

Draft South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall, South Muskham

Membership: Councillor H Clack(Chairman)
Councillors: Mrs K Carr, D Catanach, L Francis, R Gill, Mrs G Gilroy and Mrs K Walsh

3 member of the public were present, together with Cllr Mrs S Saddington

32.16-17	<p>Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors D Catanach and Mrs K Walsh.</p>	
33.16-17	<p>Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were received</p>	
	<p>Public Session Village Hall Management Committee. Mrs Hazel Hall was pleased to report that a cheaper quote having been received in respect of the acoustics problems in the Main Hall, Veoila confirmed that their original award of £3400 would not correspondingly be reduced. The VHMC would now, therefore, be able to use the difference towards resurfacing the floor of the Small Room. Also a £1000 grant from Garfield Weston would allow the Loop system to be installed; and a portable sound system could also be purchased from the £500 grant awarded last year by the Newark Area Art & Leisure Foundation. The Chairman, Cllr Clack, acknowledged the hard work of all concerned and congratulated the VHMC on their well earned success.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Sue Saddington reported briefly on the importance of the County Council meeting taking place 23 September 2016 with regard to the Draft Mineral Plan.</p> <p>She wished to note the achievements of those involved in respect of the meeting held on 15 August with the various authorities on the subject of Flooding; and she congratulated those involved with the preparation of the recent Emergency Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Saddington offered a contribution of £200 from her NCC Divisional Fund towards overheads with regard to the retention of the Telephone Kiosk on Main Street, South Muskham. This was gratefully acknowledged by the Chairman.</p> <p>She would continue to lobby for improvements to the ongoing traffic congestion issues in the area. Sadly the problem would shortly be exacerbated with the start of the Sugar Beet campaign and she urged residents, wherever possible, to take photographic evidence of the inevitable queue of lorries waiting on the B6325 for the Factory to open, and to notify the Parish Council of any incidents.</p>	
34.16-17	<p>Minutes AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
35.16-17	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes Telephone Kiosk. Cllr Mrs Walsh to update members at the next meeting.</p> <p>Defibrillator. Cllr Francis asked whether any further information had been received from Notts Piscatorial Society with regard to a tentative offer to provide the Parish with a Defibrillator. Cllr Mrs Karen Carr offered to follow this up.</p> <p>Footpaths. A useful site meeting was recently held with the District Public Footpaths Officer. All the public footpaths in the Parish were discussed and it was hoped that following certain action, to be progressed by NCC, these pathways would be clear of any obstruction and open for all to use. In this regard it was noted that any dog walkers crossing privately owned land would be required to keep their dogs on a lead. It was hoped that a map outlining the various routes could be completed for circulation within the Parish soon.</p>	<p>KW</p> <p>KC</p>

	<p>Village Bench. Cllr Mrs Gilroy reported that space was available within the Church grounds to site the bench currently situated at the bottom of Forge Close. However the Chairman advised that he had been in contact with Highways; any work at the mini roundabout would have to be carried out by NCC authorised contractors and it was now proposed that with the new seat installed at Forge Close, the existing bench be re-sited at the mini roundabout, and that some other limited improvements to this important entrance to the Parish be considered. An estimate of costs was awaited.</p>	
36.16-17	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>Invoices for Payment The Council unanimously AGREED to the following payments Chq 100239 £120.00 (£100 + vat) Grant Thornton re. 2016 Annual Return Chq 100240 £65.85 Severn Trent re Beckitt Field water charges 4.2.16 to 18.08.16 Chq 100241 £24.29 (£20.24 + vat) Currys Black printer ink. Reimbursement to Clerk, Mrs Slim Chq 100242 £144.60 Inland Revenue 2nd qtr return Clerk Payroll costs Chq 100243 £47.06 (£39.22 + vat) HP Products; two further computer ink cartridges (black & colour). Re-imburement to the Clerk Mrs Slim</p> <p>Bank Standing Order revised Mandate Parish Clerk was agreed and signed to reflect the approved pay award and incremental increase wef 1 April 2016.</p> <p>Annual Audit 2016-17. The Council was pleased to NOTE an Unqualified Opinion</p> <p>Internal Auditor. The Parish Council was very pleased to report that Mr F Lacey had kindly agreed to take on the role of Internal Auditor in respect of the Parish Council accounts with effect from the financial year 2016-17.</p>	
37.16-17	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>a. Greenoaks, Kelham Lane, Little Carlton PLA16/01398/FUL householder application for proposed entrance gates, garage extension, side extension, pitched roof to side, hand railing, external stairs, barbeque roof, summer house and golf driving hut to existing building. PLA16/01307/FUL proposed change of use of wooded area to a wildlife habitat.</p> <p>Both applications were unanimously AGREED.</p> <p>b. Proposed Sand & Gravel Quarry, Gt North Road (Scoping Opinion) The Chairman thanked a member of the public present for coming along with their views on this important proposal. The points raised had been covered in the formal response from the Parish Council, which had been prepared by Cllr Francis, and circulated to all members of the Parish Council for comment and approval. A copy of the agreed response has been attached to these Minutes, as Appendix 1.</p>	Clerk to advise NSDC
38.16-17	<p>Flooding & Drainage Issues</p> <p>Meeting with appropriate agencies on long outstanding issues re. Mitigating future flooding problems in the Parish held on 15 August 2016. The Chairman thanked Cllrs R Gill and Mrs Karen Carr, in particular, for all their help in what had been a useful meeting. Cllr Mrs Carr confirmed that a response to a number of points raised had been promised by the end of the month; she would monitor receipt of that response. It was unfortunate that a representative from NCC Flood Risk Management Team had not been present at the site meeting and, following the receipt of response referred to above, another invitation would be made in order to ensure that all the relevant authorities were involved and aware of the overall position.</p> <p>Parish Emergency Plan Public Meeting to be held on Wednesday 28 September 2016 between 7.30 – 8.45 pm in the Village Hall.</p> <p>Parish Flood Warden Appointment of Jo Longmire. On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked Jo for taking on this important role for the Parish.</p>	KC/Clerk

	<p>NCC Winter Service : Provision of Salt/Grit Bins. Current grit bins were full but consideration was given to the benefit of a new bin to be sited inside the Village Hall grounds. The views of the VHMC to be sought.</p> <p>Appointment of a Snow Warden for South Muskham and also for Little Carlton The role of Snow Warden had lapsed. Cllr Clack offered to be first contact in respect of Little Carlton; Cllr Mrs K Carr would make enquiries for a volunteer in respect of South Muskham.</p>	Clerk KC
39.16-17	<p>Highways The Parish Council had earlier been informed that they would be formally consulted on the welcome proposal that the speed limit for the stretch of A616 between Debdale Hill and the mini roundabout be made 50 mph; and the B6325 between the mini roundabout and North Muskham be reduced to 30 mph.</p>	Clerk to chase NCC
40.16-17	<p>Safety & Security Cllr Mrs G Gilroy provided a brief update on the July meeting of the local Safety Neighbourhood Group. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 6 October; if residents had any points they would like raised, please contact Cllr Gilroy (Email: gill.gillroy@btinternet.com; tel Nwk 705688).</p>	
41.16-17	<p>Environment Issues Subject to any matters raised elsewhere in the Minutes, nothing further to report</p>	
42.16-17	<p>Correspondence Received Fly Grazing – NSDC consultation on proposed guidance procedures. AGREED Shale Wealth Fund – Government consultation. NOTED NSDC Preferred Approach Strategy. Cllr L Francis, having attended a presentation at Kelham Hall, proposed Option 2 in respect of amended Spacial Policy 3, ie to retain the current approach based on ‘Local Need’. This response, and reasons provided, was unanimously AGREED and would be forwarded to NSDC, together with confirmation (for the avoidance of doubt) that the Parish did not want gypsy/traveller sites located next to or within our small settlements of S Muskham & L Carlton. NHS financial challenges – Have your say. Public Meetings as follows Friday 23 September 9.00 – 11.00am Newark Town Hall 1.00 – 3.00pm Ollerton Town Hall Tuesday 27 September 2.00 – 4.00pm Old Court House, Southwell TC Wednesday 28 September 7.00 – 8.30pm Newark Town Hall Neighbourhood Planning Bill – Government consultation. NOTED NSDC Parish Councils Conference 3 October 2016. NOTED Chairman NSDC Annual Civic Service Sunday 16 October 2016. Cllr Mrs K Carr and guest would be pleased to attend on this occasion.</p>	Clerk to advise nsdc LF to draft. KC to RSVP
43.16-17	<p>Matters Outstanding STW Charges Beckitt Field. Cllr R Gill reported that as a result of the increased half year charge he had checked the site and had registered a leaking tap. At present the stop tap was only turned off during the winter months – when the water was drained. He now suggested that during the summer months a notice should be posted requesting that following any use, the water should be turned off at the mains. This was unanimously AGREED. Rubbish, Crow Lane. Rubbish had again accumulated at the rear of the garage and it was AGREED that NSDC be asked to intervene to prevent any further waste being dumped in that area.</p>	RG Clerk to advise nsdc
	<p>Next Scheduled Meeting : Wednesday 16 November 2016 7.30hrs, South Muskham Village Hall Meeting Closed: 9.35pm</p>	

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For the Attention of: Joel Marshall

Dear Sir

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)
Regulations 2011 Regulation 13 Consultation of Scoping Request**

Proposed Development: **Sand and Gravel Quarry**
Location: **Great North Road Quarry, Kelham**

Applicant: **Tarmac Trading Ltd**

Thank you for your notice of Tarmac's request for a scoping opinion in respect of the above proposed quarry development. Due to the grave concern of residents and businesses in our parish, South Muskham and Little Carlton, some of our councillors, along with representatives of Averham, Staythorpe and Kelham parishes met with Tarmac on 12 September 2016 to better understand the proposal in order to give it due consideration.

Having done this, South Muskham and Little Carlton parish is firmly against this development on the following grounds:

1. We believe the Nottinghamshire County Council Minerals Plan, currently under review, is flawed in a number of areas as per our previous response to the consultation stage. One of the key issues is the projected mineral requirement, which is vastly overstated for the county's forthcoming needs.
2. There are several existing quarries in operation or mothballed sufficient for the foreseeable future.
3. Within the NCC Minerals Plan are identified a number of new sites, which may or may not receive planning consent in the future. However the Great North

Road Quarry at Kelham is not one of them and therefore falls outside the current open consultation and debate for the new minerals plan.

4. While the Tarmac site scores environmentally better than the Averham site, neither are feasible for several reasons, transportation being a major contributor to this.
5. Turning to this scoping opinion report, we strongly believe the already chaotic traffic situation impacting on Newark's road systems cannot stand any more vehicles until a new road network is developed, which we are told, is up to 10 years away yet.

The plant and access road on the proposed site is to be located next to the Great North Road, opposite Smeaton Lakes and the intake road to the Sugar Beet Factory, which is unbelievable.

Almost every day traffic queues from North, South and West into Newark, which causes a backlog up the Great North Road beyond the proposed site entrance.

For 6 months of the year lorries deliver sugar beet into the factory directly opposite from Tarmac's proposed site entrance. These lorries queue to off load causing a road block.

The number of lorries to the sugar beet factory increased significantly last year with the closure of a processing plant further North. The delivery lorries were therefore diverted to the Newark site.

Smeaton Lakes caravan park is also opposite with cars and vans entering and leaving at all times.

The five exit mini roundabout on the Great North Road at the entrance to Main Street in South Muskham is dangerous, unfit for the volume of traffic, and would be further compromised by the lorries travelling North to the A1 to deliver sand and gravel to South Yorkshire, and returning to the quarry. Tarmac agreed that supply of sand and gravel may well be diverted North to fulfil their requirements.

This is all in addition to normal traffic from local villages trying to access Newark and beyond.

Additionally, since the build-up of traffic to Newark caused by the dualling of the A46, there are serious holdups and accidents impacting the A1 exit at Newark. This has caused many lorry drivers to leave the A1 southbound at North Muskham which has at least doubled the traffic using the Great North Road into Newark.

Several times recently the A1 has been closed due to accidents/road works, with diversions down the Great North Road, A616 and A617.

6. When we met Tarmac there was discussion on an alternative site access onto the A617 but this changes very little, as the Cattle market island at Newark is the bottleneck which can't be avoided. The Kelham bridge is also a problem travelling towards east Nottingham.

7. The proposed re-landscaped sites provide no local amenity for walkers and nature lovers. We are very concerned that the area will be 'no go' as happened with South Muskham Lakes.
8. We are greatly concerned over possible flood risk as the proposed workings are directly within the Zone 3 Flood Plain. Additionally within flood years, which are becoming more frequent, the whole site is likely to be under water and therefore unworkable.
9. We know dust and dirt particles will reach here, regardless of Tarmac's efforts to dampen down. The smell from the sugar beet factory reaches here with its white particles, so the gravel quarrying will certainly do so.
10. Finally what provision will be made in the event of abandonments should Tarmac cease trading.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Slim
Parish Clerk, South Muskham/Little Carlton