

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of North Muskhams Parish Council held on Wednesday, 18th May 2016 at the Muskhams Rural Community Centre immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish

Present: Councillor I Harrison in the Chair
Councillor S Dolby
Councillor Mrs Hurry
Councillor N Hutchings
Councillor D Saxton

Also in attendance: County Councillor B Laughton and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors P Beddoe, P Morris and District Councillor Mrs Saddington

2. Election of Chairman

The Clerk called for nominations to the position of Chairman of the Parish Council for the Civic Year 2017/18.

Councillor Mrs Hurry proposed Councillor I Harrison, seconded by Councillor Dolby.

In the absence of any other nominations a vote was taken and the proposal was carried UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk declared that Councillor Harrison was duly elected as Chairman of the Parish Council and asked that he sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

The Chairman called for nominations to the position of Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the Civic Year 2017/18 to support the Chairman during the year.

Councillor Saxton proposed Councillor Hutchings, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hurry.

In the absence of any other nominations a vote was taken and the proposal was carried unanimously.

The Chairman declared that Councillor Hutchings had been duly elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and asked that he sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Declarations of interest

Councillor Hutchings declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application pertaining to Southview, Crab Lane.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10th April 2017, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Public 10 minute session

The Chairman suspended the meeting at 7.27pm to allow members of the public present to raise any comments.

In response to a question raised about the affordable housing scheme, the Clerk referred to an email received from the Case Officer that advised revised plans would be coming out to the Parish Council for re-consultation. Therefore, the scheme would not be considered by the District Council at its Planning Committee in May.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.30pm.

7. District Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs S Saddington

No report was presented as apologies had been given.

8. County Councillor Session – Cllr B Laughton

No additional report was presented by Councillor Laughton.

It was AGREED that a letter be sent to Councillor Mrs Saddington expressing thanks for her support during her years as the elected representative for the village on the County Council.

9. Planning

- (a) 17/00282/FUL - South View, Crab Lane, North Muskham -Erection of a 3 bedroom single storey dwelling with rooms in the loft space

Councillor Hutchings had declared an interest in this application and withdrew himself from the discussions.

The Chair referred to comments submitted by Nottinghamshire County Council and the Environment Agency. It was noted that the applicant would have to address those concerns before any permission was granted.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Saxton, seconded by Councillor Harrison, that the application be supported but subject to the applicant having to meet the concerns of the County Council and Environment Agency by way of conditions being imposed if the application was granted permission.

(b) 17/00281/FUL - Proposed Demolition of Outbuilding & Erection of New Oak Framed Dwelling - Mulberry Tree Cottage, Crab Lane, North Muskham

After discussion it was AGREED that the application be supported subject to the Clerk seeking further clarification that the Flood Risk Assessment adequately covered the needs of the disabled.

(c) Notts Minerals Local Plan

Members noted that the costs estimated to represent PAGE at the Notts Minerals Local Plan Public Inquiry were £4,800 of which the Parish Council had previously agreed to meet 40%.

The Chair asked Members for a mandate to spend £1,980 as the Parish Council's contribution to representation. This was proposed by Councillor Dolby, seconded by Councillor Hutchings, and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk was asked to instruct SSA Planning to proceed and to copy in all other PAGE councils.

The details of the inquiry dates would also be circulated via the Muskham Messenger and in the noticeboards.

10 Parish Council Matters

(a) Schedule of Meetings to May 2018

The Chair advised that a request had been received from the MRCC for the Parish Council to consider a change of meeting dates for commercial reasons.

After discussion it was AGREED that the Chair would advise the MRCC the only other possible day was a Thursday if Monday was no longer available.

(b) Update on Play Area Project

The Clerk circulated proposals from HAG SMP for the play area update. The prices were much more competitive than those previously received.

It was AGREED that

- the proposals be circulated to both the after school club and pre-school club for their views.
- the Clerk would check what warranty was offered by HAG on their products.

An application would be made to the Mary Woolhouse Charity for any match funding required for the WREN grant application.

(c) Capturing Memories Project

Members received and noted an update on the capturing memories project. It was noted that the matter would be raised at the History Group AGM on Monday, 15th May, with the project led by Jim Wishart.

Members were clear that on completion the project should be shared within the village as well as being placed on deposit with the Nottingham Archives.

11. Environmental & Community Issues

(a) Date for Annual Footpath Inspection

It was AGREED that the Clerk would co-ordinate with Members to identify a date in June for the annual footpath inspection to be completed.

(b) Footpath Update

The Clerk advised that the submission had not yet been completed due to time pressures with the skatepark closure.

It was AGREED that this should be submitted as soon as possible.

(c) Skatepark Update

The Clerk advised that the total cost of repair had now been estimated at £5,257. Funding support had been given by Newark Round Table in the sum of £1,500, and a further £2,000 from the Mary Woolhouse Charity.

It was AGREED that, even though the village was not listed as being one able to benefit by grants from Newark Youth Trust, an approach be made due to the facility being used by children from those areas.

Members were happy to proceed with the repair cost as outlined and expressed their thanks to the Newark Round Table and Mary Woolhouse Charity for their financial support.

(d) WI Event Celebration 100 Years of the WI in Nottinghamshire

The Clerk advised that an approach had been made by the WI regarding an event being held in July to celebrate 100 years of the WI in Nottinghamshire. Permission had been requested to display posters in the village noticeboards. No objection was raised to this request.

(e) DEFRA funded survey for Natural England re Badgers

It was AGREED that the email correspondence be circulated to Members for information and action as required.

12. Highways

(a) Highway Repair Log

Members received and noted the highways repair log. There were no additional matters that needed to be submitted at present.

(b) Temporary Closure of South Muskham Level Crossing – 20th – 21st May 2017

Members received and noted the temporary closure of the Church Lane level crossing overnight on Saturday, 20th May 2017

(c) Waste Deposits – land adjacent A1 Roundabout

The Chair referred to correspondence received from the Senior Practitioner, Monitoring & Enforcement at Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the site.

It was AGREED that the Chair would raise the issue with Councillor Laughton with a request for it to be investigated further, especially the safety of vehicles accessing the site.

It was further AGREED that the Parish Council would monitor the use of the site.

(d) Correspondence from Robert Jenrick MP re Safety Issues on the A1

Members received and noted correspondence received from Robert Jenrick MP updating on the position regarding the issue of safety on the A1 between Grantham and Retford, particularly the slip roads on to the A1 at Newark.

(e) Dropped kerb and replacement seat – Main Street

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from Via East Midlands Ltd and noted that a response was awaited from the Network Inspector. It was AGREED that the Clerk would update Members if any further information was received prior to the next meeting.

In relation to the seat on Main Street the Clerk was asked to advise the County Council that it was in a dilapidated condition and ask that it be replaced.

13. Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) Rural Crime Partnership Forum

Members received and noted correspondence received from the Association regarding their participation in the Rural Crime Partnership Forum.

14. Financial Matters

(a) Accounts for payment:

AGREED unanimously that the following accounts be agreed for payment.

- Clerks wages – April - £233.76
- Payment to HMRC for Clerks wages – April - tbc
- Village Handyman – April - £192.08
- J Saunders – Cable Ties for Skatepark - £3.76
- A Plant – Hire of Heras Fencing - £166.74
- A Plant – Deposit for Hire of Heras Fencing - £150
- PWLB First Payment - £1,697.24
- NALC – Local Council Review - £17.00

(b) Receipts:

£7,747.50 – First Half Precept

(c) Financial Report to 30th April

Members noted that the Clerk had completed the first stage of the audit and the accounts would now be submitted for internal audit. A copy of the financial situation to 31st March 2017 would be submitted to Members.

15. Correspondence

(a) To receive details on a study by REBOOT Notts

Members received and noted details on the study being conducted by REBOOT Notts.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm