

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Small Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

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

Also present: County Councillor Laughton and 1 member of the public

105.25/26 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies – received and accepted from Councillors Gill and District Councillor Mrs Saddington.

106.25/26 **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

Open Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for the Open Session.

Councillor Laughton referred to the deterioration of the road surfaces throughout the County. The number of teams had been reduced which had led to a considerable backlog in maintenance of the highway.

Budget setting would take place at the County Council next week.

The Chair referred to the recent flooding, which had seen Trent Lane closed to traffic. However, this road closure had been ignored by numerous drivers, putting themselves in danger. The Parish Council had previously requested that a hard closure be put in place at this junction to stop any infringement. Councillor Laughton advised he would discuss this with Officers.

Councillor Tilbury asked if there was any plan to provide an alternative bridge to Kelham Bridge across the River Trent. Councillor Laughton advised this was still included as a capital project.

In response to a question from the Chair, Councillor Laughton gave an overview of the Local Government Re-Organisation currently taking place in Nottinghamshire.

The Chair referred to a number of highways issues that were currently outstanding within the two communities. The Clerk was seeking to arrange a meeting with Officers to discuss these in more detail to try and progress. Councillor Laughton would be copied in on correspondence with Officers.

A resident present referred to concerns at the continued speed of traffic on the A616. Councillor Tilbury asked whether average speed cameras were being considered. Councillor Laughton advised that the Integrated Transport Management Plan budget should be available shortly which would identify whether any funding had been allocated.

The Chair thanked Councillor Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 8.15pm.

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107.25/26 **Chair's Report**

The Chair was relieved to note that the recent flooding had not impacted properties in the village, but the communities had suffered with extra traffic due to the closure of the A617.

The deployment of the tankers by Severn Trent had been welcomed, but it had been disappointing to note the attitude of some residents.

108.25/26 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 21st January 2026**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 21st January 2026 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

109.25/26 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

There were none.

110.25/26 **Financial Issues**

110.1 To record Receipts

- NatWest – Interest - £108.51 - January

110.2 Invoices for payment:

- Clerk's Wages (January) £340.04
- HMRC PAYE (January) - £85
- WaterPlus - £15.46
- EDF Energy – £20.72
- Arden Winch – PPE – £115.20
- WEL Medical – Defib Pads & Battery - £367.97
- Hugo Fox Website - £143.86

110.3 To note the Parish Council's financial position as at 31st January 2026

Members noted the Parish Council's financial position as at 31st January 2026, with a balance of £48,726.83 in the Deposit Account and £14,348.13 in the current account.

110.4 To consider quotations received in relation to an Internal Auditor

The Clerk advised that one further quotation had been received to undertake the Parish Council's audit, in the sum of £200. A response from a third provider was awaited.

After discussion, delegated authority was given to the Clerk to retain an internal auditor who provided the most cost effective quotation.

111.25/26 **Planning**

111.1 Applications

There were none to consider at the time of setting the agenda.

111.2 Decision Notice – 25/0194/HOUSE – Eden, Great North Road, South Muskham – Proposed detached garage

Members noted the decision notices outlining that permission had been granted.

112.25/26 **Parish Council Matters**

112.1 To receive details of the Boots and Berets Award 2026

Members received and noted details of the Boots and Berets Award 2026.

112.2 To receive the notes of the Safer Neighbourhood Group – 30th October 2025

Members received the notes of the Safer Neighbourhood Group held on 30th October 2025. The Clerk advised that at the recent meeting held on 5th February, incidents of oil theft had been raised as a matter of concern.

113.3 To receive an update on the Staythorpe Power Carbon Capture Project

Members received and noted the Newsletter updating on the Staythorpe Power Carbon Capture Project.

114.25/26 **Beckitt Field**

114.1 To consider a request to use the field for car parking

The Clerk advised that residents had asked to use the field for car parking for guests attending a wedding reception in the village. After discussion, it was AGREED that this be permitted, subject to agreement to the hire conditions and payment of a fee of £150.

The Clerk would progress.

115.25/26 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

115.1 To note the deployment of tankers by Severn Trent to Little Carlton

Members noted that tankers had been deployed by Severn Trent to Little Carlton recently. Severn Trent had confirmed that they had been deployed following a storm Mid-January as the sewer level had risen to a high level but not returned to normal.

The sewage pump station has been checked and no problems found with its operation.

Investigations had revealed that one water leak had been found which had been fixed, but it was suspected that there may be another still present that needed to be found. Severn Trent were working as fast as they could to try and resolve the issue and had apologized for any inconvenience caused. The Tankers had been asked to operate between the hours of 0700 and 2200 to minimise local disturbance.

116.25/26 **Highways**

116.1 Highways Issues Logged

This item had been covered during the Open Session.

116.2 To note the log of items outstanding with Via

The Chair referred to the lot of items outstanding with Via. This would be updated and forwarded to the Clerk with a number of potholes that had been logged.

Discussion took place regarding the offer from Via to provide 'It's 30 for a reason' signs. These could be provided in South Muskham, but would not be suitable for the A616. The Clerk advised that Via had offered similar signs that read 'Slow'. It was

AGREED that the Chair and Clerk would progress this. The Clerk would request visuals of the signage.

The Clerk would continue to push for a meeting with Officers.

117.25/26 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Council**

102.1 To receive details of the appointment of the new Chief Executive

The Clerk advised that a new Chief Executive, Pat Woodfield, had been appointed. She had taken up the post from 9th February 2026.

118.25/26 **Correspondence Received**

118.1 Roadworks Bulletin

The Clerk confirmed that a roadworks bulletin had been received in relation to works on Muskham Bridge on Tuesday, 3rd March 2026 between 0930 hrs to 1530 hrs. This was to enable a bridge inspection.

In relation to this work, the Clerk advised that the localized deck waterproofing repair carried out in the second week of January had been reported to show signs of failing. It is considered that the waterproofing failure is not local, but global. The waterproofing for the bridge deck is scheduled to be replaced in the 2026-27 financial year, subject to completion of a bridge inspection and budget approval.

118.2 Local Government Re-Organisation Briefing Sessions

The Chair confirmed that he would attend one of the briefing sessions on either the 26th February or 2nd March 2026.

119.25/26 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**

Councillor Jarvis advised that a further set of Defib pads was required. The Clerk would progress.

The Clerk advised that problems with British Sugar lorries causing an obstruction of Great North Road had been reported by residents. This had been reported to British Sugar and would be reported again.

Next Meeting – Parish Council - Wednesday, 18th March 2026 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, South Muskham

The meeting was closed at 8.49pm