional lamp post poppies would be required for 2022. The Clerk to be requested to order as soon as possible.

**Next Meeting** – Parish Council – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at South Muskham & Little Carlton Village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm

Minutes approved as a true record –