

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

Membership: C Briggs-Price, K Brown, R Gill, P Jarvis, G Shearing and E Tilbury

Also Present: County Councillor Laughton and 2 members of the public

77.24/25 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies – received and accepted from Councillor Catanach and District Councillor Mrs Saddington

78.24/25 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Briggs-Price declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6.3.

Open Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for reports from Councillor Laughton.

Councillor Laughton confirmed that Councillor Bradley had resigned as Leader of the Council for personal reasons. A new Leader should be appointed by December.

Councillor Laughton referred to the recent budget. The changes to the minimum wage and National Insurance would impact significantly, with current estimates that it would add £30m to the County Council's budget.

Councillor Tilbury asked if results were available from the recent tube monitoring. The Clerk was asked to contact Via Officers direct.

The Chair thanked Cllr Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.51pm.

With the permission of Members, the Chair brought forward Agenda Item 11.2 while Cllr Laughton was present.

79.24/25 To receive an update on the request to Via for a pedestrian island on Great North Road

The Clerk referred to a response received from Via regarding the submission made following the October meeting for consideration of a pedestrian crossing at South Muskham.

Officers had advised that there had been no collisions on the road in the last 3+ years, so changes could not be justified on safety grounds.

Further, to make the existing refuge into a pedestrian refuge, the road would need to be widened as the requirements were for the refuge to be 2m, with 4m of carriageways to pass. The footpaths on both sides would then need to be built to suit the routes.

Councillor Tilbury asked what the criteria was to get the 30mph sign Bathley side of Little Carlton moved. Councillor Laughton explained the process and that it could take up to 6 months, should it be considered appropriate to move. A request could be made to Via to review. The Traffic Regulation Orders appropriate to Little Carlton would need to be reviewed.

80.24/25 **Chair's Report**

No report was given.

81.24/25 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

82.24/25 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

There were none.

83.24/25 **Planning**

83.1 24/01797/FUL – Land off Bathley Lane, Little Carlton Erection of Detached Self Build Dwelling and Garage.

Members noted the comments made by Highways on the application and that the applicant had made revisions to the original plan to accommodate and address those comments.

After discussion, it was unanimously AGREED that the application be supported.

83.2 Appeal Decision - 23/02283/OUT – Land at Great North Road, South Muskham

Members noted that the appeal had been dismissed and the comments made by Newark & Sherwood District Council for refusal had been upheld.

83.3 Decision Notice - 24/01483/HOUSE – Crows Nest, Crow Lane, South Muskham – Two storey side extension

Members received the decision notice advising that permission had not been granted for the development as outlined.

84.24/25 **Financial Issues**

84.1 To record Receipts

- NatWest Interest - £38.42

84.2 Invoices for payment:

- Clerk's Wages & Backpay (October) - £395.08
- HMRC PAYE (October) - £98.60
- NSDC – 1st Half Payment for Dog Bins (Apr to Oct) - £171.12
- Bank Charges - £8.00
- EDF – Electricity Charges - £25.05
- WaterPlus – Water Charges - £15.10
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84.3 To note the Parish Council's financial position as at 31st October 2024

Members noted the Parish Council's financial position as at 31st October 2024, with a balance of £62,727.92 across its accounts.

- 84.4 To consider priorities for the 2025/26 budget
The Clerk asked Members to consider any priorities they may have for the 2024/25 financial year prior to budget setting at the January meeting. The requirement to retain a planning consultant to respond to the GNR Solar Park would be included in the budget.
- 84.5 To receive details of the NJC Pay Award
Members noted details of the NJC Pay Award, backdated to 1st April 2024.
- 85.24/25 **Parish Council Matters**
- 85.1 To note the outcome of the application submitted to Newark & Sherwood District Council as part of the Flood Resilience Grant Scheme
Members were pleased to note that the application to the District Council's Flood Resilience Grant Scheme had been successful. The Grant would cover the cost of installing a concrete path from the Resilience Store to the Village Hall.
- 85.2 To note correspondence from GNR Solar regarding the Second Phase of Community Consultation
Members noted that the second phase of Community Consultation had been pushed back to January/February 2025.
- 85.3 To receive the GNR Solar Park Construction Traffic Summary
Members noted the Construction Traffic Summary for South Muskham prepared by Systra on behalf of Elements Green. The Summary set out the projected number of vehicle movements using the mini roundabout at the south end of the village, and the A1 roundabout at the north to access sites.
- A copy of the summary had been posted on the Parish Council's website so that the public could access the information.
- It was outlined in the summary that no construction traffic would travel through South Muskham along the Great North Road from the A1 roundabout and the mini-roundabout. Concern was expressed at the implication construction traffic turning right into the two proposed sites to the north of the village would have on vehicles travelling south.
- Members asked the Clerk to request clearer maps that provided more detail of the proposed sites and site entrances, so that a better assessment of the risk could be undertaken.
- It was noted that no summary had been provided for Little Carlton and the Clerk was asked to request that information from Elements Green.
- 86.24/25 **Beckitt Field**
- 86.1 To receive confirmation of the window company instructed to replace the windows at the cricket pavilion, Beckitt Field in line with delegated authority
Members noted that the quotation from Sunrise Windows had been accepted for new windows at the cricket pavilion. The final cost was £3,600 fitted, to include safety glass.

87.24/25 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

There were no matters to consider.

88.24/25 **Highways**

88.1 Highways Issues Logged – to receive an update on the request to clean out the road side drains to prevent flooding from heavy rain

The Clerk advised that a request for an update had been sent as it was approaching the two month timescale it had been suggested the work would be undertaken by.

88.2 To receive an update on the request to Via for a pedestrian island on Great North Road

This item had been considered earlier on the agenda under Minute No 79.24/25

89.24/25 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

89.1 November Newsletter

Members received and noted the Newsletter as circulated.

89.2 To receive correspondence regarding the Notts ALC Membership Fees and Budget Notes

Members noted that the Membership Fees would increase to £163.64 for the 2025/26 financial year.

The Clerk would include this within the budget preparation.

90.24/25 **Correspondence Received**

91.24/25 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**

The Chair thanked Councillor Jarvis for putting the lamp post poppies up in advance of Remembrance Sunday.

Councillor Jarvis referred to recent comments on social media regarding the overgrown path from the A1 roundabout into South Muskham. The Clerk would log this on the MyNottsApp.

Councillor Tilbury referred to the concerns expressed by a resident regarding an area adjacent to the interactive road sign that had sunk. The Clerk advised this had been reported direct to Officers at Via who would take appropriate action.

Next Meeting – Parish Council - Wednesday, 15th January 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, South Muskham

The meeting was closed at 8.25 pm