

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 7.30pm

This was a virtual meeting conducted via Zoom.

Membership: D Catanach, C Brightmore, K Brown, R Gill, G Gilroy, P Jarvis, G Shearing
Members of Public: 1

27.20/21 **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Brown
Declarations of Interest – None

Open Session

County Cllr. Laughton provided an update on the current situation in the county with regard to Covid-19 following a recent meeting with the Director of Public Health. A spike is being recorded mainly within the 20-35 year age bracket, however hospital admissions remain low with no patients on ventilators w/e 11th September. It is noted that some people are having to go out of county for a Covid-19 test, the appointment for which are controlled by central government. Two new labs are due to come on line in the next 10 days which should help alleviate this situation.

A lengthy discussion was then had regarding the issue of speeding on the A616 with Cllr. Laughton being made aware of resident concerns and contact received by the Council voicing these concerns. Cllr. Brightmore advised that the Speed Watch Group are now recording numbers of vehicles so a percentage speeding can be calculated. The group continue to follow Notts police advice to record vehicles travelling in excess of 60mph.

The Clerk was asked to respond to the residents who have contacted the Council and to forward their comments to Cllr. Laughton. Cllr. Laughton will follow up with NCC and Highways regarding signage and the situation and also asked to attend a Speed Watch session and will liaise with Cllr. Brightmore on this.

Cllr. Gilroy raised concerns of residents living on the Great North Road and the vibrations felt when lorries hit potholes. Core samples of the road surface have been taken and Cllr. Laughton advised the road was scheduled for resurfacing earlier in the year but this was put on hold due to the pandemic and lockdown. This issue will also be followed up with NCC Highways.

District Cllr. Saddington reported on the change in opening times for recycling centers, details of which have been circulated via the Distribution List.

Cllr. Saddington also provided an update on issues with Network Rail and the level crossings in the area stating that defects have been noted on some and the Newark Castle, Staythorpe and Rolleston crossings are to be inspected this week. Barriers at Newark Castle are still remaining down for too long impacting on the town especially as traffic levels are getting back to normal. A further meeting with Network Rail is to be arranged.

Cllr. Laughton and Cllr. Saddington left the meeting at 7.53pm

A resident has commented on vehicles parking on the pavement through Little Carlton making it difficult for pedestrians to pass safely and without using the road. The Clerk was asked to circulate a polite notice about this.

A resident has requested the Council install a dog bin at the Church lane end of Main Street as there are no bins between there and the bin on the Great North Road. Any bin can be used to dispose of bagged dog waste and the members confirmed there are no plans to install additional dog bins at present.

28.20/21 **Chair's Report**

The Chair confirmed the solar panels at the village hall are now installed. There still seems to be an issue with litter around the church and the fishing lakes area.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Brightmore and all the volunteers for the work on re-painting the cricket pavilion. Cllr, Jarvis also asked for thanks to be recorded to the ladies that supplied refreshments and cake.

29.20/21 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2020**

The minutes were approved by all and will be signed by the Chair at a later date.

30.20/21 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**
None

31.20/21 **Financial Issues**

- 30.1 To record Receipts
 - i) Muskham Cougars rental for 2020/21 at £100
- 30.2 To ratify payments made between meetings:
 - i) C Brightmore for grass cutting through July at £120
 - ii) C Brightmore for cricket pavilion paint and bench plaque at a total of £36
- 30.3 To approve invoices for payment
 - i) NSDC General Election Expenses Recharge at £68.75
 - ii) C Brightmore for grass cutting at £80
- 30.4 Switch to Internet banking
Forms are completed and require signing

32.20/21 **Planning**

- 32.1 New Applications - None
- 32.2 Decisions (for information) - None
- 32.3 Government White Paper on reforms to the planning system
The Clerk circulated a brief overview of the consultations and following a discussion **all agreed** a response be submitted outlining concerns regarding the proposed move to a more digital system (disenfranchise the rural areas and ageing population) and speeding up the process (potential to reduce ability to discuss plans in public).

33.20/21 **Beckitts Field**

- 33.1 To discuss quotes for a fire extinguisher inspection
The Clerk advised a cost of £49.99 plus Vat for an inspection and **all agreed** for this to be arranged
- 33.2 To discuss a resident request to hire the field for an event
A lengthy discussion followed and **all agreed** that there would be no plans to hire the area on a commercial basis but in this instance members were in favour of providing this service to the resident. The Clerk was asked to contact the resident with details of what would be required.
- 33.3 To discuss a proposal for a summer fete in 2021
All agreed this was a good idea but to delay any decisions until the Spring. The Clerk was asked to table the subject until March/April

Cllr. Brightmore thanked Paul Andrews for his help with cutting back the hedge.

34.20/21 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

- 34.1 NCC Winter service Offering – **all agreed** that this year the offer of free bags of salt would not be taken up as sufficient supplies are held.

35.20/21 **Highways**

- 35.1 Removal of place names close to new gateway signs
The Clerk advised this has been requested particularly for Little Carlton which do not have the 30mph signs attached
- 35.2 A616 and speeding issue
Two residents have contacted the Clerk and asked for their concerns regarding speeding traffic on the A616 to be raised. The correspondence was read out and discussed during the Open Forum with Cty. Cllr. Laughton who requested a copy of the detail.
The Clerk advised that an enquiry had been made to Via EM regarding an interactive speed sign. Following a brief discussion, the Clerk was asked to gather more information on costs and installation and **all agreed** this be discussed again at the October meeting.

36.20/21 **Correspondence Received**

- i) Various emails from Cllr. Saddington, NCC, Sherwood Forest Hospitals on information relating to the rise in Covid-19 cases in Newark during August – relevant details circulated via the distribution list
- ii) NCC information on free mental health training – circulated on distribution list
- iii) Catalyst Support Services offering supports with grant applications – details retained on file
- iv) Resident correspondence regarding the village hall installation of solar panels was redirected to the Chair of the Management Committee
- v) Via EM advance notice of temporary traffic lights on Church Lane overnight 25th

Email: clerk@smlcpc.org Tel: 07488 325125

September – details circulated via PDL

vi) Highways England advance notice of major (overnight) works between the Widmerpool roundabout and A1/A46 junction at Newark between October and December – details circulated on the PDL

vii) Letter from Robert Jenrick to the Chair – the letter was read out and **all agreed** to extend an invitation to a future meeting and also to attend a Community Speed Watch session. The Clerk was also asked to share details of resident concerns received recently.

viii) NSDC Parish Conference on Wednesday 14th October between 5pm and 7pm via Zoom – Clerk to send out registration details

ix) Letter from Anthony May, NCC Chief exec advising the policy committee will be discussing the subject of a unitary authority for the second time on 16th September

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Other matters arising not on the agenda

i) Cllr. Gill commented on the signs placed on the A616 and the positive impact they have had. He also commented on the number of motorbikes using the road at high speed over the weekend.

ii) Cllr. Brightmore asked if consideration be given to applying for a grant to replace the cricket pavilion with an improved facility. A discussion followed and **all agreed** more detail as to usage and what funding is available would be required.

iii) Cllr. Brightmore asked if he could submit an invoice for the decorative stones placed as security on Beckitts Field. The cost of £385 had previously been agreed and **all agreed** it be included in this year's expenditure. An invoice is to be submitted for payment.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom. Any residents wishing to join the meeting should contact the Clerk.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 9.35pm

Approved as a true record on Wednesday 21st October 2020