

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

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

Membership: C Briggs-Price, R Gill, P Jarvis, G Shearing and E Tilbury

Also present: Two members of the public

107.24/25 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies – received and accepted from Councillors Brown and Catanach, and District Councillor Mrs Saddington

Open Session

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

Concern was expressed at the speed of traffic through South Muskham village and the challenges faced by residents trying to cross the road, especially given there was no pedestrian island.

The Chair advised that this matter had been raised with Via previously and the response had come back that there was nothing that could be done due to the existing infrastructure.

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to seek a site meeting with Officers from Via to discuss the matter again and to keep Councillor Laughton updated.

A resident expressed concern at the removal of the wooded area on Crow Lane as part of the GNR Solar Park proposals.

As a resident had questions regarding the GNR Solar Park, with the permission of Members, the Chair brought forward consideration of agenda item 8.1.

108.24/25 To confirm the response to the Phase 2 Consultation in relation to the GNR Solar Park

Members noted that the response from the Parish Council had been submitted in line with the deadline of 20th February 2025. The response through JPAG, which had been put together by a Planning Consultant, had also been submitted. Copies of both documents had been circulated to Members for information and would be made available on the Parish Council's website.

In response to the residents query regarding Crow Lane, the Clerk advised that, as part of the Parish Council response, it had been requested those fields be omitted due to the heritage assets contained within the area. However, the documents would be reviewed to determine whether this wooded area was retained within the proposals.

109.24/25 **Chair's Report**

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, Cllr Shearing would chair the meeting. He advised that he would be as efficient as possible in the length of the meeting,

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however, if shorter than normal that was no reflection on the importance of the matters before Council.

- 110.24/25 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2025**
The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2025 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.
- 111.24/25 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**
There were none.
- 112.24/25 **Planning**
- 113.1 Decision Notice - 24/01797/FUL – Land off Bathley Lane, Little Carlton - Erection of Detached Self Build Dwelling and Garage
Members noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development as outlined.
- 114.24/25 **Financial Issues**
- 114.1 To record Receipts
- Interest on NatWest Bank Account – £125.15
- 114.2 Invoices for payment:
- Bank Charges - £8
 - Clerk's Wages (January) - £329.44
 - HMRC PAYE (January) - £82.40
 - NSDC – Aqua Sacs - £453.60
 - WaterPlus - £30.20
- 114.3 To note the Parish Council's financial position as at 31st January 2025
Members noted the Parish Council's financial position as at 31st January 2025, with a balance of £17,596.62 in the current account and £40,410.86 in the NatWest deposit account.
- 115.24/25 **Parish Council Matters**
- 115.1 To confirm the response to the Phase 2 Consultation in relation to the GNR Solar Park
This item had been considered earlier on the agenda.
- 115.2 To note the Public Consultation for Carbon Capture Proposals at Staythorpe Power Station
Members noted the public consultation currently being undertaken on Carbon Capture Proposals at Staythorpe Power Station. The Clerk reminded Members that a public exhibition would be held in the Memorial Hall, Farndon, on Saturday, 1st March 2025.
- 116.24/25 **Beckitt Field**
- 116.1 The Clerk was asked to progress the provision of 'Dogs on Leads' signage to replace the 'No Dogs' signs.

117.24/25 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

The Clerk advised that the two boxes of Aqua Sac had now been received.

118.24/25 **Highways**

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

The Clerk advised that a chaser email had been sent to request an update on the cleaning of the drains. Via had advised that work had been undertaken to 19 gullies, commencing on 12th January, but it was unclear whether that related to South Muskham. Clarification would be sought.

119.24/25 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

119.1 February Newsletter

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

120.24/25 **Correspondence Received**

120.1 The Clerk referred to correspondence received from National Highways updating on the present position with works on the A1. A copy had been circulated to Members for information.

121.24/25 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**

Councillor Tilbury referred to the amount of litter along the A616 and asked whether a community litter pick could be arranged. The Clerk expressed concern at members of the public doing this due to the speed of traffic and suggested it may be better to ask the Waste Team at Newark & Sherwood District Council. Members asked that the Clerk determine if this was a matter they could address.

In noting that the 'Little Carlton' sign was now back up on Bathley Lane, Councillor Tilbury asked whether the Traffic Regulation Order in relation to the 30mph had yet been received. The Clerk advised it had not and a chase would be sent.

Next Meeting – Parish Council - Wednesday, 19th March 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, South Muskham

The meeting was closed at 8.34pm