

South Muskham and Little Carlton Parish Council

<p>Chairman: Howard Clack The Paddocks, Ollerton Road Little Carlton, Newark NG23 6BP Tel: 01636 701520 howard.clack@btinternet.com</p>	<p>AGENDA Parish Council meeting South Muskham Village Hall on Wednesday 16 September 2015 at 7.30pm</p>	<p>Clerk: Christine Slim 4 Hatton Gardens Newark, NG24 4BX Tel. 01636 650667 smlc.parishcouncil@gmail.com</p>
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1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Public Session**
4. **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015**
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda**
6. **Financial Matters inc**
To Ratify cheque 100201 £57.48 (£ + VAT) Tanvic Tyres in respect of hydraulic oil
To Consider payment of the following
 - £1565 Village Hall Grant re refurbishment Main Hall flooring
 - £14.19 Severn Trent metered water, Beckitt Field dates 28.05.15-05.08.15
 - £134.00 HMRC 2nd quarter PAYE payment Parish Clerk PAYE
 - £112.52 Cllr R Gill, re-imburement mower parts (92.27) & travel (£20.25)
 - £50.00 Les Smith mower repairs
 - £13.50 Cllr L Francis re-imbure parking exps (£4.50) & PC signage (£9.00)**To Note** Npower (direct debit) £33.59 + £1.68 vat est reading qtr to 20.7.15
7. **Planning Issues, inc**
 - **PLA14/01598/FULM land at junction Kelham Rd & Gt North Road, Newark** demolition existing bldgs/erection Class A1 foodstore & petrol stn.(Sainsbury's)
 - **PLA15/01228/FULM British Sugar, Gt North Road,** installation of 1 wind turbine, with max height to tip of 100m, access/hstanding, substation
 - **To note PLA15/00967/FUL Field House, Bathley Lane** approved by NSDC
 - **PLA14/02133/FUL Manor Farm wind turbine** not approved by NSDC
 - Verbal update from the Chairman re. Muskham Lakes re PLA & Litter
8. **Highways Issues**
Traffic Chaos. Petition
Env Weight Limit along Trent Lane
9. **Safety & Security**
Update re Speedwatch & meeting NCC Highways re Church Lane & B6325.
Report back on meeting 26.8.15 with Paddy Tipping
10. **Environmental Issues**
 - **Severn Trent** update on problems experienced by residents re. unpleasant smells
 - **Greenwood Community Tree Planting Grant 2015-16** possible use Beckitt Field
11. **Correspondence received**
 - **Annual Parish Conference 5 October from 5.30pm Kelham Hall**
 - **Transparency Code : Government initiative re costs for individual website**
 - **Annual General Meeting : Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils 18 November 2015, including nominations for Long Service Award**
12. **Next Scheduled Meeting : Wednesday 18 November 2015**

Signed *Christine Slim*
Clerk to the Parish Council

9 September 2015

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22 July 2015 at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall, South Muskham

Membership: Councillor H Clack(Chairman)
 Councillors: D Catanach, L Francis, R Gill, Mrs G Gilroy, R Pollard,
 Mrs K Walsh
 Together with 5 members of the public together with Cllr Mrs S Saddington

16.15/16	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs D Catanach and Mrs K Walsh</p>	
17.15/16	<p>Declarations of Interest Subject to a declaration of pecuniary interest from Cllrs Francis and Pollard, in respect of reimbursement of costs, see Minute 20, no other declarations of interest were received</p>	
	<p>Public Session Highways Everyone agreed that a number of Highway issues were causing considerable disruption to the lives of local residents, in particular A1 Closures and the consequent overnight re-direction of traffic along the B6325 and A616. Residents reported that the noise resulting from the heavy volume HGVs caused sleepless nights: drivers of light loads travelling at excess speed over a very poor surface and those with heavy loads making houses actual shake. The Chairman reported an update now received from Highways which advised that the work related to the cause of the current problems (major work at Elkesley) would, again be extended, and continue well into August.</p> <p>Speeding The Chairman reported the receipt of a Petition, organised by Martin Smart, requesting a decrease in the speed limit for the B6325 throughout the village of South Muskham and also that traffic slowing measures be considered for all approaches.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Sue Saddington said that she would be pleased to present the Petition at the next appropriate NCC meeting in September. However she would not hold out any hope of a reduction along the B6325 from 40 to 30 mph and suggested that other safety controls should be considered, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An adjustment to the Speed Notification sign to give earlier notification of the speed travelled by drivers would be beneficial • The introduction of Distance to distance cameras would assist • Trained Speed Watch volunteers would also be a deterrent <p>She suggested that a meeting with the Local Highways Office might be helpful; and that the use of the £1000 grant provided by British Sugar towards highways/related matters might be used in this regard.</p> <p>Highways Aware of the current problems, which extended to those living along or near to both the B6325 and the A616, Cllr Saddington would be glad to be involved, if available, with any meeting with the District Highways Department.</p>	

	<p>Farndon Roundabout Cllr Saddington reported that despite recent changes, the line markings were no better and that she had received a promise from Highways England that further work would be undertaken very shortly which hopefully, and finally, would sort out the ongoing lane difficulties/hazards. [Post Minute note: Email from Highways England, copied to Cllr Saddington advised that “03/08/15 and 04/08/15 – On both the A46 North Bound and A46 South Bound approaches the current road-markings will be replaced and revised lane designation signs will be installed. This work will require a combination of full carriageway closures of A46. There is also some surfacing and road-marking work left to do on the B6166 WB departure and EB approach which will also require carriageway closures.”]</p> <p>Security Issues Cllr Mrs Saddington had spoken recently with PCSO Kevin Crowhurst and was advised that there had been a further spate of thefts in the local area. It was important that if anyone was seen acting suspiciously a 101 call be made immediately with as much detail as possible, eg general description, vehicle registration number; and she had been assured that if at all possible the Police would react immediately in the hope of catching those involved. Reporting crime on the following day was only helpful to log a incident</p> <p>She also reported that residents should be alert to individuals knocking on doors saying that they had been in prison and were now trying to make a living. Recent incidents that had occurred indicated that this was not the case and some residents had been subjected to verbal abuse ; only callers with a pedlar’s licence, vetted by Police, were acting legally.</p> <p>Boundary Commission review of County Council Wards would result in a breakup of the current Muskham Ward, with this Parish, North Muskham and Bathley being moved to the Farnsfield Ward. This new Ward included up to 15 parishes, mainly in the Farnsfield area and, whilst she would be sad to let the Muskhams go, she had now agreed with the Party proposal that in 2017 she should stand as County Councillor for the new Farndon and Trent Ward. She would continue to stand as our local District Councillor and Cllr Bruce Laughton would stand as our new County Councillor.</p> <p>Public Session closed.</p>	
18.15/16	<p>Minutes AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
19.15/16	<p>Matters Arising (not on the Agenda) Footpaths, Little Carlton Minute 13. Following further correspondence with NCC Rights of Way Office it was AGREED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the most efficient route for the public footpath, known as FP3, would be straight down along the western boundary of Manor Farm and along Manor Farm Road to the A616. This route would take the walk away from the immediate area of the Farm/Storage Area. • That, as the historic track across Beckitt field was not recorded as a public right of way, and that any process to claim a public footpath would be a long and, probably, unsuccessful process, the Parish Council drop any claim in this regard. <p>The questions raised about lack of access through public footpath known as FP2 (Bathley Lane corner to the A616) were still the subject of research by NCC Highways.</p>	Clerk to advise NCC

20.15/16	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>Invoices for Payment The Council unanimously AGREED to the ratify the payment of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chq 100197 £213.80 to HMRC first quarter PAYE charges, Clerk's Salary <p>And to the payment of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chq 100198 £326.80(272.34+VAT)to Cllr Francis, Refurb at Beckitt Field • Chq 100199 £120 (£100+VAT) to Grant Thornton regarding external audit 2014-15 • Chq 100200 £50.00(£41.67+£8.33) to Cllr R Pollard in respect of fuel for the Mower <p>Request for Financial Aid : Village Hall Management Committee(VHMC) The Parish Council considered a request from the VHMC for the sum of £1565 to refurbish the Hall floor. Whilst accepting that specialists should be involved in such work, the PC was concerned that only one quote had been made available, and further questioned what future steps might be put in place to ensure that no recurrence of similar damage by outside cleaners. Mrs V Donnelly, present at the meeting, reported that only one such specialist contractor was available locally to do the work and further that steps would be taken to ensure that future cleaning was strictly in accordance with specialist advice.</p> <p>It was generally agreed that further quotes, or at least some confirmation on the standard of work carried out by the single flooring specialist – who quoted Lincoln Cathedral and 'work to school gymnasiums, sports halls, village halls, and the like' should be sought.</p> <p>After further discussion, Cllr Francis offered the proposal that the Parish Council consider making an financial contribution as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 50% contribution, based on the current quote, ie £782.50; or • The full 100% contribution of the best of three quotes <p>The Chairman asked for a vote on this proposal and it was AGREED by 4 votes to 1.</p> <p>Mrs Donnelly agreed to report this offer to VHMC.</p> <p>For clarification it was agreed with Mrs Donnelly that the reference in the letter from VHMC to further financial costs relating to repair of the car park was not a request for additional funding but simply to advise that the VHMC were themselves urgently having to find a further £4000+ to tarmac and line the parking area.</p> <p>Request for Financial Aid : Sherwood & Newark Citizens Advice Bureau(CAB) A round robin request to support the local service was considered; and whilst it was agreed that this was a very worthwhile service available to all users in the District, the Parish Council would like to retain their current funding for purely local facilities.</p> <p>Annual Audit Letter 2014-15. To note that an Unqualified Opinion had been received.</p>	Clerk
21.15/16	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>PLA 15/00967/FUL Field House, Bathley Lane, householder application for one two storey extension on the left rear of the property, squaring off a previous extension, one single storey extension on the right rear of the property and re-face the property with a cream render. Re-roof the property with a similar plain tile, adding pitches to existing front dorma windows. The Parish Council having considered the application unanimously AGREED to approve the application without comment.</p> <p>Wind Turbines update on revised Government guidelines Cllr Francis reported that Government guidelines with regard to the erection of wind turbines were changing – and the agreement of local residents would be necessary in future with regard to on-shore wind farms. Such benefit would still not exist in respect of single turbine applications but in view of the current three turbines in place on Debdale Hill,</p>	Clerk

	<p>any further requests be viewed as part of a wind farm development.</p> <p>Reference was made during the Public Session with regard to the third wind turbine erected at Debdale Hill and speculation as to problems with connecting the Turbine to the Grid. Cllr Saddington offered to raise this matter with NSDC PLA.</p>	SS
22.15/16	<p>Land Registry The Clerk reported that notification had been received from Land Registry to formalise the Parish Council's ownership of land, being</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Land lying to the North West of Bathley Lane, Little Carlton (Beckitt Field); and Land on the North West side of Main Street, South Muskham (that area around the official notice board)</p> <p>For legal purposes the contact details used on the formal notices would be that of the current Chairman and Parish Clerk. The Clerk being responsible for their safe keeping.</p>	Clerk
23.15/16	<p>Beckitt Field Cllr Gill reported that a note of appreciation had been received in respect of the social event organised by a local resident at the Pavilion on 12 July.</p> <p>He had been informed that, because of other commitments by the Team Manager and the absence of any replacement Manager, the senior Youth Football Team had been disbanded. The (new) under 10s team, managed by Adrian Grosse, wished to continue to use the facilities as before. The Parish Council were pleased to hear the Ground would continue to be used by the Team and unanimously AGREED that the terms should be as in previous years, covering the year 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016, to include a contribution of £75 from the Team towards maintenance costs.</p> <p>Maintenance Cllr Francis reported that almost all the damaged joinery required at the PC Block had now been replaced and painted. On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Francis for all the hours this had involved and the very considerable saving against the Council's Budget. He also thanked Les Johnson for ensuring that the grass continued to be maintained to a very high standard.</p> <p>The Parish Council would also like to thank Greta & Les Johnson, Mrs S Brown and Mr Brown Jnr for weeding and generally improving the appearance of the roadside footpath by the Field along Bathley Lane. It was noted that NCC Highways had completed the annual weed killing exercise along the same stretch shortly afterwards.</p>	Clerk to write
24.15/16	<p>Highways Issues ECML Level Crossing Closures Feasibility Study update The Chairman reported that, along with Cllr Mrs G Gilroy, he had attended a meeting that afternoon with other local Parish Councils, at which the Consultant involved in the Study had reported that nothing would happen with the overall Scheme until, at least, 2019 [the next General Election]; further, even if monies were made available by the next Government, it would be at least 4 years before anything at all would be happen. Importantly it had been accepted by the Consultants that lessons had been learnt and that if any future Feasibility Study followed, the process would involve far more involvement with the local public.</p> <p>The Chairman also confirmed that the information published the previous week in The Advertiser was incorrect; those present hoped that a formal retraction would be forthcoming from Network Rail.</p> <p>Cllr D Catanach had provided the Parish Council with a statement in advance of the meeting with the Consultants; and rather than read this out to those present the Chairman suggested that it was circulated and posted on the Council notice boards.</p> <p>[Post Minute Note: Cllr Mrs S Saddington has now provided the following contact details for Network Rail if residents wished to raise any issues of concern: Phil Verster, ECML</p>	

	<p>Route Managing Director for Network Rail, phil.verster@networkrail.co.uk]</p> <p>Petition with regard to Speeding through South Muskham As reported under the Public Session, Cllr Mrs G Gilroy offered to take the Petition round to any households who had not yet been approached. The document would then be made available for Cllr Mrs S Saddington at the beginning of September. Cllr Gilroy would also take the opportunity to ask residents about involvement in a local Speed Watch Scheme. Cllr Saddington felt that information gathered on the numbers of drivers who were exceeding the 40mph speed limit would be useful to back up the request for improved signage/safety measures.</p>	<p>GG</p> <p>GG</p>
25.15/16	<p>Safety & Security Issues</p> <p>Rural Crime and proposed Cutbacks to Police Community Safety Officers The Chairman thanked Cllr Francis for his involvement in securing a Public Meeting with Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping to take place at 6.45pm on Wednesday 26 August 2015 at North Muskham Community Centre. It would be a chaired meeting with the opportunity for the public to raise questions; and residents of this Parish, North Muskham, Bathley and Norwell were encouraged to try and attend.</p> <p>Safety Neighbourhood Group Cllr Mrs Gilroy agreed that she would be willing to be the Parish Council representative on this Group.</p> <p>Seating at the corner of Forge Close and Main Street Cllr Mrs G Gilroy reported concerns raised by disabled residents to the cobbled area around the Bench, limiting its use by wheelchair users. This was an unfortunate restriction and Cllr Gilroy AGREED that she would report back on possible solutions to the problem.</p>	<p>GG Clerk to write nsdc</p> <p>GG</p>
26.15/16	<p>Correspondence Received and Other Matters Reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary Commission's proposed County Ward changes – the Parish Council NOTED and accepted the comments made by Cllr Mrs S Saddington, under the Public Session, and would not be responding to the current consultation • Gravel Extraction proposed at Flash Farm Gravel Quarry, Averham NOTED • NSDC Draft Statement : Gambling Policy, NOTED without comment • NSDC Planning website likely disruption w/c 21 July, NOTED 	
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>7.30pm Wednesday 16 September 2015 in the Village Hall, South Muskham</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.35hrs</p>	