

Minutes of the North Muskham Parish Council held on Monday, 12th March 2018 at 7pm in the Muskham Rural Community Centre

Present: Councillor I Harrison, in the Chair
Councillor P Beddoe
Councillor E Catanach (arr 7.53pm)
Councillor S Dolby
Councillor Mrs J Hurry
Councillor D Saxton

Also in attendance: County Councillor Laughton, District Councillor Mrs Saddington and 6 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Councillor Morris.

2. Declarations of interest

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

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12th February 2018 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. County Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.02pm to allow Councillor Laughton to present his report.

Notts Minerals Local Plan

The County Council were only looking at one, possibly two sites, for the new plan period, taking account of the extensions they had applications for.

Averham Flash had been removed, and there had been two expressions of interest in the Idle Valley which would feed the north and remove the strains on the Newark area.

County Council Budget

The budget increase had been set at a 5.9% increase, including the increase for adult social care.

Potholes

The potholes between South and North Muskham had been noted by Cllr Laughton and would be reported.

Gladstone House

Located adjacent to the leisure centre, this would open on 1st April 2018. It was a 15 bed unit, 12 of which would be run by the County Council to do assessments on elderly people coming out of hospital to help rehabilitate them back home. It would be run in addition to the beds already in use at Newark Hospital.

Section 130A

The Chair advise that a contractor had been instructed to remove the obstructions to an appropriate level. It was suggested this would be completed by the end of March.

The Chair thanked Councillor Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.04pm.

5. District Councillor Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.05pm to allow Cllr Mrs Saddington to present her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington reported that the council tax had been set by the District Council, with a 1.94% increase approved.

It was noted that the affordable housing scheme was on the agenda. The Chair advised that an email had been received from Notts Community Housing Association setting out an intention to submit an application.

The Chair thanked Councillor Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 7.06pm.

7. Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.07pm to allow members of the public present to raise any questions.

No questions were raised and the Chair reconvened the meeting at 7.08pm.

8. Planning

(a) Nottingham Community Housing Association – Affordable Housing Application

The Chair referred to an email received from Nottingham Community Housing Association which advised that it was the intention to submit a further planning application for 16 affordable homes as follows:

- 7 shared ownership and 5 affordable rent
- 4 discount for sale bungalows at a 25% discount of the open market value

The Chair advised Members that there could be no pre-determination on any application that may be submitted, but the Clerk could be instructed to see further information should Members wish.

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.10pm to allow questions from the floor.

Members of the public posed the following questions:

- Is the scheme proposed for the same site?
- Would the properties have to be sold back to NCHA if purchasers decided to move?
- Would there be a condition restricting the properties for people with a connection to North Muskham?

The Chair explained that it was presumed the site was the same but as no application had been submitted, that information was not known.

The Chair thanked residents for their questions and reconvened the meeting at 7.12pm.

After discussion it was unanimously AGREED that the Clerk should contact NCHA and request:

1. detail on how the new proposals met the objections and concerns contained in the decision notice
2. more detail on the 25% discount and how they would meet the criteria of an exception site

(b) PAGE Update

The Chair explained that a consultant was retained to advise PAGE on the new Minerals Local Plan. Strategic options had been reviewed and it was now at the approved plan stage.

A call had been made for sites from the industry which had resulted in Tarmac wanting to include additional sites for consideration up to 2036. Three of those sites could potentially affect North Muskham, one of which was Burridge Farm which it was proposed to barge to Cromwell. Tarmac had suggested that the land could not be farmed and it was this type of information that the consultant would look at. Local input would be extremely useful if it came to a public inquiry.

The other two sites were Langford South and West.

The Chair was looking for a mandate from Members to agree to PAGE instructing the consultant to comment on the assessment as it went through. The Parish Council would pay 40% of the costs. It was proposed by Councillor Dolby, seconded by Councillor Beddoe, and unanimously AGREED that £1,000 be mandated.

(c) Planning Enforcement Matters

The Clerk referred to the involvement of planning enforcement with the cladding of the Church Row cottages. Members had been kept fully updated during the process which had resulted in it being confirmed that the cladding was permitted development and no planning application was required.

Cllr Mrs Hurry queried if a wall had been removed, Cllr Saxton confirmed he would review and report back to Members.

(d) To consider applying for a Conservation Area in the Village

Following the situation with the Church Row cottages a resident had queried whether a Conservation Area could be applied for. The Clerk had sought advice from the District Council, who had advised on the process.

After discussion the Chair advised he would make further investigations, including the advantages and disadvantages, and report back to a future meeting. The Clerk would investigate which other villages had a conservation area.

9. Parish Council Matters

(a) To consider a change of date for the April Parish Council meeting

The Clerk had requested a change of date for the April meeting due to being on annual leave. It was AGREED that the meeting be changed to Monday, 16th April.

(b) WREN Application Update

The Clerk advised that, unfortunately, the application to WREN for funding for new equipment in the play area had not been successful. WREN had advised that requests for funding had increased and, as only a limited budget was available, difficult decisions had to be made when selecting the projects to award funding. The Clerk was seeking feedback on why the application had been unsuccessful.

The Clerk advised that contact had been made from a company which helped Parish Councils apply for funding through the Awards for All Scheme. A visit had been made to the play area and further details were awaited.

10. Environmental & Community Issues

(a) Update on Section 130A Submission

The Chair referred to an email received from Nottinghamshire County Council advising that draft cultivation licences had been issued and confirming contractors would be making the first trim of the relevant vegetation. This would be undertaken as soon as possible.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would request an update on progress.

(b) Monitoring of development on land adjacent railway line, off Great North Road

It was noted that there had not been any significant issues with the site. The Parish Council would continue to monitor the site.

(c) Land at the Grange – Confirmation of Ownership

The Clerk referred to correspondence with Via regarding the land at The Grange and The Park.

After discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk would contact Newark & Sherwood District Council to seek information on whether the land was covered by the original Section 106 Agreement when planning permission was granted.

(d) End of WW1 Commemorations

The Clerk referred to information received on the Royal British Legion's "Silent Soldier" concept. It was noted that the order books were currently closed due to the popularity of the Silent Soldiers. The Clerk would be advised if and when order books were re-opened.

(e) CPRE Best Kept Village Competition 2018

Members received and noted information from the Council for the Protection of Rural England on the Best Kept Village Competition. There was no appetite from Members to enter the competition.

(f) NHS Patient Engagement Events

Members noted that Newark & Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group had arranged Patient and Public Engagement Events as follows:

- Wednesday, 21st March – Holy Trinity Community Centre – new NHS Urgent Treatment Centre at Newark
- Wednesday, 28th March – Holy Trinity Community Centre – setting out priorities for the coming year and demonstrating how they will improve the health of the communities they serve.

The Clerk was asked to place details on the Messenger and in the noticeboards.

(g) CQC Drop In Sessions

A drop in session had been arranged at Newark Hospital, from 10am to 3pm, on Wednesday, 4th April 2018. Members of the public would have the opportunity to speak openly and honestly about the Trust, what is good and where improvements can be made.

11. Highways

(a) Highways Repair Log

Members received and noted the highways repair log.

The Clerk was asked to add a pothole at the junction of Walton's Lane and Main Street to the log.

Councillor Beddoe asked if the highways inspector could be asked to look at the condition of the verge, on the left hand side on the approach to North Muskham from South Muskham. There was a lot of heavy traffic to the farm and, as cars were parking on the right hand side, it was going in to the verge and causing damage.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would liaise with Via and see if there was any scheme available to encourage farmers to repair any damage they cause to the verges.

12. Financial Matters

(a) Accounts for payment:

The Chair referred to the circulated schedule of accounts for payment. It was AGREED unanimously that the following accounts be agreed for payment.

- Clerks wages – February - £231.90
- Payment to HMRC for Clerks wages – February – £58
- Village Handyman – February - £175.99
- MRCC – Hire of Hall & Refuse – February - £31.75
- MRCC – CFR Meeting - £17
- RCAN – Play Area Inspection Training - £70
- Notts Association of Local Councils – Membership 2018/19 - £174.32
- Renewal of Software Licence - £59.99

(b) To note any receipts

£93.00 from towards the SSA Planning Invoice

(c) Financial Report – to 28th February 2018

Members received and noted the Council's financial position as at 28th February 2018.

13. Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) GDPR Toolkit

The Clerk advised that a comprehensive toolkit had been sent through from the Association. This would be reviewed and a report brought back to the April meeting.

14. Correspondence

(a) Decision Notice – 18/000049/FUL – The Willows, Main Street, North Muskham

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the demolition of the existing single storey timber extensions and subsequent replacement and extension of the Willows.

It was noted that the access was to be widened before the start of the application.

(b) 18/00015/FUL – 10 Crab Lane, North Muskham – Erection of dwelling and widening of Crab Lane to create passing place at front of site

It was noted that amended plans had been submitted through the agent. It was AGREED that the Clerk would ask for a site meeting to enable Members to see how the application may impact on neighbouring properties.

An evening site meeting would be requested.

(c) Highways England – Notification of Essential Maintenance Works

Members received and noted correspondence from Highways England notifying the overnight closure of the A1 northbound on 7th April and 2nd June 2018.

(d) CFR Meeting

Cllr Mrs Hurry advised that 4 couples had attended during the 2 hour session. The intention was to run again in the Summer. The Chair suggested that it may be beneficial to hold them when there was another event on at the MRCC.

15. Date of Next Meeting
Monday, 16th April 2018

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.