

Draft South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, South Muskham

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

Also present 4 members of the public, together with Cllrs B Laughton and Mrs S Saddington for part of the meeting

24.17/18	<p>An Apology for Absence was received and accepted from Cllr D Catanach. Cllr Mrs Walsh was also absent.</p>	
25.16/17	<p>Declarations of Interest Subject to the following declaration of pecuniary interest under Minute 29. in respect of re-imburement of approved expenses for Cllr L Francis, no other declarations of interest were received</p>	
	<p>OPEN SESSION</p> <p>Manor Farm, Little Carlton. Concerns had been raised at the loud demolition noise coming from Manor Farm. This had been reported to NSDC for urgent review by the Planning Enforcement Office by SMLC and also by District Councillor, Mrs Saddington. If local residents continued to suffer excessive noise, they should speak to a Parish Councillor or the Clerk (contact details are posted on noticeboards).</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Saddington reported that NSDC staff would be vacating Kelham Hall and moving into the new building – to be known as Castle House - at the beginning of September.</p> <p>She had met with Network Rail with regard to the barriers: problems caused by drivers, and pedestrians, ignoring the lights; and the traffic issues associated with delays in raising the barriers. Network Rail are reviewing the problems and would report back.</p> <p>Traffic Issues The Chairman reported that speeding along the A616 through Little Carlton continued to be a problem, with little notice given to the 50mph limit. He again suggested that the siting and additional signs might help. Cllr Laughton agreed to speak to M Keeling (VIA).</p> <p>PLA Railway Bridge County & District Councillors reported on a current planning application regarding the use of land alongside the railway bridge along the B6325. The site was on land within North Muskham parish, and therefore SMLC had not been consulted, but if approved would increase the use of heavy traffic in the area.</p> <p>Briggs Price land along B6325. Issues raised by SMLC at the March meeting regarding the apparent increased curtilage of the Scrapyard site had been raised with Highways but, to date, no response regarding the concerns raised had been received from the Authorities. Further the illegal parking of lorries opposite the entrance continued to be a daily problem, with again no perceived intervention by the authorities.</p> <p>Village Hall. Hazel Hall wished to correct the Minutes of the last meeting with regard to the status of improved lighting in the Hall. The work had not yet been carried out, but was the next major project on the list of ongoing improvements. Replacement LED lighting was estimated to cost £2500, but long term savings in energy were anticipated. Outside financial support was being sought, including NSDC, and local funding would continue with ongoing social events being planned.</p>	<p>BL</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Forge Close Car Parking. Cllr B Laughton reported back on his discussions with the statutory authorities concerned. VIA (Highways) had set out the limits of their responsibility, including infrastructure issues: water and electricity. N&S Homes had responded in particular to the suggestion to allow parking on the garage site with the news that the site was likely to be developed in the near future and it would therefore not be cost-effective for use on a short term basis. Cllr Laughton suggested that the Parish Council might wish to consider contacting VIA again to report that the PC was proposing to engage local contractors to arrange for the five bollards to be removed and for the space created to be used to alleviate the parking problem. Further, Cllr Laughton stated that he would fund such work from his Divisional Fund. (See Min 28. below)</p>	
26.16/17	<p>MINUTES AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2017 be approved, subject to amendment in respect of VHMC report, as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
27.16/17	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Civic Service Cllr Mrs Karen Carr reported that on behalf of the Parish Council she had attended, and enjoyed, the County Council Civic Service on 25 June 2017. Grass Maintenance at the Roundabout entrance. VIA had confirmed earlier in the year that it was responsible for such work, but no work had, as yet, been carried out. NSDC Changes to the Payments System The Clerk reported that despite three requests for more information on the changes (Min14.) no response had as yet been received.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
28.16/17	<p>FORGE CLOSE The problem of car parking having been discussed under Open Session, the Parish Council now AGREED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dropped kerbs – even if approved – would be too expensive and would not solve the problem; • Concern was noted that even more housing was anticipated within the Close; however no comment could be made at this stage as the planning process had not yet been initiated; • VIA be advised that the Parish Council was proposing to engage local contractors to arrange for the five bollards to be removed and thanked Cllr Laughton for his offer to meet such costs; • Notification to Forge Close residents of these proposals would take place before any work was carried out, making clear that any off-road parking was not to be at the detriment of users (especially wheel chair users) <p>From the information collated to date it was clear that some of the parking problems could be alleviated with the co-operation of residents. An issue was raised by one resident regarding the regular inappropriate parking by visiting service carers, and it was agreed that a polite request should be sent to the care provider’s employers to explain the current issues.</p>	<p>Clerk BL Clerk</p>
29.16/17	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS Invoices now received for payment. The following invoices were approved and cheques made out: Chq 100274, £1345.98 (£1121.65 + VAT) VIA relating to the benches/roundabout Chq 100275, £185.20 HMRC 1st quarter PAYE payment Chq 100276 cancelled Chq 100277 £301.35 reimbursement to Cllr L Francis, being £193.40 + VAT Whatco Group plus £57.73 + VAT Homebase in respect of materials for refurbishment work to Beckett Field toilet block Chq 100278, £4.00 Notts ALC Good Council’s Guide to Finance & Transparency</p> <p>Standing Orders/Direct Debits An amended standing order in respect of the monthly net payment to the Parish Clerk, in the regular sum of £199.39 per month, was approved and signed.</p>	

	<p>Planning Authority the status of any comments forwarded which had not been the subject of consideration at a public Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Amended Core Strategy Plan Document (DPD). This document had been received after the formal PC agenda had been issued. It was NOTED that the document and supporting information could be viewed on the NSDC website http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/planreview/ however both Cllrs L Francis and Mrs K Carr had tried unsuccessfully to access the online link and the Clerk would check whether this fault was being corrected. Cllr Francis agreed to co-ordinate any comments received, and to circulate the proposed PC response for final comment and in time to be forwarded by the deadline of 5pm on 1 September 2017.</p>	Clerk LF
31.17/18	<p>FLOODING & DRAINAGE ISSUES</p> <p>Training regarding Road Closures had been requested, and chased by Cllr Mrs Carr.</p> <p>Other. Cllr Mrs Carr reported that she continued to pursue the responsible authorities with regard to outstanding issues.</p>	KC KC
32.17/18	<p>EMERGENCY PLAN</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Carr reported that a meeting of those involved in the preparation of the Emergency Plan would be held in September to review the Plan and progress Risk Assessments.</p> <p>Village Hall – Use of a Generator. Cllr Mrs Gilroy understood that a meeting between M Whate and G Wilkinson had taken place regarding the requirements for the use of a Generator. Cllr Francis advised that an electrical supply only was necessary as the purchase of a Parish-owned Generator would not be cost effective, and he was confident that, even in an emergency situation, a generator could be hired, if not locally than from a supplier further afield. Les to contact Geoff in this regard.</p>	KC LF
33.17/18	<p>SAFETY & SECURITY</p> <p>Safety Log. It was AGREED that a register should be maintained to log regular inspection of all Parish Council owned Land and Assets.</p> <p>Beckett Field & Pavilion – to be maintained by Cllr R Gill</p> <p>Corner of Forge Close, inc Noticeboard & Bench plus Bench at Roundabout – to be maintained by Cllr Mrs G Gilroy. (It was noted that Cllr Gilroy already maintained such information with regard to the Village Defibrillator)</p> <p>Safety Neighbourhood Group. Cllr Mrs Gilroy would be attending the quarterly meeting on 20 July 2017 and would ask the Parish PSCO if any cutbacks in staffing levels reported by local councils in the north of the County would affect his workload.</p> <p>Speed Gun Training. Not least in view of concerns raised earlier in the meeting regarding the high speed of some vehicles along the A616, volunteers for training a Little Carlton group would be much appreciated. Further information about what this would involve can be obtained from Cllr Gilroy (Newark 705688)</p>	RG GG GG GG
34.17/18	<p>NOTTS MINERALS PLAN</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of PAGE held on 7 June 2017 had been circulated to the Parish Council. Cllr Clack had attended that meeting and reported that the County Council had now withdrawn the current Plan; consultation to assess aggregate demand was due to start next month. A meeting of the PAGE was scheduled for September 2017 to confirm whether any financial costs were outstanding for the work of Steve Simms, professional adviser. [SMLC had provided a budget for likely costs in respect of the Public Hearing (now cancelled). A refund of £300 to SMLC in respect of funds outstanding from the previous campaign had also been approved by PAGE.]</p>	Clerk
35.17/18	<p>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <p>NSDC Review of Dog Control Orders in respect of the Play Area, S Muskham and Beckett Field, L Carlton had been completed & returned June 2017. No changes were requested, except the presence of the Dog Warden in the Parish from time to time and this had been noted and accepted.</p>	

	<p>Tour of Britain (Stage 4 Nottinghamshire) Wednesday 6 September 2017 NOTED that whilst some traffic disruption locally was possible, the route did not specifically include this Parish.</p> <p>Notts Assn of Local Councils AGM 15 November 2017 at 7.30pm at Epperstone Village Hall, to inc nomination of Officers and the Executive Committee & presentation of Long Service Certificates for 25+ years continuous service NOTED</p>	
36.17/18	<p>MATTERS OUTSTANDING not otherwise reported at the Meeting</p> <p>Telephone Kiosk (Min 14) and Rubbish, Church Lane (Min 32.)</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Mrs Walsh, no report on progress was available.</p>	KW
37.17/18	<p>OTHER MATTERS RAISED</p> <p>Dog Bins. In undertaking the Review of Dog Control Orders (Min 35) the Parish Council noted that general waste bins could officially be used to dispose of bagged dog mess. The Chairman reported that there still appeared to be a lack of respect by some dog owners to properly dispose of such rubbish and consideration was given by the PC to provide further bins in the Parish – possibly at the Bathley Lane corner in Little Carlton, and on Main Street (near the Forge Close entrance) in South Muskham. It was AGREED that the Chairman should meet with the NSDC Dog Warden to consider suitable sites for either new Dog Bins or, possibly, additional general Litter Bins.</p> <p>Church Gate. The Chairman had been approached concerning fund raising initiatives with regard to the Church Gate. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should await a formal request for funding and in the meantime Cllr Mrs Gilroy would speak to the Church about the work and costs involved.</p> <p>Footpaths. The Parish Council has for some considerable time been pursuing good access along all the footpaths within the Parish, with a view to making available printed maps of the paths to encourage local residents to enjoy walking along these routes. The Parish Council had been advised that problems of access on FP2 from the Bathley Lane corner along to the A616 had now been resolved. However, the post way marker at Bathley Lane needed replacing, and a similar problem had already been reported on FP1 at its access to the A616.</p>	<p>HC</p> <p>GG</p> <p>Clerk to report 2nd post & chk map copyright</p>
38.17/18	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 20 September 2017 at 7:30hrs at South Muskham Village Hall.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.30pm</p>	