

## South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Small Hall, South Muskham Village Hall

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

Together with County Councillor Laughton and one member of the public.

049.25/26 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies – received and accepted from Councillor Jarvis and District Councillor Mrs Saddington

050.25/26 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Briggs-Price declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 8.1.

**Open Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.33pm for Councillor Laughton's report.

Councillor Laughton advised that the new Local Government Minister had confirmed their intention to continue with Local Government Reform. The County Council Leading Group had put forward a proposal to add Broxtowe and Gedling to Nottingham City.

Councillor Laughton had received a number of concerns around the surface dressing which was now resolved. Councillor Laughton explained that surface dressing provided a greater life span of the road.

With the resident present, discussion took place around the A616 and the potential for average speed cameras to tackle the speed of traffic on the road. Councillor Laughton advised that he was meeting with Senior Officers at Via to discuss in greater detail. Funding was through the Department of Transport but a broad weight of evidence was required.

The Chair thanked Councillor Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.44pm.

051.25/26 **Chair's Report**

The Chair remarked that it was pleasing to note that the surface dressing and white lining had now been completed.

052.25/26 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

053.25/26 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

The Chair asked the Clerk to follow up with Great Gonerby Parish Council on whether traffic speed had reduced with the introduction of signage. The Clerk was further asked to follow up with Via on the position with Parish Council's paying for provision of signage from suppliers other than Via.

- 054.25/26 **Planning**  
54.1 FOR NOTING - 25/01283/LDCP - The Gables Bungalow, Ollerton Road, Little Carlton - Application for lawful development certificate for proposed internal alterations to form granny annexe, alterations to Lounge and Kitchen including converting garage into Utility/Kitchen, infill garage door with new window. Widen gate to drive, removing section of hedge and minor amendment to grass verge. Remove vehicular access to Bathley Lane. Replacement shed and oil tank  
Members noted the application as outlined.
- 055.25/26 **Financial Issues**  
55.1 To record Receipts
  - NatWest – Interest - £125.46 (July)
  - NatWest – Interest - £112.70 (August)
- 55.2 Invoices for payment:
  - Clerk’s Wages (July) - £329.44
  - HMRC PAYE (July) - £82.40
  - Norwell Groundcare – Inv 109 - £90
  - Namesco - £395.87
  - Bank Charges - £8.00
  - EDF Energy - £19.20
  - WaterPlus - £15.46
  - Clerk’s Wages ( August) £382,24)
  - HMRC PAYE (August) - £95.60
  - EDF Energy - £17.29
- 55.3 To note the Parish Council’s financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025  
Members noted the Parish Council’s financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025, with a balance of £45,630.27 in the Deposit Account and £12,696.44 in the current account.
- 55.4 To note the National Pay Award for 2025-26  
Members noted the National Pay Award for 2025-26 had been agreed, backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.
- 056.25/26 **Parish Council Matters**  
56.1 To agree a response to the Development Consent Order for the GNR Solar Park  
With the agreement of Members the Chair proposed that this item be moved for consideration at the end of the agenda.
- 56.2 To consider an offer of Winter Assistance from Via East Midlands  
It was AGREED that the offer of Winter Assistance from Via be accepted with thanks.
- Councillor Briggs-Price referred to the grit bin on Forge Close which may need refilling. The bin would be checked and the Clerk advised accordingly.

- 057.25/26 **Beckett Field**  
To ratify the decision taken in relation to the renewal of the Licence to Muskham Cougars for the 2025-26 Season  
Members ratified the decision taken in relation to the increase in fees to the Cougars to £250 for the 2025-26 Season, to reflect the changes requested. The Clerk confirmed that the Licence had been issued but no response had yet been received.
- 058.25/26 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**  
The Clerk was asked to report to Via that the drains around the mini-roundabout were blocked.
- 059.25/26 **Highways**  
59.1 Highways Issues Logged  
The Chair noted that damage had been caused to the pedestrian island on the B6325. Via were aware.  
  
The Clerk advised that the condition of the pavement between Church Lane, South Muskham, and North Muskham continued to be logged.
- 060.25/26 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**  
60.1 September Newsletter  
A copy of the September Newsletter had been forwarded to Members for information.
- 60.2 To consider any nominations for Awards at the Notts ALC AGM  
After discussion, it was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Brown, and AGREED that Councillor Gill be put forward for a Long Service Award.
- 061.25/26 **Correspondence Received**  
There were no items to receive.
- 062.25/26 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**  
The Chair and Vice-Chair to meet to discuss progression of a Village Plan.
- 056.25/26 **Parish Council Matters**  
56.1 To agree a response to the Development Consent Order for the GNR Solar Park  
(cont) Councillor Briggs-Price had declared a pecuniary interest in this item and removed herself from the meeting.  
  
Members noted the draft response to the Development Consent Order. After discussion, it was AGREED that delegated authority be given to the Chair and Clerk to factor in further concerns around traffic, and submit the response prior to the deadline of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025.

**Next Meeting** – Parish Council - Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, South Muskham

The meeting was closed at 8.49pm