

AT A MEETING of the BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall, Barkston on Monday 11th July 2016, at 7.45 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Miss M.E. Nussey in the Chair

Councillors A.C. Card, P. Connor, Mrs S.B. Evans, A. Hine, J.A. Jackson, S.J. Kelly and A.J. Rowell. Also present: Councillor Ian Stokes – District Council.

PUBLIC FORUM

One member of the public attended. No matters were raised.

2190. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elnor (accepted for the purposes of an attendance), together with District Councillor Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and County Councillor Ray Wootten.

2191. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2016, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

2192. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

2193. 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. Hole outside Barkston Garage – an investigation was to be carried out shortly, prior to pricing up a drainage scheme for the area around the garage. It was thought to be possible to fill in the current hole temporarily and remove the barriers. It was mentioned that the heavy rain last weekend had resulted in significant flooding in the area. Clerk to refer this to the Area Surveyor.*
- 2. Church Street/Honington Road – the worst of the holes on both roads had been filled, but the Clerk was again asked to refer the poor state of the road to the Area Surveyor, with a request that action be expedited.*
- 3. Marston Road – some of the holes had been filled, and the remaining holes would be infilled.*
- 4. Footpath opposite Village Hall – an order had been issued for the siding back works, and this would be chased up.*
- 5. Road edge markers – the Area Surveyor had advised that stones would not be permitted.*

However, certain marker posts which are more decorative than the standard black and white ones might be permitted. Another local parish had a similar query and were looking into the issue and trying to find decorative and highway approved posts. The Parish Council would be kept informed.

- 6. Sign opposite end of Hough Road, A607 – now re-erected.*
 - 7. 'Slippery surface' signs, A607 – the Area Surveyor was looking into this, but it was supposed that they had been installed in various localities where the surface dressing had failed. The Parish Council would be kept informed.*
 - 8. Accessible pavements – there was still an issue with lack of funding for this type of work. The Area Surveyor had also received an email from the resident who had referred the matter to the Parish Council, which he was researching in terms of legal liability.*
 - 9. Picnic Area, Station Road – this had been partially cleared, but the Area Surveyor had advised that only part of the area was owned by LCC, but he would look into the matter raised to see what could be done.*
 - 10. Honington Road, in front of Almshouses – the Council were advised that the existing large potholes in front of the properties were now encroaching into the road, and the Clerk was asked to refer this to the Area Surveyor.*
 - 11. Weeds at side of and on pavements – a letter from a local resident in relation to this issue was reported. It was agreed to refer this to the Area Surveyor and discuss at the forthcoming walkabout.*
 - 12. Highway maintenance schemes 2016/17 – the Clerk reported, for information, a letter from the Area Surveyor in relation to which schemes were planned for implementation in the financial year. This had been previously circulated to members and was noted.*
- (b) Area Surveyor's walkabout – fixed for Thursday 14th July. Chairman and Vice-Chairman to attend.*
- (c) Grass cutting – the Clerk told the Council that the LCC highway grass cutting agreement would be terminated on 31st March 2017. He gave details of the costs of the current agreement, and of the costs met by the Parish Council for the village amenity grass (Village Green, War Memorial, Burial Ground and Children's play area). It was agreed to give further consideration at the budget meeting.*

2194. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Decisions had been taken on planning applications as follows:

Proposed bungalow and garage, Little Witham, The Drift, Syston – approved

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

Erection of 3 dwellings, rear of 12 West Street, Barkston – objection – subsequently approved

Installation of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signage to public house, The Stag, Church Street, Barkston (two applications) – objection – subsequently both withdrawn

Erection of two detached dwellings and garages, Land to north of West Lodge, Main Road, Syston – objection

In connection with the last application, Councillor Stokes advised that he had, as requested, asked for the application to be referred to the Development Control Committee. He had been advised that the request was out of time but he was unhappy with this decision and had referred it to the Vice-Chairman of the Committee for a decision, which was awaited.

A notification had been received from the County Council in respect of amended plans (noise report) in regard to the several applications at the Mid-Uk recycling site on the High Dyke. The Council had been consulted as a neighbouring authority, and as no comment had been made on the principal applications, no comment had been made on the amendments. The Council confirmed this action.

- (b) Neighbourhood Plan – members had before them a briefing note produced by the Clerk following a meeting with Community Lincs to produce a plan of support for the initial stages of the Neighbourhood Plan, together with the project plan of support itself, as drawn up by Community Lincs following the meeting.*

The initial arrangements had been made, and the Community Awareness session would be held in the Village Hall on 16th September from 3pm to 7pm.

- (c) South Kesteven Local Plan – a letter in regard to the SKDC proposals for a review of the Local Plan had been circulated to all members. The Clerk and Councillor Jackson reported on proposals for Barkston and Syston, and showed a plan with sites which had been suggested, but discounted by the District Council. It was agreed that there were no issues affecting the villages which necessitated a response from the Parish Council. Councillor Jackson briefly reported on issues raised in the plan document in relation to Neighbourhood Plans, which he suggested should be borne in mind when the Parish Council were considering their plan.*

2195. BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk reported on a burial plot which had sunk by a considerable amount, and that he was intending to raise this with the funeral director who had carried out the interment. A further minor issue had been raised in regard to access to the tap, and action was being taken deal with this.

2196. PLAYING FIELD

- (a) The Council received and noted the Annual Trustees Report (circulated via email to all Members). For information, Councillor Kelly reported that the contractors who had carried out the recent refurbishment of the children's play area were arranging to take publicity photographs of the site for their catalogue.*

Advice had been sought from two neighbouring Parish Councils in regard to risk and safety inspections at playing fields. A quotation had been obtained, in the sum of £83 plus VAT, which was considered to be acceptable, and the inspections would be carried out in August.

- (b) Centenary Fields programme – the Clerk and Councillor Kelly reported on an invitation to take part in the Centenary Fields programme, to mark the 100 year period since WW1. There were no benefits to the Parish Council, and the field, which was in any event owned by the Council, was not in danger of development or other alternative (non-playing field) use. It was agreed to take no action.*

2197. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) *Electoral Review of Lincolnshire – circulated to members via email. Agreed to take no action, as no matters raised to alter the Parish Council’s initial view.*
- (b) *Lincolnshire Central Heating Fund – scheme to help private sector households who are experiencing fuel poverty. To be circulated to members and publicised via ‘In Touch’.*
- (c) *Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils – Circular 158 was received and noted. (circulated to members via email).*
- (d) *Greater Lincolnshire Devolution – information from SKDC in regard to proposals for a Mayoral Combined Authority for Lincolnshire was considered. It was agreed to note the proposals but to make no corporate response. Posters had been placed on all notice boards to enable local residents to consider and respond.*

2198. 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. Referring to the earlier discussion on mowing, Councillor Jackson reminded members that at the budget meeting they would not be looking for the whole amount, only that currently funded by the County Council.

(b) Accounts paid and for payment

RESOLVED:-

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

	£
<i>Anglian Water (Supply 26.1.16 – 5.5.16)</i>	10.82
<i>Glendale Countryside Ltd.(Mowing 8.4.16)</i>	285.58
<i>LOL Contracts (Installation of Syston defib.)</i>	180.00
<i>Community Lincs Insurance (Premium for Syston Defibrillator)</i>	17.20
<i>ESPO (White lining powder)</i>	53.71
<i>Glendale Countryside Ltd. (Mowing 29.4.16 and 20.5.16)</i>	571.17

(ii) *That payment of the following accounts now submitted be agreed:*

	£
<i>Glendale Countryside Ltd. (Mowing 10.6.16)</i>	285.58
<i>Barkston & Syston VH (Hire for meetings)</i>	60.00

2199. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BUT NOT DECISION

Clerk to establish whether there are proposals for charging for the disposal of black bin waste from non-residential premises (Burial Ground).

Noting that the Syston Defibrillator is installed and operational, Clerk to arrange for the agreed awareness session, and to place a note in ‘In Touch’.

Dated Signed
Chairman

