

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 7.30pm

This was a virtual meeting conducted via Zoom.

Membership: D Catanach, C Brightmore, K Brown, R Gill, G Gilroy (A), P Jarvis, G Shearing

Members of Public: 1

Also present County Councillor Laughton and District Councillor Mrs Saddington

71.20/21 **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies – Cllr Gilroy

Declarations of Interest – None

Open Session

There were no matters raised.

72.20/21 **Chair's Report**

The Chair advised that he had attended the funeral service of Sandra Akerman former Clerk to the Council. It had been a moving tribute to her and the Chair had retained a copy of the service sheet to share with Members. A donation of £25 had been agreed towards one of the charities supported by the family. On a more personal note, it was AGREED that a rose bearing the name of 'Sandra' and a pot would be purchased by the Parish Council and delivered to the family.

The Chair extended condolences to the current Clerk on the recent death of her father.

There had been an unintentional breach of GDPR when the village circulation list had been messaged by the Chair, but had not been sent by BCC.

Thanks were extended to Councillor Brightmore for the continued media campaign to highlight the problems caused by the severe potholes on the B6325.

73.20/21 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2021**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Jarvis, seconded by Cllr Brown and approved by all and will be signed by the Chair at a later date.

74.20/21 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

74.1 To consider increasing the number of dog bins

The Clerk advised that the renewal notice for existing bins emptied by Newark & Sherwood District Council had been received. Three bins were located in South Muskham (B6325, Main Street and near the crossing on Church Lane), with one in Little Carlton at Beckitts Field. The renewal cost was £115.20, with bins emptied on a monthly basis.

A request had been received for an additional bin in Little Carlton, by the footpath on the A616. It was AGREED that the Clerk progress a new bin at Little Carlton at the identified location.

Discussion about increasing the number of bins in South Muskham would be placed on the March agenda for a decision.

75.20/21 County Councillor Session

Councillor Laughton would be submitting a bid for an interactive speed sign on the A616, co-terminous with the reduction in speed to 40mph.

COVID levels were dropping all the time, both locally and nationally.

Potholes were being addressed by the team. There was a delay due to the volume being reported, for which Councillor Laughton apologised. However, an extra £4m of funding had been set aside for potholes. Resurfacing work was scheduled for August 2021. The Chair reflected that the vigil of reporting potholes as soon as they appeared needed to be maintained.

The Chair brought forward agenda item 9.2 'Complaints from residents re barbed wire adjacent to the highway – Main Street, South Muskham', while Councillor Laughton was in attendance.

The Chair outlined the background to this item being on the agenda. An open piece of land on Main Street, South Muskham, had recently been fenced by the landowner, which included barbed wire along the top of the fence. Residents were concerned at the safety aspect of using barbed wire adjacent to the highway. The Clerk had reported the usage on the County Council's highways portal as there was a concern it contravened the Highways Act 1980.

The Chair suspended the meeting at 8pm to allow the resident to speak.

The resident expressed their concern at the height of the barbed wire, and that it also went down one of the side posts, which also had a protruding metal bolt. When walking with her 3 year old daughter and dog, she was concerned at the health and safety risks the fence presented. The resident asked if anything could be done to get the barbed wire replaced with something less hazardous.

Councillor Brightmore had spoken to the land owner who had provided a statement for Council. The land had been tidied and stock fenced as it was intended to use it for livestock later in the year. It had been brought to light last year that the land was being used to exercise dogs but owners were not clearing up after them. This had proven hazardous to farm worker so the landowner had taken a hard line to keep people out.

Councillor Shearing referred to an extract from the Highways Act 1980 which outlined that barbed wire adjacent to a path was, in most cases legitimate, but could be considered a nuisance.

Councillor Laughton declared a personal interest due to working with the land owner. However, it was considered the best route would be for Councillor Brightmore to liaise directly with the landowner to establish if they would be prepared to replace the barbed wire with high tensile wire. This was AGREED.

Councillor Laughton shared his contact details with the resident to keep in touch regarding the fence.

76.20/21 District Councillor Session

Councillor Mrs Saddington only had one item to raise, which was the correspondence that had circulated regarding the travel plan relating to the resurfacing work at Southwell Racecourse.

The Chair reflected that the access around the racecourse and objections regarding rights of way, etc, were not the concerns of South Muskham & Little Carlton Parish Council. However, the travel plan and route of lorries carrying materials was of concern.

It was noted that planning conditions could be put in place to ensure that lorries had to use a certain route, which Members considered should be using Kelham Bridge and to the Cattle Market roundabout to the A46 bypass.

The Clerk had been in contact with the Planning Officer and had asked for the opportunity to comment on the travel plan.

Councillor Mrs Saddington would be highlighting the issue direct with the Chair of the County Council's Planning Committee. Councillor Laughton advised that he would also be monitoring the application and would pick up on the travel plan.

77.20/21 Financial Issues

77.1 To record Receipts - None

77.2 To approve invoices for payment

i) ICO Renewal Fee - £40

77.3 Request for Funding – Muskham Magazine

After discussion, Members AGREED a donation of £200 to the Muskham Magazine which was considered a valuable asset to the community.

It was further AGREED that names and council email addresses would be provided as a means of enabling residents to contact Members direct should they wish, in addition to the Clerk's contact details.

77.4 Request for Funding – Citizens Advice Bureau

After consideration Members noted the request for funding from the Citizens Advice Bureau, but did not agree any support.

77.5 To note funding regarding the South Muskham Village Hall

The Chair advised that unfortunately the Village Hall had been turned down by Boots for funding for the solar battery, but extended thanks to the Parish Council for their letter of support. However, the Hall had been successful in receiving £7,239.21 through the District Council's Community Resilience Discretionary Grant Scheme.

78.20/21 Planning

78.1 20/02508/FULM – Southwell Racecourse, Station Road, Rolleston – Replacing existing racing surface material, with associated works to sub surface arrangement – Travel Plan

This item had been covered under minute number 76.20/21.

78.2 Decisions (for information only):

- Permission Granted - 20/02148/FUL – Sunningdale, Bathley Lane, Little Carlton - Removal of Leylandii trees and replacement with front and side boundary walls and fence including gates and pillars.

78.3 NSDC Public Consultation on Residential Cycle and Car Parking Standards & Design Guide – Supplementary Planning Document

Members noted the document which would be used to guide design in developments. The Clerk to review to identify what constituted a development in terms of size.

79.20/21 **Beckitts Field**

79.1 To confirm criteria for bookings

The Clerk referred to circulated criteria that had been drawn together for people interested in hiring the field.

Members were happy with the criteria which the Chair and Clerk would liaise on to convert into established conditions of hire. Anyone wishing to hire the field would be asked to sign up to the terms and conditions to secure their booking.

80.20/21 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

There was nothing to raise.

81.20/21 **Highways**

81.1 B6325 – Report to Members

A combined Zoom meeting with North Muskham Parish Council and Bathley Parish Council had been held on 8th February 2021, with a representative from Via. The Chair had attended, together with Councillor Jarvis and Gilroy. It was good to note that the B6325 was down for resurfacing in August 2021, which would be after the scheduled work on the A1.

81.2 Complaints from Residents re barbed wire adjacent to the highway – Main Street, South Muskham

This item had been covered under minute number 75.20/21

82.20/21 **Correspondence Received**

i) Walking in Nottinghamshire – Request for Link on Website

Members AGREED that the request for a link to Walks in Nottinghamshire could be put on the website. The Clerk to also include the link to www.rowmaps.com.

ii) Community Asset Mapping

Newark & Sherwood District Council were looking at establishing a map of all community assets in and around the District.

The Clerk would liaise with the Village Hall to complete the documentation. As the pavilion on Beckitts Field was not hired out that did not need to be included.

iii) Public Space Protection Orders Review for Dog Control Orders

Correspondence had been received from Newark & Sherwood District Council

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regarding a review currently being undertaken on public space protection orders for dog control.

One area had been outlined as a dog exclusion zone, in the play area in South Muskham. However, no reference had been made directly to Beckitts Field and the Clerk queried whether this should be included.

After discussion, Members expressed the view that dogs were excluded from the Field by the Parish Council and not as part of a District Council order. It was noted that the exclusion of dogs was respected by villagers. However, the Clerk was asked to investigate further and liaise with the Chair.

83.20/21 Other matters arising not on the agenda

83.1 Grass Cutting - Beckitts Field

Councillor Brightmore asked if arrangements relating to the cutting of the field would remain as previously. The Chair confirmed those arrangements would remain and Councillor Brightmore was asked to monitor the field and cut as appropriate.

83.2 Flytipping

Councillor Brightmore advised that there had been a result from ANPR on the vehicle that had dumped the caravan on the A616. It was hoped the owner could be traced and prosecute.

83.3 Contact from HSBC

Councillor Gill had received a phone call from HSBC. The Clerk to make contact.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom. Any residents wishing to join the meeting should contact the Clerk.

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

Minutes approved as a true record –