

## South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

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

Also Present: District Councillor Mrs Saddington

62.24/25 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies – received and accepted from Councillor Catanach and County Councillor Laughton

63.24/25 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Briggs-Price declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6.1.

#### **Open Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.36pm for reports from District Councillor Mrs Saddington.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to the two planning appeals regarding the solar farms at Knapthorpe, which would be held on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

County Councillors for Newark had held a joint drop in session for residents to discuss pension credits and to establish if they could apply. If any Members became aware of any residents in their community that may need assistance, they should be asked to contact the Clerk in the first instance.

The Chair advised that Planning Enforcement had been contacted regarding land at Ashleigh. An enforcement file had been opened and any further work on the site would be reported.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for their reports and reconvened the meeting at 7.51pm.

64.24/25 **Chair's Report**

Councillor Catanach had provided a report for the meeting following his attendance at the Examination Hearing for the A46 Dualling Proposal.

Those attending had raised concerns about maintaining access to their land, compulsory purchase orders and the chaos that currently exists around Newark which then impacts on all outlying major routes. There was only one person that had spoken against the dualling proposals. The meeting had lasted for an hour and a half.

65.24/25 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

66.24/25 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

There were none.

67.24/25 **Planning**

67.1 24/01483/HOUSE – Crows Nest, Crow Lane, South Muskham - Two-storey side extension

Cllr Briggs-Price had declared a personal interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion.

After consideration, it was AGREED that this application be supported.

67.2 Confirmation of Planning Appeal Date and consideration of attendance - 22/00975/FULM – Land at Knapthorpe Lodge, Hockerton Road, Caunton - Construction of a solar farm, access and all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure

Members noted details of the appeal that would be held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

67.3 Confirmation of Planning Appeal Date and consideration of attendance - 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 details of the appeal that would be held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

67.4 Decision Notice - 24/00504/HOUSE – The Jays, Great North Road, South Muskham - Demolition of rear garage and part of rear extension. New single storey rear and one and a half storey side extensions

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development as outlined.

68.24/25 **Financial Issues**

68.1 To record Receipts

- NSDC – Second Half Precept - £6,858.50

68.2 Invoices for payment:

- Clerk's Wages (September) - £318.60
- HMRC PAYE (September) - £79.60
- Bank Charges - £8.00
- EDF – Electricity Charges - £16
- NSDC – Dog Bin Contract - £171.12
- WaterPlus - £15.10

69.3 To note the Parish Council's financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and to receive a half yearly report on the budget.

Members noted that the Parish Council's balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 was £63,297.52. The Clerk confirmed that transfer of funds into the NatWest 95 Day Account had been successful. The further balance of £30,000 would now be transferred.

70.24/25

**Parish Council Matters**

70.1

To receive details from Greenwood Community Forest regarding a proposal for land at Debdale Hill

Members received the details from Greenwood Community Forest outlining proposals for a wood on land at Debdale Hill.

Members were pleased to note the proposals and that there was the capacity for public access. In terms of that public access, the Clerk was asked to seek further information on how that would look once the scheme was complete.

70.2

To consider the purchase of Aqua Sacs as offered by Newark & Sherwood District Council

After discussion it was AGREED that 100 bags (2 boxes) be purchased at the discounted rate offered by Newark & Sherwood District Council.

70.3

To ratify the application submitted to Newark & Sherwood District Council as part of the Flood Resilience Grant Scheme

Members ratified the application submitted by the Clerk to Newark & Sherwood District Council seeking support for the installation of the concrete plinth for the generator.

70.4

Safer Neighbourhood Group Notes – July 2024

Members received the notes from the Safer Neighbourhood Group held in July 2024. Cllr Jarvis had been unable to attend the October meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for January 2025.

70.5

To consider changes to the Parish Council's email and website to a .gov.uk domain with Hugo Fox and to consider an application for funding to support the change

The Clerk referred to the report circulated relating to the offer of a .gov.uk website through the Council's current website interface with Hugo Fox.

After discussion, and noting that there would be some cost savings even after an upgrade to the website to a Silver Package, it was AGREED that the Clerk progress the change to a .gov.uk domain through Hugo Fox, with retention of the smlcpc domain name.

70.6

To receive the notes from a meeting held with NG+

The Clerk advised that notes would be circulated to Members once complete. Feedback had been received from Elements Green, which had been circulated to Members for information. The Transport Note referred to had been received and circulated to Members for information. Contact details for Severn Trent Water had been shared as requested.

71.24/25

**Beckitt Field**

71.1

To receive quotations for the replacement of windows at the cricket pavilion, Beckitt Field

The Clerk advised that an alternative supplier had now been contacted for the third quotation. After discussion, it was AGREED that delegated authority be given to

Councillor Shearing, Councillor Jarvis and the Clerk to review all quotations once received and choose an installer in order that the project can progress.

72.24/25 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

72.1 To note the updated Community Flood Signage Scheme Policy – Version 4

Following advice received from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the number of Aqua Sacs to be distributed per property, it was AGREED that the Clerk amend the Policy and then circulate to all Flood Wardens.

73.24/25 **Highways**

73.1 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 Via had indicated that the work would be undertaken within the next two months.

73.2 Roadworks Bulletin – 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October – Great North Road, South Muskham

Members received and noted the Roadworks Bulletin outlining that Severn Trent Water would be undertaking repairs to a wastewater chamber.

73.3 To consider submitting a request to Via for a pedestrian island on Great North Road  
Councillor Briggs-Price raised concerns over the safety of pedestrians crossing Great North Road. There is a central reservation adjacent to the Muskham Pantry, but no dropped kerbs and very little space.

It was AGREED that the matter be raised with Councillor Laughton to determine whether any action can be taken to ensure residents can cross the road safely.

74.24/25 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**

74.1 October Newsletter

Members received and noted the Newsletter as circulated.

75.24/25 **Correspondence Received**

Roadworks Bulletin – 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October – Crow Lane, South Muskham

Members noted the bulletin received outlining that carriageway maintenance repairs will be undertaken along Crow Lane, with traffic managed by 'Stop and Go' boards.

76.24/25 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**

Councillor Jarvis asked whether the damaged road sign at Little Carlton had been repaired. The Clerk advised that it had been reported and inspected. Councillor Brown advised that yellow warning tape had been put up.

**Next Meeting** – Parish Council - Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, South Muskham

The meeting was closed at 8.41pm