

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

Membership: D Catanach, R Gill, P Jarvis, G Shearing and E Tilbury

Also Present: County Councillor Laughton and District Councillor Mrs Saddington

48.24/25 **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies – received and accepted from Councillors Briggs-Price and Brown

49.24/25 **Declarations of Interest**

There were none to record.

Open Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for reports from County Councillor Laughton and District Councillor Mrs Saddington.

Councillor Mrs Saddington referred to the completion of the resurfacing of Great North Road, from the Cattle Market Roundabout to South Muskham. A request will be made for the road from the Cattle Market Roundabout into Newark to be added to the programme.

Discussion took place regarding matters within the Planning Department at Newark & Sherwood District Council. There had been a change of personnel and planning appeals that were scheduled not to be defended, now would be. These included the two solar farm applications within the Parish Council's boundary.

Councillor Laughton advised that he had been appointed to the Trent Valley Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, so could now raise concerns direct with the Environment Agency regarding flooding and PVs.

Councillor Laughton was supporting a motion at the County Council regarding solar parks, seeking to ensure that the County Council's response was robust on flooding and highways issues.

Councillor Tilbury asked whether any evaluation was undertaken by Via following the introduction of interactive speed signs. Councillor Laughton confirmed that was not undertaken. Discussion took place around the recently installed sign at Little Carlton, with feedback received that the Autumn sun impacted on visibility.

Councillor Laughton advised that he would now try to secure an additional interactive speed sign for the Ollerton side of the village. Tubes could be requested to identify traffic speed.

Councillor Tilbury asked for consideration of additional signage highlighting the 40mph limit, especially near the mini-roundabout.

The Chair thanked Cllr Laughton and Cllr Mrs Saddington for their reports and reconvened the meeting at 7.50pm.

50.24/25 **Chair's Report**

The Chair thanked District and County Councillor Members for their efforts in securing the resurfacing of Great North Road. It was noted that works had been undertaken at the A1 Roundabout, but the surface was still compromised.

It was disappointing that the requested meeting with Elements Green had not been able to be held prior to the Parish Council meeting. The Clerk was asked to request dates in October.

51.24/25 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

52.24/25 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

There were none.

53.24/25 **Planning**

53.1 Notification of Planning Appeal - 23/02283/OUT – Land off Great North Road, South Muskham - Outline application for four dwellings with all matters reserved except access

Members noted the planning appeal submitted for Land Off Great North Road, South Muskham. The Parish Council's comments would be forwarded to the Planning Inspector as part of the process.

53.2 Notification of Planning Appeal - 22/00975/FULM – Land at Knapthorpe Lodge, Hhockerton Road, Caunton - Construction of a solar farm, access and all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure

Members noted the planning appeal submitted following the refusal of planning permission for a solar farm. While noting that the Parish Council's comments would be forwarded to the Planning Inspector as part of the process, it was AGREED that the Chair's presentation to the District Council's Planning Committee also be submitted.

53.3 Notification of Planning Appeal - 22/00976/FULM - Field Reference Number 2227 Hockerton Road Caunton - Construction of a solar farm, access and all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure

Members noted the planning appeal submitted following the refusal of planning permission for a solar farm. While noting that the Parish Council's comments would be forwarded to the Planning Inspector as part of the process, it was AGREED that the Chair's presentation to the District Council's Planning Committee also be submitted.

53.4 24/01060/HOUSE – Cottmead, Main Street, South Muskham - Erection of a single storey front/side extension, application of render, replacement doors and windows, installation of rooflight, re-roofing, installation of solar panels and replacement surface material to existing access drive
After discussion, it was AGREED that no objection be raised to the application.

54.24/25 **Financial Issues**

54.1 To record Receipts

There were none.

54.2 Invoices for payment:

- Clerk's Wages (August) - £318.60
- HMRC PAYE (August) - £79.60
- Norwell Groundcare – Inv 1116 - £90
- Norwell Groundcare – Inv 1154 - £90
- Bank Charges - £8.00
- EDF – Electricity Charges - £38.30
- WaterPlus - £14.63 & £15.10
- ESET – Network Protection - £44.99

Members noted that the Parish Council's balance as at 31st August 2024 was £57,012.45.

54.3 To note completion of the process for opening a new Business Account and confirmation of the transfer of funds from the current account

The Clerk advised that the account was now open. However, difficulties had been encountered in transferring the agreed amount due to restrictions on the HSBC account. After discussion, it was AGREED that a cheque be drawn up to be paid into the NatWest account.

55.24/25 **Parish Council Matters**

55.1 To receive information from GNR Solar regarding their Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy Grant

Members noted the information from GNR Solar regarding their Energy Efficiency/Renewal Energy Grants. It was AGREED that this be highlighted on the Facebook pages, circulated to the SMLCPC Distribution List and a copy placed in the noticeboards.

The Clerk updated Members on the latest meeting of JPAG, with the next meeting to be arranged for October.

After consideration, in response to a request from NASSAG, it was AGREED that the survey results could be shared, but only the breakdown of 'For', 'Against' and 'Undecided'.

- 56.24/25 **Beckett Field**
56.1 To receive quotations for the replacement of windows at the cricket pavilion, Beckett Field
Members noted the quotations received from Sherwood Windows and Elite Windows. The Clerk advised that a third quotation had been requested from Newark Glass but had not yet been received. It was AGREED that the third quotation be chased and circulated to Members once received. The Clerk was also asked to confirm whether the glass referred to in the Sherwood Windows quotation would be toughened.
- 57.24/25 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**
57.1 The Clerk was asked to establish from the County Council what level of supplies should be given to individual properties during a flood event.

The updated Community Flood Signage Policy to be placed on the October agenda for consideration.

The Clerk was asked to progress the installation of the concrete plinth, in order that the transmitter could be returned. It was AGREED that the quotation received from Martin Talbot Builders be accepted in the sum of £1,308.
- 58.24/25 **Highways**
58.1 Highways Issues Logged
The Clerk was asked to chase works on the drains previously referred to by Via.
- 58.2 To note the invitation to attend the Preliminary Meeting regarding the A46 Newark Bypass on Tuesday, 8th October 2024 at 10am at The Renaissance, Kelham
Members noted the Preliminary Meeting regarding the A46. It was AGREED that the Chair would attend as an observer. The Clerk would progress registration of his attendance.
- 59.24/25 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**
59.1 September Newsletter
Members received and noted the Newsletter as circulated.
- 60.24/25 **Correspondence Received**
The Clerk referred to Roadworks Bulletins received for Main Street and Great North Road, South Muskham. The works related to the clearance of blockages and subducting works, with two-way traffic restrictions in place from Monday, 23rd September to Wednesday, 25th September
- 61.24/25 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**
The Clerk was asked to establish the date of the next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Group.

Next Meeting – Parish Council - Wednesday, 16th October 2024 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, South Muskham

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

Minutes approved as a true record –