

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 8th DECEMBER 2025 MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10th November 2025 at the MRCC commencing at 7pm.

Present: Councillor S Dolby
Councillor I Harrison (Chair)
Councillor N Hutchings
Councillor A Luke
Councillor S Preston
Councillor M Talbot

Also in attendance: County Councillor Laughton, District Councillor Mrs Saddington and 1 member of the public

NM088-26 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor Hobbs.

NM089-26 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Hutchings and Talbot declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 9(a).

It was agreed that any other declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting

NM090-26 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th October 2025 were accepted as a true and correct record.

NM091-26 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.01pm to allow for the public session.

No matters were raised so the meeting was immediately reconvened.

NM092-26 To consider any matters that need to be raised with District Cllr Mrs Saddington

This item would be taken if and when District Councillor Mrs Saddington arrived.

NM093-26 Newark & Sherwood District Council

There were no matters to consider.

NM094-26 To consider any matters that need to be raised with County Councillor Laughton

This item would be taken if and when Councillor Laughton arrived.

NM095-26 Nottinghamshire County Council

There were no matters to consider.

NM096-26 Planning

- (a) 25/01348/HOUSE – 12 Mackleys Lane, North Muskham - To form a two-storey extension, internal alterations with 2 roof lights to the rear roof slope
Prior to consideration of this item Councillors Hutchings and Talbot removed themselves from the meeting as they had declared a pecuniary interest.

After consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Dolby, seconded by Councillor Luke, that this application be supported. This was unanimously AGREED.

- (b) Decision Notice – 24/01912/LBC – The Shades, Main Street, North Muskham – Conversion of outhouse to residential accommodation with new cladding and rooflights
Members noted the decision notice granting permission for the development as outlined.

- (c) Decision Notice – 24/01692/FUL – The Shades, Main Street, North Muskham – Conversion of outhouse to residential accommodation with new cladding and rooflights
Members noted the decision notice granting permission for the development as outlined.

- (d) Decision Notice – 25/01261/S73 – 7 Eastfield, North Muskham – Application for variation of condition 02 to substitute approved drawings with revised attached to planning permission 20/01730/HOUSE
Members noted the decision notice as outlined.

- (e) To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan
Members received the update from Councillor Hobbs outlining the present position with the production of the plan. Funding was still an issue and it was hoped that clarification would be received from Newark & Sherwood District Council in December.

Testing of the pilot survey had been undertaken.

NM097-26 Parish Council Matters

- (a) Allotments/Green Hub Report

- **To receive an update on vacant plots**

The Clerk advised that there were currently 8 plots vacant, with one tenant confirming they would not be renewing after this season, which would leave 9 vacant.

It had been agreed that three would be grassed over. The Clerk advised that a further quotation was awaited for that work, and repairs to the fencing.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk seek an additional quotation from a local contractor.

Members AGREED that the wood on the community plot could be repurposed into a planter.

Councillor Luke asked if consideration could be given to arranging a competition for allotment holders. The Chair asked that this be included as an item on the December agenda.

- (b) To receive details on the Examination Dates for the GNR Solar Park
The Chair outlined the dates for the Examination Hearings to be held at the Sir Stuart Goodwin Suite on Wednesday, 26th and Thursday, 27th November 2025.

Councillor Hobbs would be attending to represent the Parish Council, with the Planning Consultant attending for JPAG.

- (c) To receive the notes of the Safer Neighbourhood Group –31st July 2025
Members received the notes from the 31st July meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Group. The Clerk would establish when the next meeting was to ensure that the Parish Council was represented.

- (d) To confirm arrangements for the Christmas Lights Switch-On
After discussion, it was AGREED that the Christmas Lights Switch-On be held on Friday, 5th December 2025 at 7.30pm. The Clerk would establish whether the Salvation Army would be able to attend.

In terms of erecting the trees, this was tentatively agreed as 8.30am on 29th November 2025, subject to assistance being available.

- NM092-26 (cont)** **To consider any matters that need to be raised with District Cllr Mrs Saddington**
The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.23pm for District Cllr Mrs Saddington's report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to complaints received in relation to the appearance of a container in a field off Main Street. The Chair confirmed the Parish Council had also been contacted in relation to this issue.

Cllr Mrs Saddington referred to Staythorpe Power Station and a discussion held recently in relation to National Grid connections.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reinstated the meeting at 7.26pm.

- NM094-26 (cont)** **To consider any matters that need to be raised with County Councillor Laughton**
The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.27pm for Councillor Laughton's report.

Councillor Laughton updated Members on the current position with LGR.

An initiative to introduce local 'committees' to deal with highways issues was mentioned by Councillor Laughton. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council would be interested in learning more about this initiative.

The Chair thanked Councillor Laughton for his report and reinstated the meeting at 7.34pm.

NM098-26 Environmental & Community Issues

(a) Play Area

- **To consider provision of a Youth Shelter & Bicycle Humps**

After discussion, it was AGREED that this item be deferred until the December meeting..

(b) To receive an update on the Cafe / Hub project

The Chair advised that two successful meetings had been held with the Plunkett Foundation who had provided advice on the way forward.

A response from the National and Regional Methodist teams was awaited.

(c) To receive an update on the Emergency Plan

The Chair thanked Councillor Hobbs for his efforts in arranging the 'run through' of the emergency plan in October.

Members noted the update received and reference to the advice booklet for residents.

(d) To receive an update on 'Muskham in Bloom' in 2026

Councillor Luke advised that a meeting of volunteers would be held on Wednesday, 12th November at 1pm. 20 volunteers had come forward following the request for support from the community.

The Chair thanked Councillor Luke for the work she had put in to the project so far.

The Clerk was asked to seek further information on the wildflower verges initiative.

(e) To discuss issues in relation to speeding and consider ways to reinvigorate the Community Speedwatch

The Clerk updated Members on correspondence received from the Mobile Speed Camera in relation to locations. The van had attended on 6th November in one location but had only been able to monitor in one direction due to foliage. The Clerk was asked to determine if the van could attend again before Christmas.

The local Neighbourhood Police Team had been asked if they could provide any support in terms of monitoring but had no capacity at the moment.

After discussion, the Clerk was asked to request the mobile speed monitoring unit to be deployed on Main Street to make drivers aware of the speed they were travelling in the village.

- (f) To receive details of a dementia awareness event
Councillor Luke confirmed this had been arranged for 19th January 2026 at 7pm in the MRCC.

NM099-26 Highways

- (a) The Clerk confirmed that the streetlights that had been logged as not working had now been repaired.

There were no other issues to log at this time.

NM100-26 Financial Matters

- (a) Accounts for payment
The Chair referred to the accounts for payment. It was AGREED unanimously that the following accounts be agreed for payment:

- Clerk's Wages – October – £333.60
- PAYE – October - £83.40
- Village Handyman – October – £179.18
- Flags & Flagpoles – Union Jack Flag – £71.46
- Mayor of Newark Earl Haig Appeal – Poppy Wreathes - £60
- Newark & Sherwood District Council – Half Year Dog Bins - £502.32
- Gary Hobbs – Diesel for Generator – £27.90
- Hugo Fox - £20.99 & £120
- Resilience Items – Sack Truck – 149.95
- Resilience Items – Various - £676.94
- WaterPlus – Allotment Water - £42.44
- Martin Talbot – Remembrance Sunday Refreshments - £12.29
- Argos – A3 Laminator and Pockets - £47.97

- (b) To note any Receipts
The following receipts were noted:

- Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery - £144
- MRCC – Donation - £1,500
- MRCC – Donation - £421.13

- (c) Financial Report – to 31st October 2025
Members noted the financial report as at 31st October 2025, with a balance of £58,130.29 across the Council's accounts.

- (d) To determine budget priorities for the financial year 2026-27
This item was deferred for consideration at the December meeting.

NM101-26 Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) November Newsletter

A copy of the newsletter had been circulated to Members for information.

NM102-26 Correspondence

The Clerk referred to correspondence received in relation to a container that had appeared in a field on Main Street. The Clerk would report this to the Planning Enforcement Team to establish if planning permission were required.

NM103-26 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 8th December 2025

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.