

South Muskham/Little Carlton Parish Council

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

Membership: D Catanach (Chair), K Brown, R Gill, P Jarvis, G Shearing and E Tilbury together with 2 members of the public

077.25/26 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies – received and accepted from Councillor Briggs-Price.

078.25/26 **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

Open Session

There were no District or County Councillors present.

The residents were present for a specific agenda item and the Chair would use his discretion to allow them to participate in the meeting at that time.

079.25/26 **Chair's Report**

The Chair was relieved that the recent spate of flooding had not impacted communities locally.

Two additional boxes of Aqua Sacs had been received which would be placed in the resilience store.

The Chair extended thanks to Councillor Jarvis, on behalf of the Council, for putting up the lamp post poppies in advance of Remembrance Sunday in both communities.

080.25/26 **To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 15th October 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 15th October 2025 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

081.25/26 **Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda**

There were none.

082.25/26 **Planning**

There were no items to consider.

083.25/26 **Financial Issues**

83.1 To record Receipts

- NatWest – Interest - £127.49 (September)
- NatWest – Interest - £124.36 (October)
- NSDC – 2nd Half Precept - £6,961

83.2 Invoices for payment:

- Clerk's Wages (October) £340.04

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- HMRC PAYE (October) - £85
- WaterPlus - £30.42
- EDF Energy - £19.41
- WEL Medical – Defib Pads - £83.52

83.3 To note the Parish Council’s financial position as at 31st October 2025
Members noted the Parish Council’s financial position as at 31st October 2025, with a balance of £45,882.12 in the Deposit Account and £18,341.05 in the current account.

It was AGREED that the Clerk could transfer £5,000 across to the Deposit Account.

83.4 To consider budget priorities for the 2026-27 financial year
The Clerk advised that the budget for the 2026-27 financial year would be put before Members at the January meeting for consideration.

A number of items had been raised at the October meeting, including road signage to deter speeding, which the Clerk was seeking advice on from Via.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk would seek quotations for a replacement fence at Beckitt Field, and lowering of the hedge. Additionally, the Chair requested that hi-vis jackets for flood wardens be purchased.

As there were funds available in the current financial year, delegated authority was given to the Chair and Clerk to progress the work identified.

Councillor Tilbury referred to the Church and asked whether any projects had been highlighted by the PCC for the Parish Council to consider funding towards. The Clerk confirmed no request had been made.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Parish Council would be prepared to write to the Diocese, on behalf of parishioners, to highlight concerns in relation to the Church and whether a plan was in place to assist and support the congregation.

084.25/26 **Parish Council Matters**

84.1 To note the dates for the Examination Hearing and the appointment of Planning Inspectors in relation to the GNR Solar Park

Members noted that the Planning Inspectors for the GNR Solar Park had been appointed. The Examination Hearings would take place on the 26th and 27th November. The Clerk had registered to attend.

84.2 To note the publication of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham

Members noted the publication of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.

84.3 To receive the notes of the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting held on 31st July 2025

Members received the minutes of the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting held on 31st July 2025. The Clerk advised that the next meeting would be on 5th February 2026.

Cllr Brown referred to recent incidents of quad bikes traversing fields around the village of Little Carlton. The Clerk would highlight this with the Beat Manager.

085.25/26 **Beckitt Field**

To consider a request to use the field for an event on 23rd May 2026

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.58pm to allow residents present to speak on this item.

Residents were requesting the use of the field for a wedding reception on Saturday, 23rd May 2026. A written request had been received which the Clerk had circulated to Members for information.

Residents outlined that it was anticipated that 60 guests would be present during the day, with a further 40 attending for the evening reception.

The Chair thanked residents for their input and reconvened the meeting for Members consideration of the request. The Chair advised residents that there was a licence for the field currently in place with the Muskham Cougars. The Clerk had advised the Cougars of the request but no response had yet been received, however, it was considered that there was sufficient notice for any fixture to be rearranged.

The Clerk confirmed that there were conditions in place for the use of the field that had been put in place following a previous request.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the request by the residents be granted, subject to an agreement to the conditions. The Clerk would liaise with the resident in terms of the Parish Council's requirements.

The Clerk was asked to include a further condition in relation to no overnight stays in vehicles would be allowed.

086.25/26 **Flooding, Drainage & Emergency Planning**

To note ongoing issues in relation to flooding on the highways – Crow Lane & Brammersack Close

The Clerk advised that concerns in relation to flooding at Crow Lane and Brammersack Close had been highlighted with Councillor Laughton, who had been in direct contact with residents. No update had yet been received in relation to a way forward, especially with regard to Crow Lane.

087.25/26 **Highways**

87.1 Highways Issues Logged

The Clerk advised that the footpath between Church Lane and the Ashiana Roundabout had been inspected but no further update had been received. The Clerk would continue to chase.

Councillor Tilbury asked the Clerk if an update could be requested from Councillor Laughton in relation to his meeting in relation to speed cameras.

Reference was made to the mobile speed camera van appearing to monitor traffic on the A1. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification on whether this was correct. The Clerk was also asked to seek data from the recent monitoring by the mobile speed camera and whether any tickets had been issued.

088.25/26 **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils**
88.1 **November Newsletter**

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

089.25/26 **Correspondence Received**

There were no items to receive.

090.25/26 **Other matters arising not on the agenda**

Councillor Gill referred to the white markings on and around the mini-roundabout at South Muskham which needed replacing. The Clerk confirmed this would be logged on the MyNottsApp.

Next Meeting – Parish Council - Wednesday, 21st January 2026 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, South Muskham

The meeting was closed at 8.09pm