

Draft South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 16 September 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, Mrs K Walsh

Together with 9 members of the public together with Cllr Mrs S Saddington

27.15/16	<p>Apologies for Absence & Resignation of Roy Pollard Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Gill and Mrs G Gilroy. The Chairman reported on an email received just before the meeting from Cllr R Pollard, advising that he would be moving from the area within a fortnight and was therefore resigning with immediate effect. In addition to personal tributes, it was unanimously AGREED that a formal letter of thanks be sent to Roy for his service to the community over many years, together with the Council's very best wishes to him and Jan for the future.</p> <p>Clerk to advise NSDC of the resignation; a notice advertising the vacancy would be formally posted in due course.</p>	Clerk Clerk
28.15/16	<p>Declarations of Interest Subject to a declaration of pecuniary interest from Cllr Francis, in respect of reimbursement of costs, see Minute 31, no other declarations of interest were received</p>	
	<p>Public Session</p> <p>Severn Trent : Bad Odour Mrs Karen Carr reported that a series of meetings had recently taken place with Seven Trent (STWA) following requests from a number of residents in South Muskham for action to deal with the problem of bad odour smells in their homes and garden areas. In brief STWA suggested that they were unaware of changes to current usage at Kelham Hall with a potential use at functions of 700 guests and up to 200 caravan/tent pitches within the grounds. STWA continued to dispute the fact that the pumping stations could not cope, despite the numerous complaints received over a period of 30 years, and reports that septicity levels were high. The Parish Council would fully support the efforts of local residents to get action from STWA; further delays were no longer acceptable. Mrs Carr would forward a copy STWA's report when received, and keep the District Councillor informed.</p> <p>Planning process : Wind Turbine, Manor Farm Mrs Ward wished to express her concerns with the mishandling of the administrative process by NSDC and, not least, the recommendation made by the Planning Authority Officers to approve the application. Councillors from Little Carlton reported that they had also been unhappy with the process, but in view of the intervention of Cllr Saddington and the important decision made by NSDC Planning Committee not to approve the application, the Parish Council would not formally report their concerns on this occasion. It was suggested that some of the confusion might have been be as a result of the long period since the application had been received by NSDC and the subsequent changes to National Policy guidance stating that priority must now be given to local opinion.</p> <p>Church Lane The Chairman reported on the receipt of a number of complaints from residents with regard to state of the tarmac on Church Lane and the overgrown verges, which made access, particularly for wheelchair users, difficult. Highways had been asked in the summer to look at the verges and had reported back that reported improvement work did not fit within their criteria. And at a recent meeting attended by Mrs J Hunt, Cllr Mrs Gilroy</p>	

	<p>and Cllr Mrs S Saddington, with the local Highways Area Manager, the Parish had been advised that the roadway was currently structurally sound but re-surfacing work had been scheduled albeit within a programme covering the next five years.</p> <p>A616 Road Surface Noise Councillor Mrs Saddington reported on complaints of increased noise following the resurfacing of the A616 along Little Carlton. Highways had repeated that the new surface had improved skid resistance and that the noise issues should improve over time. It was noted that Caunton had made similar complaints.</p> <p>Gateway Scheme Cllr Mrs Saddington reported on the imminent launch of a limited scheme to provide up to 10 villages in the County with a sum of £2000 for use towards highways safety improvements. She suggested the Parish Council might wish to apply for funding to reduce the speed of those travelling through Little Carlton.</p> <p>South Muskham Petition re Speeding & A1/Highways Chaos Cllr Mrs S Saddington would be presenting the Petition to Committee at County Hall on 17 September. Mr Smart, present at the meeting, added that, with the exception of two properties, everyone approached had been very keen to sign the petition. Vibration was a particular problem for those, like himself, living along the B6325.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs S Saddington reported on a very unsatisfactory meeting with Highways England regarding the ongoing chaos, particularly with regard to HGVs continuing to cut through villages protected by the approved Environment Weight Limit Scheme. A request for improved/early signage had been turned down on the grounds of (extortionately high) cost, but herself and neighbouring County Cllr Laughton would continue to give this matter high priority, lobbying our MP and the local press, with a view to some early improvements to ease the situation and reduce safety concerns.</p> <p>Forge Close Play Area Mrs V Donnelly reported that the litter bin continued not to be emptied</p> <p>Sugar Beet campaign Further to a meeting held earlier in the year, the Chairman agreed to contact the Factory regarding compliance with the official cut off times; adherence to no- queuing; and a reminder regarding beet falling on to the road.</p> <p>Public Session closed.</p>	<p>Clerk to ask NCC for info</p> <p>Clerk to report</p> <p>HC</p>
29.15/16	<p>Minutes AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
30.15/16	<p>Matters Arising (not on the Agenda)</p> <p>Seating Main Street/Forge Close (Minute 25) Cllr Mrs G Gilroy had reported that the height of the kerb did not appear to be a problem, but work would be necessary with regard to the cobble stones set in the paved area. Her only other suggestion was for the seat to be moved across the road onto the unused land which belonged to Burnetts. The Council had written to Burnetts some months ago about the state of that land, which was overgrown and very untidy, and had expressed an interest in meeting to discuss making use of the land for a seat and offering to undertake maintenance of the site. There had been no response to the first request or the reminder, but the overgrowth was cut back. Cllr Mrs Walsh offered to contact the Burnetts again on this matter and would report back to the next meeting.</p>	<p>KW</p>

31.15/16	<p>Financial Matters : Invoices for Payment The Council unanimously AGREED</p> <p>(1) to the ratify the payment of Chq 100201 £57.48 (£47.90 + VAT) Tanvic Tyres in respect of mower expenses</p> <p>(2) to approve payment of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chq 100202 £1565 Village Hall Grant refurbishment costs Main Hall Floor • Chq 100203 £14.19 Severn Trent, Beckitt Field 28/5/15 to 15/08/15 • Chq 100204 £134.00 HMRC 2nd quarter PAYE Parish Clerk payroll costs • Chq 100205 £112.52 Cllr Gill re mower parts (76.89 + VAT) & travel (£20.25) • Chq 100206 £50.00 Les Smith mower repairs • Chq 100207 £13.50 Cllr Francis parking exps(£3.75+ vat);PC signage (£7.50 + vat) <p>(3) To note direct debit payment to Npower of £33.59 + £1.68 re. electricity costs Cricket Pavilion for second quarter to 20.7.15.</p> <p>With regard to the payment for costs to refurbish the Village Hall floor, Mrs Hazel Hall wished to record the grateful thanks of the Village Hall Management Committee.</p> <p>The Chairman, again, recorded the Parish Council's thanks for the voluntary help provided by Cllr Francis in respect of the recently refurbished work to the toilets at Beckitt Field, Cllr Gill for his efforts in ensuring that the mower was fit for purpose and to Les Johnson for maintaining the grass at such a high standard.</p>	
32.15/16	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>PLA14/01598/FULM land at junction Kelham Rd & Gt North Road, Newark demolition existing buildings/erection Class A1 foodstore & petrol station (Sainsburys). It was unanimously AGREED to object to this application on the basis of the consequent, and inevitable, increased disruption to road traffic, particularly bearing in mind other planned development in the area, such as the forthcoming re-location of the District Council offices, the increase to the East Midland train service and, not least, the current and ongoing, chaotic problems in that area relating to the A46 and A1.</p> <p>PLA15/01228/FULM British Sugar, Gt North Road, installation of 1 wind turbine, with max height to top of 100m, access/hardstanding, substation. It was unanimously AGREED to object to this application on the grounds of size – the turbine would be seen from a considerable distance and would detract from the Town's visual assets of e.g the Church and the Castle and also, because of it's visual impact, it was felt that it would be dangerous to road users on the A1, particularly those travelling southbound in the event of a driver taking his eyes off the road for one second and coming up against standing traffic.</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. NOTED Approval by District Planning Authority</p> <p>PLA14/02133/FUL Manor Farm wind turbine. NOTED NOT approved by District Planning Authority.</p> <p>PLA15/01598 Muskham Lakes creation of two 20m x 20m stock ponds and a Central Bank in Bridge Lane. The Chairman reported on a site visit by himself and Cllrs Francis and Gill and explained that the request was to stop erosion by protecting the sides of the pond, which included new reed planting. It was unanimously AGREED that the application should be accepted conditional to controls being in place with regard to waste earth movements, such as avoiding the peak Sugar Beet season; queuing not allowed on the road and the provision of wheel wash facilities before the lorries exited from the site.</p>	<p>Clerk to advise NSDC</p> <p>Clerk to advise NSDC</p> <p>Clerk to advise NSDC</p>

	<p>Hough on the Hill Parish Council letter to request support against an application for a 10 turbine wind farm proposed at Temple Hill (7 miles north of Grantham) which, it was noted, was expected to be visual for a distance of up to 20 miles. It was unanimously AGREED to support the local community objections against such a development; and request that the changes to National Planning Practice Guidance 'that local people have the final say on wind farm applications' should be enforced.</p>	Clerk to advise SK/NKDC & Hough pc
33.15/16	<p>Highways Issues NCC Winter Service Provision. It was AGREED to ask if the free offer of 5 x 25kg salt bags could be applied to each Village; no order regarding the 1 tonne bags. It was noted that the previous Parish Snow Wardens (R Pollard and Carol Hibbert) had now left the Parish Council. The role of Snow Warden was only required during an emergency, and could be a resident of the Parish. It was hoped that, as available, Marcus Widdowson would continue to be involved with emergency/safety issues within the Village, but other volunteers would be very welcome; in the mean time Cllr Mrs K Walsh offered to be a contact point for South Muskham.</p>	KW
34.15/16	<p>Safety & Security Issues Speedwatch Scheme Update Cllr Gilroy had reported that the first training session had recently taken place with 6 volunteers. More residents had expressed an interest and a further session would be arranged. PSCO Crowhurst had recommended the purchase of a radar gun, and in this regard the Parish Council would like to thank Cllrs Mrs S Saddington for her offer to provide a cheque for £200 to be used towards setting up and related costs involved with regard to speed reduction initiatives.</p> <p>Meeting with Crime Commission, Padding Tipping. The Chairman reported back on the joint Muskham meeting held on 26 July at North Muskham. The meeting was informative and he expressed disappointment that only six residents had taken the opportunity to attend.</p>	
35.15/16	<p>Environmental Issues Greenwood Community Tree Planting Grant 2015-16 Cllr Francis raised with local residents present the suggestion that hawthorn saplings be planted to fill gaps along the boundary fencing of Beckitt Field and the Cricket Field. The general view was that this would block the view onto the Field, would become a maintenance issue in the future, and might result in a security problem and it was therefore AGREED not to pursue the grant provision.</p>	
36.15/16	<p>Correspondence Received and Other Matters Reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Parish Conference 5 October 2015 from 5.30pm Kelham Hall NOTED • Transparency Code: Government financial initiative re website provision. AGREED to continue with the current arrangements for Parish committee papers and other statutory reports to be posted on the NSDC website. • AGM Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils, 18 November 2015 NOTED. The Chairman would speak to Cllr Gill with regard to his nomination for a long service certificate. [Post minute note: The Chairman was pleased to report that Cllr Gill had agreed to his name being put forward to mark 40 years' service.] • NSDC PLA Review It was noted that the working papers, still to be circulated, related to a consultation process taking place over the period 5 October to 16 November 2015, for a review to include consideration of possible housing growth in rural areas. It was AGREED that the papers, when received, would be circulated and made available on request, and that Cllr Francis co-ordinate comments received for inclusion in an agreed Parish response. 	Clerk to advise
	<p>Next Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 18 November 2015 in the Village Hall, South Muskham Meeting closed at 21:50hrs</p>	

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