

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

A link to join by Zoom had been provided for members of the public.

Membership: D Catanach (Chair), K Brown, R Gill, P Jarvis, G Shearing
Members of Public: 1

Also Present: Councillor B Laughton

44.21/22 **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies – Received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Saddington.

Declarations of Interest – There were none made.

Open Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.35pm to allow Councillor Laughton to present his report.

Councillor Laughton advised that the County Council were currently in the process of changing their governance system across to a Cabinet style. This would bring it into line with all other County Councils across the country.

Former Leader, Kay Cutts, was being made an Honorary Aldermen in a ceremony at County Hall on Thursday, 23rd September.

The Highways Improvements Committee was moving forward.

The footpath alongside the B6325 in South Muskham had been put forward as a priority by Councillor Laughton for the 2022-23 budget. Given its length of 150m, it couldn't be included as part of the B6325 repairs undertaken recently.

The Chair referred to the number of vehicles still speeding through South Muskham and again raised schemes that were being utilised in other areas of the country that helped to reduce speeding. It was noted that the scheme recently completed in Kirklington would be good for South Muskham.

The Chair referred to a letter received from a resident of Little Carlton who had recently been travelling along the A616 at 40mph who was then overtaken by another vehicle with head on traffic approaching, and further vehicles in front.

Discussion took place on whether double white lines could be taken forward to prevent overtaking. Councillor Laughton advised that was led by Highways Officers, the first priority was to ensure that the 40mph limit remained. Councillor Jarvis advised that the Community Speedwatch continued to monitor.

Councillor Jarvis also referred to two incidents that had occurred in South Muskham over the last couple of months at the end of Church Lane caused by speeding motorists. Councillor Laughton to ask for the enforcement camera to be deployed.

The Chair noted that the gates adjacent to the Village Gateway Signs had been removed by Via. Councillor Laughton advised he had spoken to the Chairman responsible for transport regarding the gates, there was quite a lot of support for this type of street furniture but there would need to be a change in policy before any were allowed.

Councillor Shearing commented on how good the surface repairs undertaken on the B6325 were and asked that thanks be passed on to the team involved in the works.

The Chair thanked Councillor Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.50pm.

45.21/2 Chair's Report

The Chair congratulated the organisers of the Village Fete held on Beckitt Field on Sunday, 12th September 2021. While unable to attend due to being out of the area, the Chair understood it had been a big success, with a substantial sum raised for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance. Congratulations and thanks were extended to everyone involved.

46.21/22 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2021

The minutes of the Parish Council held on 21st July 2021 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

47.21/22 Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

There were none.

48.21/22 Financial Issues

48.1 To record Receipts – Deposit for Hire of Beckitt Field - £150

48.2 To approve invoices for payment:

Accounts requiring and accepted for payment were:

- Clerk's Wages (July & August) - £547.32
- HMRC Payment (July & August) - £139.20
- Mowing of Beckitt's Field - £70
- Namesco Renewal - £189.90
- EDF Energy – Beckitt Field - £13.55 & £15.60
- WaterPlus - £41.01
- British Heart Foundation – Defib Pads - £42
- Internal Audit Fee - £28.46

49.21/22 Planning

Links to the Planning Applications on the District Council's planning portal had been forwarded to Members in advance of the meeting.

49.1 Decision Notice - 21/01368/HOUSE – Westview, Great North Road, South Muskham - Demolish the existing garage to the rear garden, erect new garage in the front drive and erection of a single and a two storey extension to the rear and a new porch to the front elevation

Members noted the decision notice granting planning permission as outlined. Condition 8 was noted in that permission for the garage and summerhouse were to be used solely for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house known as Westview and not for any commercial, industrial or business purpose.

- 49.2 Decision Notice - 21/01426/FUL – Ashleigh, Great North Road, South Muskham - Proposed erection of 3 dwellings
Members received the decision notice refusing the application as outlined. It was noted that the application failed to accord with Core Policy 9 and 10 of the adopted Newark & Sherwood Amended Core Strategy (2019), Policy DM5 of the Allocations and Development Management DPD (2013) and failed the Sequential Test as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Policy Guidance, which are material considerations.
- Members also noted that, in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, it had not been demonstrated that the root protection of trees and hedgerows proposed for retention would not be indirectly harmed, therefore, the proposal failed to demonstrate that it would not have any negative impact upon the visual amenity and biodiversity of the area.
- 49.3 21/01896/HOUSE – The Gables Barn, Ollerton Road, Little Carlton – Existing oil fired boiler to be replaced with air source Heat Pump system
After discussion, Members agreed they had no observation to make on the application.
- 49.4 21/01998/HOUSE – Cottmead, Main Street, South Muskham – Demolition of lean-to garage and formation of a two storey side extension
After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Catanach, seconded by Councillor Gill, that objection be raised to the application on the grounds that it would cause loss of light or overshadowing, overlook the adjacent property and loss of privacy. This was AGREED by 4 Members, with an abstention by Councillor Shearing.
- 49.5 21/01978/HOUSE – The Old Police House, Great North Road, South Muskham – Proposed extensions, front entrance porch, detached outbuilding and new boundary wall
After discussion, it was unanimously AGREED that this application be supported.
- 49.6 Amended Allocation & Development Management Development Plan – Plan Review Consultation
Members noted and AGREED the submission put together for the Plan Review Consultation. It was noted that the Open Space Strategy did not include some areas of open space within the two communities, one of which was Beckitt Field. After discussion, it was AGREED that the Chair locate previous documents which referred to designated open space and share with the Clerk in order that this could be raised with the Planning Authority and included within the strategy.

50.21/22 **Parish Council Matters**

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

The Clerk advised that the previously identified dog bin was not suitable for the area, as it was not post mounted. A quotation had been received from Glasdons for an appropriate dog bin kit which was in the sum of £187.05 plus VAT. Members AGREED this should be progress.

50.2 Model Code of Conduct

The Clerk confirmed that training would be rolled out to Parish Councils at a future date by the District Council.

50.3 Safer Neighbourhood Group – date of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting was on Thursday, 7th October 2021.

50.4 Newark & Sherwood District Council – Gambling Consultation Letter

Members noted the review of Statement of Gambling Principles for the Gambling Act 2005 being undertaken by the District Council. The consultation period was from 7th September to 12th October 2021. Members did not wish to make any observations.

51.21/22 **Beckitt Field**

51.1 To consider future arrangements for the mowing of Beckitt Field

The Clerk advised that three quotations had been received so far for future arrangements for the mowing of Beckitt Field as follows, based on a fortnightly cut from March to October:

- £58 per cut – Newark & Sherwood District Council
- £90 per cut – D Lyne Contractors
- £115 per cut – Steve Rowley

Councillor Brown to share details of two local contractors for further quotations.

51.2 Hire of Beckitt Field

The Clerk confirmed that a signed conditions of hire form had been received for the wedding scheduled to be held on Saturday, 25th September. The £150 deposit, and £150 hire fee had also been received.

51.3 Muskham Cougars – Home Games

Confirmation had been received from Muskham Cougars that their home games were scheduled as follows:

- 11th & 18th September
- 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th October
- 6th & 20th November

Wednesday evening training will finish at the end of September, recommencing towards the end of March 2022.

52.21/22 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

52.1 Communities Prepared Flood Warning Training & Revised Date for Flood Signage Scheme Training

The Clerk advised that the flood signage training will now be undertaken during October. Dates were awaited and would be circulated to Members when received. Members were advised that the Environment Agency Flood Warden Training was being held via zoom on 28th September and 5th October. The link to register was included within documentation previously circulated.

53.21/22 **Highways**

53.1 Road Markings – B6325

Members noted that the road markings had only been partially completed when the work to the B6325 was done. The Clerk to liaise with Via with a view to all road markings being replaced along the route from the mini-roundabout to the A1 island.

53.2 Network Rail – Castle Level Crossing

The Clerk advised that no response had been received from the chaser sent on 28th July. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Councillor Mrs Saddington to lobby on the Parish Council's behalf.

53.3 Network Rail – Incident in 2018

The Chair referred to the documentation circulated to Members regarding an incident experienced by a resident back in 2018 when the barriers lifted, and then went back down again as they were walking across the level crossing at Church Lane, South Muskham.

The previous Chair had supported the resident with a letter to Network Rail, but the matter was still not resolved.

The Chair proposed that, with the support of Members, a further letter be put together to Network Rail to support the resident, and to also include the Member of Parliament who should be applying pressure to the Ministry of Transport to get the operating procedures changed.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Chair put a draft letter together to be circulated to Members prior to submission.

53.4 Highways England – Notification of Essential Maintenance Works A46

Members noted correspondence received from Highways England regarding ongoing work on the A46 between the M1 at Leicester and the A57 Carrholme Roundabout. The next phase of work is planned to start on Friday, 15th October and is scheduled for completion by Thursday, 18th November 2021. Work will be undertaken between 8pm and 6am.

53.5 CPRE Survey on Rural Public Transport Provision

Members noted the survey received from the Council for the Protection of Rural England seeking information on the availability of public transport in rural areas. The Clerk was asked to complete and submit the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

54.21/22 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

54.1 Notts ALC 76th Annual General Meeting – 17th November 2021

The 76th Annual General Meeting would be held at Epperstone Village Hall on Wednesday, 17th November.

54.2 NALC Policy Consultation Briefing to Member Councils – DEFRA Local Nature Strategies

Members noted the DEFRA Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation that NALC would be responding to on behalf of its members.

55.21/22 **Correspondence Received**

There was none to note.

56.21/22 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**

Councillor Jarvis asked that thanks be extended to resident, Paul North, for painting and decorating of the toilets on Beckitt Field, and also to David Jacobs for undertaking door repairs.

Councillor Gill referred to changes to a footpath in Little Carlton. The Clerk confirmed that no diversion order had been received and it was AGREED that this matter should be raised with the Rights of Way team. Members confirmed that they were content with the diversion and would not raise any objection.

Next Meeting – Parish Council – 20th October 2021 at South Muskham & Little Carlton Village Hall (with a remote link for residents).

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm

Minutes approved as a true record –