

AT A MEETING of the BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall, Barkston on Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.45pm

PRESENT

Councillor Miss M E Nussey in the Chair

Councillors A. C. Card, P.C. Connor, S.T. Elnor, Mrs S.B. Evans, J.A. Jackson, S.J. Kelly and A.J. Rowell.

Also present: Councillors Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and Ian Stokes - District Council and Councillor R. Wootten - County Council (from 8.38pm).

Prior to commencing the formal business of the meeting, the Chair made a presentation to Bernard Noyes, who had been a Syston representative on the Parish Council for 19 years, standing down at the last elections.

PUBLIC FORUM

One member of the public attended and raised issues in connection with the proposed waiting restrictions on Church Street, Barkston. The Chair assured her that this matter was on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.

The public forum was closed at 7.49pm.

2119. VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR FOR SYSTON

No nominations were received, and it was agreed to include an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

2120. APOLOGIES

An apology for lateness was received from County Councillor Wootten.

2121. MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the last meeting - the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2015, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of apologies for absence from District Councillors Mrs Kaberry-Brown and Stokes.

(b) Posting on notice boards – the Clerk suggested an amendment to the current arrangements for giving publicity to minutes. Currently these were posted on two notice boards, one in Syston and one in Barkston. The Clerk explained that he was concerned that this system restricted the space available for other notices, and proposed that, as an alternative, a simple notice be posted advising that minutes were available on the website, and giving the website address, or by contacting him direct for a hard copy. The Council agreed to the Clerk's suggestion.

2122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

2123. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

(a) *Matters raised at previous meetings, which had been referred to the County Council and other agencies for comment, were discussed as follows, together with further matters raised at the meeting:-*

1. *Waiting restrictions - Church Street/Church corner/Honington Road – it was agreed to defer consideration, pending the arrival of County Councillor Wootten.*

On the arrival of Councillor Wootten at 8.38pm, the Council discussed an email from the Area Surveyor, which listed objections and comments from local residents. The Clerk read the email and he and Members made comments thereon. Councillor Wootten said that he was keen to resolve this issue, and suggested that the Council should make a firm and clear decision as to whether or not the scheme was supported. For information, the Clerk reminded the Council that they had in fact decided on the preferred scheme in July 2011, although the present County Council scheme was significantly different. It was unanimously agreed to confirm support for the Council's scheme as initially put forward in 2011, and that the Clerk prepare an appropriate reply to be circulated to all Members for comment before being sent to the County Council.

2. *Flooding, The Stag corner and Station Road – the Area Surveyor had reported that the gullies were working satisfactorily, and maintenance works to improve the surface water drainage and its capacity were still to take place.*

3. *The Area Surveyor had replied in regard to the following issues:*

- (a) *Flooding, Hough Road and the garage, Barkston –still ongoing, equipment on site to help the investigations;*
- (b) *Dyke, Minnetts Hill, Barkston – contact to be made with the owner of the dyke in an attempt to resolve the problem;*
- (c) *Accessible pedestrian pavements, Barkston – to be put on a forward planning programme for investigation when resources permitted;*
- (d) *A607 resurfacing, Barkston/Syston –details given of the surfacing proposed, which was two layers of chippings, firstly 10mm, with a layer of 6mm on top.*
- (e) *Church Street/Church corner, Barkston – banked stretch erosion – to be inspected to see what could be done to protect the area.*

4. *Hough Road – stone haunching to be inspected and repaired.*

5. *Uneven roads/potholes – Clerk to refer the following areas to the Area Surveyor for action:*

- (a) *Honington Road from Minnetts Hill to the Playing Field;*
- (b) *Church Street/St Nicholas Close;*
- (c) *Station Road, just before river bridge, pothole forcing traffic into centre of road.*

- (b) *Prioritisation of outstanding highways issues – confirmation of the Area Surveyor's attendance awaited. Clerk to send a reminder.*

- (c) *Revised speed limit policy/draft traffic policy for schools – deferred pending the arrival of County Councillor Wootten.*

On Councillor Wootten's arrival, the Clerk outlined the issues as notified by LCC, which after discussion were noted.

2124. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) General

Decisions had been taken on planning applications as follows:

Change of use to residential curtilage and erection of a single storey side extension, Barkston Heath Mushrooms, Heath Lane, Barkston – approved

Reduce hornbeam back by 2 metres, Lindisfarne, The Drift, Syston – approved

Temporary retention of open storage areas for baled solid replacement fuel and recyclable material, Mid-UK Recycling Ltd., Ermine Street, Ancaster – refused (neighbouring authority consultation)

Erection of dwelling, 12 West Street, Barkston – refused and now dismissed on appeal

Following consultation, comments had been made on planning applications as follows:

Change of use to caravan storage, Mill Farm, West Street, Barkston – no objection – subsequently approved

Alteration of listed building (Dolphin Fountain), Syston Park – no objection

Erection of a detached dwelling with associated shared access and hard and soft landscaping, Virginia House, Main Road, Barkston – no objection

It was noted that the application for a solar farm at Heath Lane, Honington, which had been refused by the District Council, had been appealed. No comments had been made at the application stage, and these would be passed on as part of the District Council's statement.

(b) South Kesteven Local Plan

The Clerk advised that the District Council were in the process of preparing the 2015 update. The update would include all the previous (2014) sites as well as any new ones. No additional sites had been received in respect of Barkston. It was expected that the 2015 update would be published within the next few months.

(c) Thackson's Well Wind Turbines

The Clerk advised that no comments had previously been made on this application, other than to express support for the local Parish. Following comments from Councillor Kaberry-Brown, it was agreed to continue the policy of supporting local Parishes.

(d) Wind Turbines

The Chairman and Councillors Mrs Evans and Elnor commented on their attendance at a recent meeting at Welbourn to discuss the current and proposed applications for wind turbines in the area, and advised the Council of some of the issues which would be taken into account when applications were discussed.

2125. BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk reminded Members that no action had yet been taken to make the Gray memorial safe, following the report to the last meeting. He said that during a recent interim risk inspection it had been noticed that the memorial was still unsafe, although not dangerously so, and he suggested that the memorial could be taped off to indicate this to other users of the Burial Ground. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write to the family giving a reasonable date by which the memorial should be made safe, and stating that if this is not done, then the memorial will be laid flat.

Councillor Rowell reported that the large bush on the northern side of the Burial Ground had now been removed. The Council expressed thanks to Councillors Card and Rowell for undertaking this work.

Councillor Card reported that the hedges at the Burial Ground were in need of cutting, and that this work could be done by a contractor carrying out work at the Playing Field. It was agreed to accept a price for the work at the Burial Ground, subject to this not exceeding £500.

2126. PLAYING FIELD – CONSTITUTION AND CHILDREN’S CORNER UPDATE

Councillor Kelly told the Council that the original constitution had been reconsidered at the AGM in May and no changes had been found to be necessary.

In regard to the children’s corner, three quotations for refurbishment had been received and further discussions were being undertaken with one firm, with a view to the submission of a firm price for the work. It was intended to do something in this financial year. Councillor Stokes commented on grants available from the former Lincs. Playing Fields Association, now taken over by Community Lincs. It was noted, however, that to obtain grant aid from this source would mean parallel funding was required.

2127. RISK INSPECTIONS

The Clerk reported that he had obtained further advice in regard to the risks faced by the Council and had accordingly updated the risk register. The electrical risks had been checked and it had been established that an inspection was necessary only every five years, the last inspection being in June 2012. The only outstanding issue was the inclusion of an appropriate interval for an inspection of the fire extinguishers, and Councillor Kelly said that he would check this and advise the Clerk so that the register could be completed. A further inspection had taken place recently in the children’s corner, and Councillor Kelly said that he would send the Clerk a copy of the report for the file. It was confirmed that the children’s corner inspection interval would be two months, and for the remaining risks it would be six months, unless stated otherwise, e.g. electrical risks (5 years).

2128. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Lincolnshire – details noted. Clerk to circulate contact details to Members.*
- (b) Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils Circular 154 was noted (circulated to Members via email).*
- (c) Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils “We are watching you” dog fouling campaign – agreed to order two signs*

2129. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Financial update

The Council received and noted the financial updates at the present date, and Councillor Jackson explained these for the information of Members. It was noted that whilst there appeared to be a large balance, a significant part of this was committed to the children's corner improvements

(b) Accounts paid and for payment

RESOLVED:-

(i) *That payment of the following accounts be approved and confirmed:-*

	£
<i>Glendale Countryside Ltd. (Mowing-April)</i>	<i>557.23</i>
<i>Anglian Water (Supply 7.2.15-6.5.15)</i>	<i>5.58</i>
<i>Community Heartbeat Trust (Notices)</i>	<i>15.60</i>
<i>Community Lincs Insurance Services (Insurance)</i>	<i>34.36</i>

(ii) *That payment of the following accounts now submitted be approved and confirmed:-*

	£
<i>Glendale Countryside Ltd (Mowing-May)</i>	<i>557.23</i>
<i>Barkston & Syston Village Hall (Meetings)</i>	<i>60.00</i>

2130. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BUT NOT DECISION

No items raised.

Dated

Signed

Chairman

