

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 12th AUGUST 2024 MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday, 8th July 2024 at the MRCC commencing at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance: 3 members of the public and District Councillor Mrs Saddington

NM041-25 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Beddoe, Dolby and Oliver.

NM042-25 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

NM043-25 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.02pm for the public session.

No questions were raised so the meeting was immediately reconvened.

NM044-25 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 10th June 2024 were accepted as a true and correct record.

NM045-25 To consider any matters that need to be raised with District Cllr Mrs Saddington

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.03pm for District Cllr Mrs Saddington's report.

Discussion took place around the recent meeting of the District Council's Planning Committee that took place in a closed session. It was AGREED that a letter be sent by the Parish Council to the Chief Executive of the District Council expressing concern at such a step being taken, especially given the emphasis on transparency promoted by the new administration.

NM046-25 Newark & Sherwood District Council

(a) Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement

Members noted that the Statement of Community Involvement had been adopted by the District Council.

(b) Crop Drop Scheme

It was AGREED that the Clerk and Councillor Preston liaise with the Allotment Sub-Committee to establish if tenants wished to join the Crop Drop Scheme.

NM047-25 To consider any matters that need to be raised with County Councillor Laughton

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

NM048-25 Nottinghamshire County Council

- (a) The Chair referred to the recent sale of the land known as North Marsh. The Parish Council had received no information on the new owners so were unable to establish any clarity on what their intentions were for the land, particularly with regard to access. The established footpath to Cromwell would not be affected but other routes through the land may be.

It was noted that in 2014 a restricted byway was formally converted into a bridleway at BW6. The Clerk confirmed that the legal orders for the rights of way had been received from Nottinghamshire County Council.

NM049-25 Planning

- (a) 24/01115/HOUSE – Elm Tree House, Crab Lane, North Muskham - Single storey side extension

The Chair reminded Members of previous applications at this site and the requirement for the footprint to remain the same. Concerns previously raised had been around the flood risk, not to this property but the effect on properties on Crab Lane with displacement.

Councillor Hutchings referred to advice from the Environment Agency whereby there should be no ground floor sleeping arrangements in Flood Zone 3.

After discussion Members did not consider there was adequate information in relation to the flood risk to determine the application. The Parish Council's concerns would be highlighted to the Planning Officer with a request for the applicant to submit a full Flood Risk Assessment.

- (b) To receive notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on 30th May 2024 and an update on actions taken.

The Clerk updated Members on discussions with the Planning Officer now allocated to work with the Steering Group on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Consultation would have to be taken with South Muskham & Little Carlton as the Group wanted to include part of that parish for consideration within the plan. The Planning Officer had confirmed that the Parish Council could undertake this consultation direct.

The Clerk advised that it was not possible to progress the application for funding through Locality without having costings for a Planning Consultant. The Clerk to liaise with Councillor Hutchings outside of the meeting to identify consultants who may be able to assist.

NM050-25 Parish Council Matters

- (a) Allotments/Green Hub Report including Site Visit by Parish Council Members
Councillor Preston referred to the recent site visit made by Members to the allotments. Members noted that the allotments were in good order, there was just the issue of tyres that had been left on a plot. It was AGREED that the Clerk look to change the allotment regulations to ban tyres being brought on to the site.

Councillor Preston advised that the Allotment Sub-Committee were looking at arranging disposal of the tyres currently on site.

- (b) Safer Neighbourhood Group Minutes – 18th April 2024
Members received and noted the Safer Neighbourhood Group minutes from the meeting held on 18th April 2024.

The Chair referred to the incident on the 10th June with Quad Bikes on Bridleway 7 (alongside the River Trent). It was understood that two out of the six riders were apprehended by Police. The Clerk was asked to establish what, if any, outcome there was with those apprehended.

Discussion took place around measures that could be undertaken to minimise the width of the Bridleway for Quad Bikes. The Clerk to liaise with Councillor Talbot and the Rights of Way Team outside of the meeting.

- (c) To receive an update on the GNR Solar Park
The Chair referred to the visit by representatives from Elements Green to the 12th August meeting of the Parish Council.

Advice had been sought from Newark & Sherwood District Council regarding Elements Green funding a PPA which they were prepared to discuss.

At the Summer Fayre on 13th July the Parish Council will have a stall to highlight advantages and disadvantages of the solar park and that the Parish Council have not yet determined a response, subject to further feedback from the community.

A further meeting of JPAG had been held with mandates being sought from all affected parishes to contribute towards the cost of a Planning Consultant. A response had only been received from three parishes so far.

NM051-25 Environmental & Community Issues

- (a) Play Area
There were no issues to report.

NM052-25 Highways

- (a) Highways Log
The Clerk noted that signage was now up on Great North Road advising of resurfacing work in August 2024.

There were no specific issues to record, other than those that Via were already aware of.

(b) Discussion with Rights of Way Team regarding restrictive measures for motorised vehicles on BW7

The Chair referred to the recent incident of quad bikes travelling at excessive speed along the bridleway. Police had attended and it was understood some were apprehended. The Clerk was asked to establish what the outcome was of those apprehended.

The Rights of Way Team had been contacted and advised of gaps where gates were no longer present due to flooding.

NM053-25 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 – June - £299.60
- PAYE – June – £74.80
- Village Handyman – June - £
- M Talbot Builder – Bollard - £169
- M Talbot Builder – Gas Canister - £70.47
- A J Products – 2 x Bins - £204

(b) To note any Receipts

The following receipts were noted:

- Newark & Sherwood Community Lottery – £124
- Intermedical Refund – Defib Batteries - £82.80

(c) Financial Report – to 30th June 2024

Members noted the financial report to 30th June 2024.

Discussion took place around the level of financial support the Parish Council was providing to the MRCC. In order for Members to better understand the support, the Clerk was asked to put together a cost analysis over the last 5 years demonstrating all payments made for consideration at the September meeting.

Additionally, the Clerk was asked to determine the level of support provided by the Village Handyman to the MRCC, with a view to diverting some of that support to other areas of the village.

(d) To note progress regarding the return of donations made towards the North Marsh project

The Clerk advised that there were now only four donations to return. A post would be put on the Muskham Messenger for those that had not yet been contacted to come forward.

NM054-25 Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) July Newsletter

Members received and noted the July Newsletter.

NM055-25 Correspondence

There was none to consider.

NM056-25 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 12th August 2024

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.