

SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION AT THE 10TH DECEMBER 2018 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Present: Councillor P Morris, in the Chair
Councillor P Beddoe
Councillor E Catanach
Councillor S Dolby
Councillor I Harrison
Councillor D Jones
Councillor D Saxton

Also in attendance: County Cllr B Loughton, District Cllr Mrs Saddington and 1 member of the public

Prior to the commencement of business, it was AGREED that Cllr Morris would take the Chair as Cllr Harrison would not be present for the whole of the meeting.

NM58-19 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Beddoe and Harrison, while in attendance for the first part of the meeting, extended their apologies as they would have to leave early.

As Cllr Harrison had to leave early it was AGREED that agenda items 10(a) Update on Section 130A Submission and 11(e) A1 North Muskham – Barrier and Planting be brought forward for discussion.

NM59-19 Environmental & Community Issues

Section 130A

Cllr Harrison updated Members on how we had reached the present situation. On Friday, 9th November, Cllr Harrison had spoken to the County Council's Legal Team and outlined the Parish Council's frustrations and concerns at the amount of time it had taken since the initial agreement had been reached. He had outlined that such a lengthy process did not bode well for when the Parish Council was asked for its thoughts on a Unitary Authority.

Further to that conversation, an email had been received from the Legal Team advising that revised draft cultivation licences had been sent to residents. Arrangements had been made for contractors to be on site on Monday, 12th November. Members' confirmed that contractors had started on site as had been notified. They would take the hedge down to 1m in height and remove some self-set trees.

It was AGREED that the Clerk would write to Legal services and the Rights of Way Officer on behalf of the Parish Council and advise that Members would keep a watching brief on the area to ensure that residents maintained the impediments to the agreed height, and report back if adequate maintenance was not being carried out. Officers to also be thanked for their assistance in bringing the matter to

completion.

NM60-19 Highways

A1 North Muskham – Noise Barrier & Planting

Cllr Harrison advised that he had been in correspondence with the contractor as there were some concerns from residents who didn't feel there had been an adequate reduction in noise. The contractor had demonstrated that there had been a reduction by 10dba.

The contractor had agreed to provide hawthorn whips and labour, but additional support from residents would be required. This would be on either Thursday, 29th or Friday, 30th November. Cllr Laughton offered to fund more hawthorn whips if required.

It was AGREED that once a date was known a letter drop would be made to houses along the route to seek assistance with the planting.

It was AGREED that a letter be sent to Robert Jenrick MP, together with Cllrs Laughton and Mrs Saddington to thank them for their support in bringing the barrier to fruition.

The Clerk advised that the footpath that went across the A1 from Great North Road (Footpath No 1) appeared to still be on the Definitive Map. It was AGREED that the status of the footpath be investigated with the Rights of Way Officer. Cllr Laughton asked to be copied in to any correspondence.

Cllr Harrison left the meeting at 7.07pm.

NM61-19 Declarations of interest

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

NM62-19 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 8th October 2018 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

NM63-19 Update on Issues

Members received and noted the document updating them on current issues.

NM64-19 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.12pm to allow members of the public present to raise any questions.

No matters were raised and the meeting was reconvened at 7.12pm.

NM65-19 District Councillor session – Cllr S Saddington

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.13pm to allow Cllr Mrs Saddington to present

her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington apologised for not being able to attend the village commemorations on 11th November. It had been noted that there had been good involvement of children with Remembrance throughout the County.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 7.14pm.

NM66-19 County Councillor session – Cllr B Laughton

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.15pm to allow Cllr Laughton to present his report.

Cllr Laughton advised that the County Council had bought out Via, which would now be wholly owned by them from April/May 2019.

The Government had made an announcement about extra funding of £6.1m to repair potholes in Nottinghamshire. Cllr Laughton would be seeking to have the A1 roundabout repaired as a priority.

The Chair thanked Cllr Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.16pm.

NM67-19 Parish Council Matters

Nottinghamshire County Council Unitary Authority Proposals

The Chair brought forward agenda item 9(e) to allow discussion while Cllr Laughton and Cllr Mrs Saddington were present.

The first phase of consultation was now complete, and unless all secondary authorities agree it then the likelihood is it will not be accepted.

Cllr Laughton advised that, from the last information received, three, if not four, of the seven authorities had advised the County Council that they were not in agreement. Newark & Sherwood District Council is in a healthy financial position with £22m in reserves, with the County Council having a shortfall in its budget of £50-60m.

The matter will now be discussed at Council on 13th December and would then go out to consultation on a specific proposal if one was put forward.

NM68-19 Planning

- (a) Decision Notice - 18/01685/FUL – South View, Crab Lane, North Muskham - Variation of condition 3 attached to planning permission 17/00282/FUL to amend the approved plans to allow an amendment to the proposals on site to form a dormer window in lieu of a roof light

Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the variation to condition 3.

- (b) Decision Notice – 18/01575/FUL – New Manor Park – Erection of detached dwelling and garage
Members received and noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the erection of a new detached dwelling and garage.
- (c) PAGE Update
The Clerk advised that there were no further updates to report at this time.

NM69-19 Parish Council Matters

- (a) Review of WW1 Centenary Commemorations & Remembrance Sunday Service
The overall view was that events held on the 11th November went very well.
- Around 110 people had attended the morning commemoration, with around 130 at the beacon lighting.
- It was disappointing that the bugler had not attended, despite this being confirmed on 9th November. An MP3 recording would be sourced for 2019.
- A planning meeting would be held for 2019 and a checklist put together on what was required. A review of timings would be needed to ensure that the silence was at 11am.
- It was AGREED that the ringing of the Church bells had been a fitting end to the day. The Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the organiser.
- (b) Christmas Tree & Christmas Lights – 2nd December 2018
Arrangement were being made for the Christmas lights to be PAT tested. Volunteers would be needed on the morning of Saturday, 1st December to put the tree and lights up.
- The Clerk to liaise with all parties and advise Members accordingly, an early time was preferable. Councillors Jones, Saxton and Dolby had offered to help but additional support would be needed from residents.
- Safety wardens, in hi-vis vests, would be used this year to marshall residents and keep them off the road. The PA system used for the Remembrance Service to be requested for the Christmas lights.
- (c) Play Area Inspection & Urgent Works
The Clerk had updated Members during agenda item 4, 'Update on Issues'.
- (d) Village & Community Halls Conference – 23rd November 2018
The Clerk advised that information received from RCAN on the conference had been forwarded to the MRCC and Cllr Harrison. A request had been made for the presentation slides as it was not known if they could attend.

- (e) Nottinghamshire County Council Unitary Authority Proposals
This matter had been discussed earlier on the agenda. Minute NM68-19 refers.

NM70-19 Environmental & Community Issues

- (a) Update on Section 130A Submission
This item had been discussed earlier on the agenda. Minute NM59-19 refers.
- (b) Monitoring of development on land adjacent railway line off Great North Road
There were no new issues to note.
- (c) Muskham and Sutton-on-Trent Safer Neighbourhood Group – 18th October 2018
Cllr Saxton had attended the meeting on 18th October and gave a verbal update to Members.

It had been a busy period between July and October. A resident in the village had asked for Police security but this was not a service provided by the Police Authority. Dropping of objects from A1 been a high priority.

The Clerk confirmed that minutes will be circulated when they are received.

- (d) Skatepark Update & Request for CCTV Coverage
The Clerk updated Members on the recent situation with the vandalism to the vent. The Anti-Social Behaviour team and PSCO Crowhurst had been advised. The District Council had been asked to confirm if CCTV could be provided earlier than Spring 2019.

Councillor Jones asked if it would be possible to close the gap in the hedge that allowed access from the A1 roundabout through to the skatepark.

Cllr Beddoe left the meeting at 7.53pm.

- (e) Local Improvement Scheme – Village Gateway Sign
The Clerk advised that documentation had now been received to apply for funding from the Local Improvement Scheme. The Clerk would complete and submit in advance of the deadline of February 2019.

NM71-19 Highways

- (a) Highways Repair Log
The log was received and noted by Members.

It was AGREED that the following Items could be removed:

3. Overhanging Vegetation – Great North Road
9. Overhanging trees – Nelson Lane/Main Street

as work was now complete.

Cllr Laughton to be reminded of the poor state of the surface on Vicarage Lane, and

Main Street by the Church, to ask if they could be reviewed as part of the new funding received.

(b) Network Rail Failures

Cllr Mrs Saddington's correspondence with Network Rail regarding the recent failures of barriers along the Nottingham to Lincoln line was received and noted.

(c) Advance Roadworks bulletin – Closure of Church Lane & Crew Lane, South Muskham – carriageway resurfacing works

Members received and noted correspondence advising of the closure of Church Lane & Crew Lane, South Muskham for carriageway resurfacing works during week commencing 26th November 2018.

(d) Highways England – A46 Advanced Notification of Essential Safety Improvement Works

Members noted receipt of correspondence from Highways England which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

(e) A1 North Muskham- Noise Barrier & Planting

This item had been discussed earlier on the agenda. Minute NM60-19 refers.

NM72-19 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 - £242.40
- HMRC – PAYE - £60.60
- MRCC – September & October Hire & Refuse - £63.50
- Village Handyman - £230.54
- MRCC 50% Contribution to Electricity - £130.98
- MRCC Parish Council Event – 13.10.18 - £100
- Play Area Inspection Fees - £110.16
- Farndon Parish Council – Additional Poppies - £264

(b) To note any receipts

To note any Receipts:

- Lamp Post Poppies - £66

(c) Financial Report as at 30th October 2018

Received and noted.

NM73-19 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils

(a) Council News – October 2018 & November 2018

Members noted the two Council News bulletins which had been circulated to them for information.

NM74-19 Correspondence

(a) Greener/Cleaner/Safer Pack

This had been circulated in advance to Members. It was AGREED that the questionnaire be completed by the Clerk in conjunction with the Chair.

The Open Space Provision document would be reviewed by the Clerk and submitted accordingly.

(b) Resignation

Councillor Catanach advised Members that this was his last meeting as he was moving away from the village.

Cllr Morris extended thanks to Cllr Catanach, on behalf of the Parish Council, for the effort and enthusiasm he had brought to the role and wished him well for the future.

NM75-19 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 10th December 2018

The meeting closed at 8.07pm