

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 19th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

Membership: C Briggs-Price, K Brown, D Catanach (Chair), R Gill, P Jarvis, G Shearing and E Tilbury

Also present: Two members of the public

122.24/25 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies – received and accepted from County Councillor Laughton and District Councillor Mrs Saddington

Open Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for questions from the public.

No questions were raised but the Chair confirmed he would suspend Standing Orders during consideration of the Planning items to allow members of the public to speak.

123.24/25 **Chair's Report**

The Chair was pleased to note that the potholes on the bridge over the River Trent on Great North Road had been repaired. Members would monitor the repairs and advise Via if they deteriorated.

The Chair noted that the drains had been cleared on Church Lane.

124.24/25 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2025 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

125.24/25 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

The Clerk advised that Via had come back in relation to the 30mph Speed Limit Order on Bathley Lane, Little Carlton. The advice was received was that the speed limit was enforceable by virtue of street lighting so the 30mph sign would be attached to the last lamp column in the system of street lighting. As that was the case, Via had advised that the signs were in the correct location.

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to go back to Via as Members recollection was that there used to be a 30mph sign by the village gateway sign. Signage around the bend highlighting the 30mph was not considered appropriate given the speed of traffic approaching the bend.

The Clerk advised that Newark & Sherwood District Council had been asked to undertake a litter pick on the A616. A chaser email would be sent to determine if this would be possible.

Councillor Tilbury highlighted a concern in relation to human excrement being dumped in a bag in Crow Lane. The Clerk asked Members to monitor and provide photographs of any further waste in order that this could be raised with Environmental Health at Newark & Sherwood District Council.

126.24/25 **Planning**

126.1 24/00304/FULM – Burr ridge Farm, Crab Lane, South Muskham - Change of use from agricultural to dog walking field. Erection of fencing

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.43pm to allow members of the public to speak on this application.

Residents expressed their continued concern at the noise nuisance to their properties from the field. They noted that the entrance had been moved, but were concerned that the existing entrance would also be retained.

The Chair thanked members of the public for their participation and reconvened the meeting at 7.56pm.

The Chair referred to the new plan that had been added on to the portal, which showed the entrance had been moved to the other side of the field. The opening hours had also been amended. It was noted that comments had been submitted by Highways who were requesting further information.

The Chair reminded Members of the objections raised by the Parish Council previously. Other than changes to the entrance and amendment to the opening hours, there were no other changes to consider.

It was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Brown, that objection continue to be raised to the application as previously submitted, with the exception of the comment in relation to opening hours.

127.24/25 **Financial Issues**

127.1 To record Receipts

- Interest on NatWest Bank Account – £106.64

127.2 Invoices for payment:

- Bank Charges - £8
- Clerk's Wages (February) - £329.44
- HMRC PAYE (February) - £82.40
- Norwell Groundcare – Hedge Cutting - £90
- NSDC – Dog Bin Emptying (01.10.24-31.03.25)
- WaterPlus –
- EDF –
- Village Hall – Room Hire - £300

- 127.3 To consider payment options for invoices in relation to the JPAG Planning Consultant support
Members noted that the Parish Council's proportion towards the JPAG Planning Consultant was £1,537. An offer had been made by North Muskham Parish Council to pay over three financial years should the Parish Council wish to do so.
- After consideration, the Chair proposed that the invoice be paid in full this financial year. Members agreed and the Clerk was asked to process payment.
- 127.4 To note the Parish Council's financial position as at 28th February 2025
Members noted the Parish Council's financial position as at 28th February 2025, with a balance of £40,517.50 in the Deposit Account and £16,775.38 in the current account.
- 128.24/25 **Parish Council Matters**
- 128.1 To note receipt of the contract for the emptying of the dog bins for the 2025/26 financial year
Members noted receipt of the contract for the emptying of the dog bins for the 2025/26 financial year.
- The Clerk advised there were 7 bins in total, 6 of which were emptied monthly, one on a weekly basis. Members were content to renew on the current basis.
- Councillor Tilbury enquired whether it would be possible to install an additional bin on Crow Lane, which was heavily used by dog walkers. The Clerk advised it would depend on whether there was a suitable location given the narrowness of the road. It was AGREED that Members would review Crow Lane to try and identify a suitable location that the Clerk could raise with Via and Newark & Sherwood District Council.
- 128.2 To receive a Stakeholder Briefing regarding the Opening Times of Newark Urgent Treatment Centre
Members received and noted the Stakeholder Briefing as circulated.
- 128.3 To receive an update on any expressions of interest from the community in relation to a Neighbourhood Plan
Members noted that no expressions of interest had yet been received from any residents in relation to assisting the Parish Council with developing a Neighbourhood Plan for South Muskham & Little Carlton, in conjunction with North Muskham.
- While the Chair was disappointed at the lack of response and engagement from Parishioners, he was keen that the Parish Council continue to work with North Muskham in the hope that residents would become more engaged before the final version was presented for consultation
- The Clerk advised that the next meeting of the North Muskham Steering Group was on Thursday, 10th April 2025. The Chair would attend that meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk would re-advertise the request for volunteers in the Muskham Magazine, and also on relevant Facebook pages. There was a News article requesting volunteers running on the Parish Council's website.

129.24/25 **Beckett Field**

There were no matters to report.

130.24/25 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

The Clerk advised that the construction of the extended path from the container would be undertaken as soon as the retained contractor was available.

The Clerk advised that Severn Trent Water had been requested to come back on queries previously raised by the Parish Council. That response would be circulated to Members once received.

131.24/25 **Highways**

131.1 Highways Issues Logged – to receive an update on the request to clean out the road side drains to prevent flooding from heavy rain

As outlined in the Chair's Report, Members noted that the drains on Church Lane, South Muskham had been cleaned. Councillor Shearing would inspect the drains on Great North Road and advise the Clerk if they were still outstanding.

The Chair asked that the condition of the path from Church Lane to North Muskham be logged for 'siding up' as it was becoming significantly overgrown.

The condition of the A1 roundabout at North Muskham was raised and the Clerk was asked to seek an update on when any other work was planned.

131.2 To receive an update from National Highways on the ongoing A1 closures

Members noted the update from National Highways on the ongoing A1 closures, with Phase 3 commencing on 6th May 2025. There would be a pause in the works from 29th March to 5th May.

132.24/25 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

132.1 March Newsletter

A copy of the March Newsletter had been forwarded to Members for information.

133.24/25 **Correspondence Received**

133.1 To note correspondence received from the Newark and Sherwood Alliance for People and Nature regarding pesticides

Members noted the correspondence received from the Newark & Sherwood Alliance for People and Nature.

134.24/25 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**

Insurance - Pre Renewal Questionnaire

The Clerk referred to the Pre-Renewal Questionnaire received in relation to renewal of the Council's insurance. Members confirmed their responses to the questions raised which the Clerk would now progress with the insurers.

Next Meeting – Parish Council - Wednesday, 16th April 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, South Muskham

The meeting was closed at 8.32pm