

Minutes of the North Muskhams Parish Council held on Monday, 18th December 2017 at 7pm in the Muskhams Rural Community Centre

Present: Councillor I Harrison, in the Chair
Councillor E Catanach
Councillor S Dolby
Councillor Mrs J Hurry
Councillor D Saxton

Also in attendance: County Councillor Laughton and 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllrs P Beddoe, P Morris and District Cllr Mrs Saddington.

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, 13th November 2017 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.05pm to allow members of the public present to raise any questions.

No questions were raised and the Chair reconvened the meeting at 7.06pm.

5. District Councillor Session – Cllr Mrs Saddington

No report was presented as Cllr Mrs Saddington had given her apologies.

6. County Councillor Session – Cllr Laughton

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.08pm to allow Cllr Laughton to present his report.

Cllr Laughton advised that the Local Improvement Scheme deadline had been extended to 31st January for submissions.

The County Council had granted planning permission for the application submitted by Laffey's on land adjacent to the Railway Line, Off Great North Road for the use of land for the importation, storage and processing of construction and infrastructure inert waste. The permission had been granted for 2.5 years. Cllr Laughton had asked enforcement to visit the site as there were some aspects he was not happy with.

It was AGREED that the Parish Council would monitor the use of the site and the item would be placed on the agenda as a standing item until further notice. It was noted that the decision notice stated that:

- All vehicles should move out of the site in forward gear
- All vehicles have to turn left out of the site, not right

The Chair updated Cllr Laughton on the current position with the Section 130A submission. The County Council have advised that contact has been received from all three landowners upon whom notice was served and it appeared that all was capable of amicable resolution.

Further information was awaited from the Countryside Access team in relation to the cultivation licences.

Cllr Laughton agreed to contact the Legal Team at the County Council and feedback to the Chair as appropriate.

The Chair thanked Cllr Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.17pm.

7. Visit by Notts Wildlife Trust Officers

The Clerk referred to correspondence from the Head of People and Wildlife at the Trust. It was hoped that he could attend the January meeting, but had sent through a summary to update Members.

It was confirmed that there were no planned further changes to the reserve. The small area of land sold to adjacent properties was because it had very limited ecological value and had become infested with non-native scrub.

The Trust would be interested to explore how the Parish Council and the local community may wish to become involved in supporting management of the reserve in North Muskham.

8. Planning

- (a) 17/02201/FUL – 10 Mackleys Lane, North Muskham, Newark – Householder application for erection of a rear first floor and single storey extension following demolition of existing conservatory

After discussion it was AGREED that the application be supported.

- (b) 17/01447/FUL – Land on the South Side, Westfield Lane, Collingham – Erection of a Hydropower Electricity Generating Station, supported by energy storage and fish passage in the area of land adjacent to Cromwell Weir on the right bank of the River Trent near Collingham. The purpose of this development is to generate and store renewable electricity and provide improvement to upstream fish and eel passage and biodiversity on the River Trent

Members considered the application and noted the concerns of the Environment Agency and the Canals & Rivers Trust, neither was it apparent within the application how energy would be stored.

The application would impact on North Muskham, and on the river flow.

It was AGREED that the Parish Council would support the concerns of the Environment Agency and Canals & River Trust. Further, the Planning Officer should be asked to clarify if storage of electricity is on site should that not be included within the profile of the application.

The Clerk was asked to publicise the application on the Muskham Messenger.

(c) Planning Training – Monday, 22nd January 2018

Members received correspondence from Newark & Sherwood District Council advising of a training session, at 2pm on Monday, 22nd January, on the Planning process and material considerations in decision making.

It was AGREED that the Clerk and Cllr Saxton should attend but express concerns that it was being held in the daytime which restricted attendance by Members who worked.

(d) Review of Community Infrastructure Levy – Charging Schedule

Members received and noted correspondence from Newark & Sherwood District Council updating on the adoption of the Authority's revisions to the CIL Charging Schedule.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should circulate the documentation to Members and seek clarification from the planners on the changes to the charging schedule, especially with regard to affordable housing schemes.

(e) Planning Enforcement Matters

The Clerk referred to correspondence from Planning Enforcement, and also the impact letter received and submitted by the affected resident.

It was noted that there was no physical notice advising that there was no overnight parking of motorhomes permitted.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should update Cllr Mrs Saddington on the present position and request her to seek some clarity from Enforcement.

The matter to be placed as an item on the January agenda.

(f) Report from PAGE meeting and Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan

The Chair confirmed that PAGE had met and put together a response which had been sent to the consultant for his views. A copy would be circulated to Members at the January meeting.

9. Parish Council Matters

(a) Review of Remembrance Sunday & Lighting of Christmas Tree Events

Members considered that the two events had been successful and well received and attended by villagers.

It was AGREED that Cllr Saxton would be the liaison with the Riverside Parishes for the 2018 events.

For the 2018 Remembrance Sunday event it was AGREED that this should be moved in to the large hall due to the number of attendees.

It was considered that the Christmas Tree lights switch-on event was too long, especially given the location of the tree on a busy junction and the increasing number of attendees.

The Clerk was asked to ensure that thank you letters were sent to everyone involved in the event.

It was AGREED that the tree would be removed on 7th January 2018.

(b) Submission of Play Area Project to WREN

Members noted that the submission for grant funding had been submitted to WREN.

(c) Skate Park – Feedback from Visit by NCC Officer

The Clerk reported back to Members on the visit to the skatepark by an officer from the County Council. The officer had advised that they would investigate whether any funding could be provided.

It was AGREED that:

- the Clerk should chase a response from the officer on funding.
- expenditure on the skatepark from 2014-17 should be put together and circulated to members

(d) Playground Inspection Training

It was AGREED that the Clerk should book a place on the Routine Playground Inspection Training on Tuesday, 1st May 2018 for the handyman, if it was convenient for him to attend, at a cost of £70 per delegate.

9. Environmental & Community Issues

(a) Update on Section 130A Submission

This item had been covered under item number 6, County Councillor's Report. It was AGREED that the Clerk would chase Cllr Laughton for an update prior to the January meeting.

10. Highways

(a) Highways Repair Log

Members received and noted the highways repair log.

11. Nottinghamshire County Council

(a) Launch of Local Improvement Scheme 2018-21

This item had been covered under item number 6, County Councillor's Report.

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.

- Refreshments for Remembrance Sunday - £35.27
- Refreshments for Christmas Tree Lights Switch on - £43.18 & £28
- Lumalite – 2 x sets of Christmas Tree lights - £127.20
- MRCC – CFR Meeting 31.10.17 - £17
- MRCC – November Meeting & Refuse - £31.75
- Post Office – Special Delivery – VAT Return - £8.55
- Village Handyman - £212.77
- NALC Data Protection Training - £30
- L J Dye Electrical – Extend cables on transformers - £40

(b) To note any receipts

A receipt of £15 from Farndon Parish Council was noted as 50% towards the cost of Data Protection Training attended by the Clerk.

(c) Financial Report – to 30th November 2017

The Clerk circulated documents to Members outlining the Council's current financial position and a projected spend through to the end of the financial year.

It was AGREED that a detailed budget be presented to the January meeting for consideration by Members.

(d) Precept Estimates – 2018/19 Financial Year – Correspondence from Newark & Sherwood District Council

Members received and noted correspondence advising that precept estimates needed to be submitted to the District Council by 1st February 2018.

(e) Notification of External Auditor Appointments for the 2017/18 Financial Year

Members noted correspondence confirming that the External Auditor appointed for Nottinghamshire for the 2017/18 financial year was PKF Littlejohn LLP.

13. Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) Council News Newsletter

Advice had been received regarding the use of self-employed contractors. It was AGREED that the Clerk should investigate in further detail and report back to the Council.

(b) Submission of Nomination to the Smaller Councils' Committee

The Clerk confirmed that the nomination of the Chair had been submitted to the Smaller Council's Committee. The Chair confirmed that he had been successful in getting through to the final selection, but had not been elected to the Committee. However, he would be called to advise on selected matters.

(c) Feedback on Data Protection Training

The Clerk advised that the training had been of benefit but there was still confusion over whether or not the Clerk could perform the duties of Data Protection Controller and Officer. Guidance would be fed back as and when it was received.

Advice had been given that it might be of benefit for Members to have a separate email address to use for council business. It was AGREED that the Clerk would investigate this further and report back to a future meeting of the Council.

14. Date of Next Meeting
Monday, 8th January 2018

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.