

*AT A MEETING of the BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall, Barkston on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, at 8.25 pm, following the NHS presentation*

*PRESENT*

*Councillor Miss M.E. Nussey in the Chair*

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

*Also present: Councillor Ian Stokes - District Council.*

*The Chairman welcomed Diane Hansen of the NHS South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group, who was attending the meeting to outline the Sustainability and Transformation Plan for NHS Services, which was currently in the public domain for discussion and consultation, ending on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. A copy of the Plan Summary had been circulated along with a summary of the presentation, and Ms Hansen answered questions from Members. The presentation concluded at 8.24pm and the Chairman thanked Ms Hansen for attending.*

*2326. APOLOGIES*

*Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs R. Kaberry-Brown (District Council) and Councillor Wootten (County Council).*

*2327. MINUTES*

*The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and approved as a correct record.*

*2328. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST*

*There were none declared.*

*2329. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS*

*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. The Clerk reported that the following matters had again been referred to the Area Surveyor, who had replied that they had all been noted for action when time and finance permitted. Nevertheless, the Clerk was asked to remind the Area Surveyor of these outstanding matters:*

*Church Street, Barkston – resurfacing;  
Grass verges, Main Street, Syston;  
Church Street/War memorial area, Barkston;  
Honington Road, in front of Bedehouses, Barkston;  
Main Street, Syston/A607;  
River Lane, Syston.*

- 2. Speeding, A607 – the Clerk reported that he had checked with the Clerk of Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council as to progress with the requested speed limit reduction on the A607, but that there had been no progress since the last meeting. A Traffic Regulation Order was required, but these were known to be limited due to costs. It had been suggested that the local County Councillor be contacted for support, and this had been done. However, Councillor Wootten was not hopeful,*

*owing to the financial situation, although he would pursue the Councils' request.*

- 3. Bridleway No. 4 – the Clerk advised that the County Council had no plans to take any further action at this time as any new structures on the bridleway would most likely restrict access to cyclists and horse riders. The Countryside Officer had, however, asked that any issues of illegal use be reported to the Police.*
- 4. Potholes -Main Street, Syston/A607, Minnetts Hill/Church Street, Barkston and The Close, Barkston – the Area Surveyor advised that all reported potholes were on a list to be done. Potholes were being batched together to try and get all done in an area at one time. Any not yet done would be completed shortly. Despite the report, the Clerk was asked to remind the Area Surveyor.*
- 5. Village Gateway scheme – the Clerk reported that he had obtained a quotation for the supply of village gateways, and he gave details of the estimated costs. Members discussed the Clerk's report and queried the likely effect of the installation on speeds on the A607. It was agreed that no further action be taken for the present, but that the Clerk would note the idea for the budget meeting, in the meantime to confirm the costs and location of similar installations in the area.*
- 6. Stepping stones – the area of the stepping stones had been inspected and had been found to be in an acceptable condition. However, arrangements had been made for the clearance of mud from the concrete pad on the northern side of the river.*
- 7. A607 turn into Syston – the Area Surveyor had apologised for not looking into this issue, which had been raised some time ago. Staff shortages had been a problem, but new staff had been employed, which would enable outstanding issues to be addressed. The Clerk was asked to request that the Area Surveyor visit the site to ensure that the correct area is looked at, and the most appropriate action taken.*
- 8. Give Way sign, near Playing Field – it was reported that this sign appeared to have been struck by a vehicle, causing it to lean, and the Clerk was asked to report this to the Area Surveyor for action.*
- 9. Wall strike, Village Green – it was reported that the wall to Pear Tree Farm, adjacent to the Village Green, had again been struck by a large vehicle attempting a turn round the point of the Green, having wrongly turned off the A607. Clerk to advise the Area Surveyor, and again request suitable signage.*

## *2330. PLANNING MATTERS*

### *(a) Comments/decisions*

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

*Amended Plans - Proposed conversion of an existing outbuilding to form annexe, including extension to connect to existing dwelling, Firs Farmhouse, Church Street, Barkston – planning and listed building consent – no objection – subsequently approved*

*Erection of a two storey detached dwelling with integral garage, Land to rear of 21 West Street, Barkston – no objection*

*Single storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling, Eagle House, Main Road, Barkston – no objection*

*Decisions had been taken on planning applications as follows:*

*Various applications, Wilsford Heath Materials Recovery Facility, High Dyke, Ancaster (consulted as a neighbouring authority) – all approved*

*(b) Parish Council Planning Policy*

*Members considered a short report from the Clerk in regard to the current Parish Council planning policy. The report listed the history of the discussions over the years, and after consideration it was agreed to confirm the policy as set out in the report, dating from May 1991. It was, however, agreed in addition that in the event of a request being made for an application to be considered at a meeting of the Council there would be a need for input from Members. All Members had an opportunity to comment on applications as they were all circulated on receipt from SKDC, and reasons for the request should be submitted by the Member(s) concerned. If required, a meeting would be called.*

*It was further agreed that it would be appropriate to retain paragraph 8, 'the over-riding right of the Chairman to call a special meeting if it is considered necessary. The agreed policy of the Parish Council in relation to planning is therefore:*

*“The Chairman would decide whether a development fell within the category of infilling (if a new Development) or was of a minor nature, e.g. small extension, garage, conservatory etc., and, if so, would consult the Vice-Chairman and nearest Councillor to the site and agree comments, if any.*

*If the development was not of a minor nature or was in some way objectionable then the Chairman would call a meeting of the Council. In either case it was the Council's policy to consult neighbours.*

*Members requesting the Chairman to call a special meeting to consider an application should submit reasons for their request.*

*The Chairman has the over-riding right to call a special meeting if it is considered necessary.”*

*(c) SKDC Planning Policy*

*The Clerk reminded Members that he had recently circulated details from SKDC in relation to the consultation on the final draft of the Local Plan, in case there were any further issues from Members. The consultation would end on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, and the Clerk said that following a check on the entries in relation to Barkston and Syston, errors (previously notified to SKDC for correction) had been found in relation to Barkston. The Planning Policy section had been advised and corrections requested. Members asked the Clerk to ensure that SKDC confirmed that the errors would be corrected.*

*2331. PICNIC AREA – STATION ROAD, BARKSTON*

*The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received, for levelling and resurfacing the main part of the area, together with fixing the picnic table and rubbish bin to concrete pads in the sum of £6500. Members considered this quotation, and it was suggested that it would be necessary, in view of the amount of the quotation, to check Financial regulations and possibly obtain more prices. It was also suggested, and agreed, that the highway authority be asked if they could (a) provide a specification for the work; and (b) carry it out themselves. It was also agreed to ask the County Council to establish the boundary of the site with the road adjoining.*

*2332. BURIAL GROUND*

*The bush growing on a grave had been removed by Councillors Card and Jackson, and the Chairman thanked them on behalf of the Council.*

*A quotation had been received for cutting the hedge in the sum of £340, and this was accepted.*

*The Bier Shelter had been inspected, and it had been found that there was a crack on one side of the front, and the lintel needed replacing. It was possible that the front of the shelter would have to be removed, which could be expensive, and it was agreed to request a formal quotation for repairs.*

2333. PLAYING FIELD

*Councillor Kelly reported that the recent risk/safety inspection of the children's play area had been carried out. Some small cracks in the timber had been identified, but there was no concern as to structural integrity, and some of the cracks had been filled with sealant.*

2334. RISK INSPECTION

*The inspection had been carried out on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. No issues had been found which required attention.*

2335. CORRESPONDENCE

*(a) National Association of Local Councils – the Clerk advised that no further action was necessary in connection with data protection issues. He had taken advice, and the only information retained was the statutory information in relation to Councillors.*

*(b) Merchant Navy Day – request for the Council to consider purchasing a flag and flying it on Merchant Navy Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> September – no action.*

2336. 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.*

*The Council noted that a cheque for £1,000 from the Poors Land Charity had been received. .*

*(b) Accounts paid and for payment*

RESOLVED:-

*That payment of the following accounts be approved and confirmed (all online except where shown):*

	£
<i>Anglian Water Business Ltd (Supply 18.2.18-18.5.18)</i>	<i>13.05</i>
<i>BDG Mowing (Mowing – May)</i>	<i>380.00</i>
<i>Barkston &amp; Syston Village Hall (Hire for meetings)</i>	<i>60.00 (Cheque)</i>
<i>Paul Johnson (Tree removal, Picnic Area/Main Road)</i>	<i>300.00 (Cheque)</i>
<i>BDG Mowing (Mowing – June)</i>	<i>380.00</i>

*Dated .....*

*Signed .....*

*Chairman*





