

Draft South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the (additional) Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 December 2016 at 1.30p.m. in the Cricket Pavilion, Beckitt Field, Little Carlton

Membership: Councillor H Clack(Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs K Carr, D Catanach, L Francis, R Gill, Mrs G Gilroy & Mrs K Walsh

11 members of the public were present, together with Cllr Mrs S Saddington

56.16-17	<p>An Apology for Absence was received, and approved, from Councillor D Catanach.</p>	
57.16-17	<p>Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were received.</p>	
	<p>Public Session The Chairman reported that this additional meeting had been called to consider two specific items on which the Parish Council was a formal consultee and on which a response was required before the next scheduled meeting in January. He advised that there would be an opportunity for members of the public present to speak on these issues as they were discussed.</p>	
58.16-17	<p>Planning Issues PLA16/01761/OUT Ashleigh, Great North Road, South Muskham, application for the erection of up to five dwellings Regarding the site and its history, it was evident that many members of the public present at the meeting remembered that the site had been the subject of several planning applications in the 1980s which had been approved, but because of a failure to comply with the planning conditions imposed, NSDC had been forced to take action in the form of enforcement against the applicant who subsequently appealed, resulting in a public enquiry where an inspector ultimately rejected the appeal. It was stressed that the current outline planning application for up to five dwellings was totally unrelated and should therefore be determined solely against current planning policies and guidelines.</p> <p>Considerable discussion, including members of the public, followed and a number of concerns were raised, particularly with regard to safety and highways, plus there were many other issues where the application appeared to be at odds with current planning policies and a general resistance to further development on this scale within the Village.</p> <p>At the request of the Chairman, and on a show of hands, it was clear that all present at the meeting were opposed to the proposals set out in the outline planning application. The Chairman then asked Parish Council members to vote on the proposal which was unanimously REJECTED.</p> <p>In assessing the reasons for rejection, Councillors commented that the applicant had gone to considerable lengths, providing a detailed 52 page planning statement, to support his application. This statement was available to view on the NSDC website, and whilst several members had read through the document, much of the information was detailed, referring to planning legislation and the like, about which, members agreed, that no one on the Parish Council would be in a position to confirm or challenge.</p> <p>It was obvious from the strength of feeling expressed at this meeting, that this application should be rigorously opposed, Accordingly Members proposed that the Parish Council seek its own professional advice. There was precedent for this, most recently with regard to the erection of wind turbines. A budget provision had been included in the Council's annual budget over recent years for just this purpose, and a sum of £1000 included in the current 2016-17 Budget.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed, and it was unanimously AGREED, that an initial sum of up to £1000 net, including expenses, be approved for such work to be carried out by Aspbury Planning Ltd.</p> <p>It was subsequently noted that the response from Highways to the consultation process had already been received (again available to be read on the NSDC website). This stated that the application should be refused on the grounds of highway safety and should thus carry significant weight.</p>	Clerk

59.16-17	<p>Highways Issues : NCC (Little Carlton & South Muskham, A616, B6325, Church Lane & Crow Lane) (30mph and 50mph) Speed Limits Order (3256) 2016</p> <p>Nottinghamshire County Council, was proposing to introduce an Order, the effects of which would be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No person shall drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 mph in the District of Newark and Sherwood for the lengths of road listed in Schedule 1. No person shall drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 mph in the District of Newark and Sherwood for the lengths of road listed in Schedule 2. <p>Schedule 1, being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the length of B6325 Gt North road at South Muskham from a point 52 metres north of its roundabout junction with the A616 in a northerly direction to a point 347 metres north of the centre line of Church Lane; the length of Church Lane at South Muskham from its junction with the B6325 North Road in an easterly direction for a distance of 29 metres; and the length of Crow Lane at South Muskham from its junction with B6325 North Road in a westerly direction for a distance of 72 metres. <p>Schedule 2, being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the length of the A616 at Little Carlton from a point approximately 35 metres northwest of its junction with Ollerton Road to a point 25 metres west of its roundabout junction with the B6325 Gt North Road. <p>The Parish of South Muskham and Little Carlton welcomed the opportunity to respond to the above consultation and fully supported the proposed speed reductions.</p> <p>The following sets out the formal response, which was unanimously AGREED by the Parish Council</p> <p>Schedule 1 We support the proposed amendments as listed.</p> <p>Schedule 2 We support the proposed amendment but ask you to seriously consider moving the 30mph signs westward from the A616/B6325 roundabout by 100metres to encourage drivers to cut their speed earlier than they currently do when approaching on the A616.</p> <p>Additionally, the B6325 requires similar treatment when approaching the same roundabout from Newark.</p> <p>Although not part of this consultation, the Parish Council ask you to take another look at the signage for the A1 on the approaches to the A616/B6325 roundabout. Only the A1 north is signposted, when in fact the A1 north and south can be accessed by travelling northward along the B6325 to North Muskham. By changing the signage (which has been requested previously) the A1 southbound traffic would not need to travel via the Cattle Market roundabout at Newark, thereby helping to ease congestion. It would also remove the current confusion which causes drivers to do u-turns.</p>	Clerk to respond
60.16-17	<p>Sugar Beet : Traffic Congestion</p> <p>Concerns were again raised by the Parish Council and members of the public present with regard to illegal parking by the beet lorries on a regular basis. This problem had been the subject of several reports to the Factory Manager, and Cllr Mrs Sue Saddington offered to write once again on this matter. She would also mention that in many cases the loads were not covered and consequent the beet had been falling off; and would request that a message be issued to all drivers regarding safety concerns, as soon as possible and well in advance of the week before Christmas when loads were arriving very early.</p>	SS
	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall South Muskham</p> <p>Meeting closed 14:45 hrs</p>	