

**Minutes of the North Muskham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
at the Muskham Rural Community Centre commencing at 7pm**

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

**Also in attendance:** 7 members of the public and Councillor B Laughton

**Apologies:** Councillor P Morris  
Councillor Mrs Saddington

**1. Declarations of interest**

Councillors Beddoe and Hutchings declared a personal interest in agenda item 6(b)

It was AGREED that any further declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Public 10 minute session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.01pm to allow for any questions from the members of public present.

A member of the public queried the lack of a lifebuoy outside the Ferry Inn as they were under the impression that one had previously been available there. The Chair advised that the District Council's general policy is not to provide new ones but would replace existing ones. There were no lifebuoys provided along the River bank at North Muskham.

No further questions were raised and the meeting was reconvened at 7.02pm.

**4. District & County Councillor session – Cllr S Saddington**

In the absence of Councillor Mrs Saddington, no report was presented.

**5. Planning**

(a) 16/01885/FULM - Land At Main Street, North Muskham, Nottinghamshire - Proposed development of 16 new affordable homes – revised site plan

Prior to consideration of this item, the Chair suspended the meeting at 7.10pm to allow for any questions from the members of public present. None were raised and the

meeting was reconvened at 7.11pm.

The Chair noted that new comments had been submitted by the Highways Authority and also the Internal Drainage Board and read those to the meeting. No further clarification on need had been provided.

The changes related to the drainage and SUDS and after discussion Members noted that nothing had particularly changed with regard to need and were of the opinion that it did not meet the criteria on core policies.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would liaise with Councillor Hutchings on the response to the District Council regarding the clarification on the SUDS, drainage and floor levels for soakaways.

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

The Clerk apologised to Members as copies of the plans required to enable consideration of the application were not available. It was AGREED that the Clerk should seek an extension of time to enable the application to be considered and that a further meeting of the Parish Council be called.

(c) Decision Notice - 16/02051/FUL – 6 Meadow Close, North Muskham – Householder application for proposed side extension to include front extension to garage and first floor bedroom to create gable elevation and conversion of existing first floor to full height with new first floor balcony to rear

Members received and noted the decision notice which outlined that planning permission had been refused.

(d) Tree Preservation Application – Thompsons Tree

The Clerk referred to correspondence from Newark & Sherwood District Council. It was hoped that a decision would be issued over the next 2 to 3 weeks.

(e) CIL Draft Charging Schedule

It was AGREED that the Clerk should respond with the comment that it was imperative for the Kelham Bypass to be retained in the Draft Amended Regulation 123 List of Projects.

(f) PAGE Meeting Update

The Chair read a statement to the meeting that had been prepared by the Parishes Against Gravel Extraction (PAGE) group, which would be attached as an appendix to these minutes.

The group had been represented by a Planning Consultant, Steve Simms, at all times and all stages since 2011.

It would be useful for local members to attend the public enquiry, which commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> June in Nottingham and would last 5 to 6 days.

PAGE would need to have representation at the enquiry and the Chair was seeking a mandate from Members for expenditure to cover the attendance at the public enquiry. Costs would be shared 40% North Muskham, 20% South Muskham & Little Carlton and Norwell, 10% Bathley and Cromwell.

A further meeting of PAGE was planned for early June.

Councillor Beddoe proposed that a sum of up to £2,000 be authorised for Steve Simms of SSA Planning, to act on behalf of PAGE, with North Muskham paying up to 40% of those costs. This was seconded by Councillor Saxton and AGREED unanimously.

The Chair invited Councillor Laughton to speak at this point to give Members background information on the Minerals Plan.

## **6. Parish Council Matters**

### **(a) Skate Park**

The Clerk reported that the village handyman had made some repairs as outlined in the recent inspection report.

The Clerk queried whether it would be beneficial for a forum with the young people to be formed to enable them to take some responsibility for the area, in terms of litter, vandalism, graffiti, etc.

It was AGREED that this would be reviewed in another month and that Youth Services be contacted with a view to 'dropping in' periodically.

### **(b) WREN Application – Extension to Play Area**

The Clerk referred to the quotation received from Mant Leisure in the sum of up to £36,060.90 to provide new equipment at the play area.

It was AGREED that a further quotation should be sought given the significant increase to the first quotation, with a report back to the April meeting. The Clerk was also asked to liaise with the After School Club and School Nursery on proposed equipment.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's sign relating to the play area had been damaged in the recent storms. A replacement would need to be provided and costs would be reported at the April meeting.

The Chair expressed his appreciation for the work undertaken by the Village Handyman in maintaining the play area to such a high standard.

### **(c) Transfer of Land – Manor House Drive – confirmation of Withdrawal from Transfer**

Members noted that the District Council had been advised that the Parish Council would not be proceeding with the transfer of land at Manor House Drive.

(d) Feedback on annual litter pick – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The Chair expressed his thanks to everyone who took part in the annual litter pick on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, with over 30 bags of rubbish collected in the two hour window.

A request had been received to repeat the exercise in September/October with the focus to be on clearing one area.

Thanks were also extended to Newark & Sherwood District Council for their support in providing black bags and collecting the refuse.

(e) Letter acknowledging Parish Council's response to Shuttle bus Service to Kings Mill Hospital

The Chair referred to correspondence received from the NHS Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group acknowledging the Parish Council's contribution towards the Shuttle bus Service.

(f) Outcome of IVF Consultation

Members received and noted the correspondence outlining the agreed outcome on the recent IVF Consultation.

(g) To consider the nomination of Trustees to the Mary Woolhouse Trust

The Parish Council should have been requested to nominate Trustees to the Mary Woolhouse Trust in the past. Nominations could be Parish Councillors or people nominated by the Parish Council.

After discussion, Councillor Harrison proposed Councillor Dolby and Gary Hobbs (subject to his agreement) be nominated. This was AGREED unanimously.

## **7. Environmental & Community Issues**

(a) Footpath update – Riverside Footpath and Section 130A Notice

The Chair gave an update on the position with the Section 130A Notice.

Members were advised that independent brokering could take place with the individuals involved and, if that was not successful, then a mandate could be sought to serve notice or a notice could just be served in any event.

After discussion it was AGREED that this be considered at the additional meeting which needed to be arranged to consider the planning application on Crab Lane.

(b) Emergency Plan

The Chair advised that the Emergency Plan template had now been populated. A request needed to be placed on the Muskham Messenger for villagers interested in assisting with their skills if the emergency services could not.

The Clerk to arrange for this request to be made with responses to be collated and fed back to the April meeting of the Parish Council.

## **8. Highways**

### (a) Highways Log

Members received and noted the highways log.

In terms of the broken seat on Main Street, this could be replaced with one from the pocket park (the Dorothy Hatton seat).

### (b) Feedback on Parking at Nelson Lane

The Clerk advised that the Highways Authority, while sympathetic to the problems caused by inconsiderate parking, were unable to offer any solution as the area was within the 30mph zone.

## **9. Financial**

### (a) Accounts for payment:

- Village Handyman's hours – February
- Clerk's Wages – January & February - £462.80
- HMRC – January & February - £115.60
- NSDC – Dog Bin Waste Removal Service –
- Confirmation of spend on Laptop & Printer - £579.98 (inc VAT)

### (b) To note any Receipts:

There were none to report.

### (c) Financial Report to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Members received and noted the financial report as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

### (d) Request for Funding Support – Portland College

Members received and noted the request for funding support from Portland College. It was AGREED that this request be declined.

### (e) To note Section 137 figures for 2017/18 (spend per electorate)

Members noted that the Section 137 figure for 2017/18 was £7.57 per electorate.

### (f) PAGE Gravel Fund Reconciliation

The Chair advised that this matter had now been resolved with the PAGE group and all funds would be retained by the Parish Council.

## **10. Notts Association of Local Councils**

### (a) New Councillor Training – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017

It was noted that a training event had been organised by NALC on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 but there was no requirement by any Members to attend.

(b) CILCA Training Programme for Parish Clerks

The CILCA Training Programme would be of benefit to the Clerk in her duties. Given that the Clerk also served Farndon, an agreement could be reached on sharing the cost of training, based on the number of the electorate.

It was proposed by Councillor Dolby, seconded by Councillor Hutchings, and AGREED unanimously that participating be granted on that basis of cost.

(c) Plunkett Foundation – Help for Parish Councils

After discussion it was AGREED that the Parish Council would join the Foundation at a cost of £75 as it could provide valuable advice and assistance going forward.

**11. Correspondence**

(a) RCAN Neighbourhood Planning Event – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Members noted that the Clerk was attending the RCAN event on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and would feedback to a future meeting of the Council.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed.