

AT A MEETING of the BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall, Barkston on Monday 10th July 2017, at 7.45pm

PRESENT

Councillor Miss M.E. Nussey in the Chair

Councillors A.C. Card, P. Connor, S. T. Elnor, Mrs S.B. Evans, A. Hine, J.A. Jackson, and A.J. Rowell. Also present: Councillor R. Wootten – County Council (from 8.30 pm).

PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public attended and queried the reason behind the decision to request a mini roundabout at the Station Road/A607 junction, particularly asking how it would slow traffic. Councillor Connor, who had raised the issue originally, explained that this would be through traffic management in his experience. The member of the public suggested, however, that road users would carry on regardless, and that there could be problems with HGVs manoeuvring around the island. It was explained that HGVs could go over such islands and that traffic should give way to the right, thereby allowing a smooth flow of traffic, whilst slowing it and resulting in a safer road. Although the member of the public was of the opinion that there had been no queues or accidents near or at this junction to justify the island, Councillor Connor disagreed and pointed out that it would be unlawful to ignore the traffic rules associated with an island. It was generally agreed that such islands worked well and would slow traffic on entering and passing through the village. In concluding the discussion, the Chairman pointed out that in the event that the County Council decided to proceed, there would be a full consultation.

2256. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kelly (accepted for the purposes of an attendance, together with District Councillors Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and Ian Stokes. Councillor Wootten had advised that he would be late.

2257. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2017, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

2258. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

2259. 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. Marston Road – litter – the Clerk reported that the litter had been collected from the bridge at the parish boundary with Marston by Mr Dave Smith, and that a fresh supply of bags had been arranged. Thanks were expressed for Mr Smith's work.*
- 2. Fly tipping – the incident of fly tipping on Frinkley Lane had been reported, although the items had not apparently been removed. The Clerk was asked to chase this with SKDC.*
- 3. Footpath, A607/turn into Syston – agreed to continue to monitor, and to request a small trim to*

trees/bushes as appropriate.

- 4. Accessible footpaths – the Clerk advised that he had reported this issue to the County Council, and that he had met with a Surveyor earlier that day, accompanied by the local resident, to demonstrate the difficulties involved. The main issues involved visibility and ability to access footpaths. After discussion, it was agreed that the Chairman would approach the owner of the property on the corner of Station Road/A607 to cut the hedge back, and that the Vice-Chairman would approach a local farmer with a view to cutting back vegetation on the east side of the A607, which was restricting access. It was noted that the verge grass was cut by the Parish Council.*
- 5. Gateway opposite “Innisfree”, Honington Road – SKDC had advised that the driver of the refuse freighter would no longer use the track to turn round, and would stay on the road when collecting in the area.*
- 6. Station Road/A607 junction – recorded for future action by LCC.*
- 7. Hough Road level crossing – recorded for future action by LCC. It was reported that this piece of road was in a poor state and becoming dangerous.*
- 8. 50 mph speed limit, A607 – recorded for future action by LCC. The accident statistics referred to had been obtained and passed on to the County Council.*
- 9. Footpath along River Witham – a local resident had reported that this path was partially overgrown, and asked that the Council consider this and refer it to the County Council. After a discussion it was agreed to request the local farmer to trim in the first instance.*
- 10. Speeding, A607 – a local resident had drawn attention to the increasing speed of traffic through the village and asked that the Council request a further Police check. Reference was made to the Road Safety Partnership survey and subsequent speed check, and the Council agreed to request a further Check.*
- 11. Church Street, Barkston – resurfacing – Clerk to request an update on the likely date for this work to be completed.*
- 12. West Street, Barston – double yellow lines - agreed to request double yellow lines on the north side of West Street from the A607 junction down as far as the ‘set back’ cottages, in the interests of safety for vehicles using the junction.*
- 13. Hedge, Council bungalows, West Street, Barkston – Clerk to request that this hedge, which was overgrowing the path, be cut back.*
- 14. The Drift/Main Street, Syston – the road edge at this junction was crumbling and it was agreed to refer this to the County Council for action.*
- 15. A607/Main Street, Syston – flooding – severe flooding had occurred during recent heavy rain, and it was agreed to refer this to the County Council for action, on the basis that drains might need clearing.*

2260. PLANNING MATTERS

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

Erection of 3 agricultural buildings for poultry production and associated gate house, water tank, gas tanks and storage building, following demolition of the pig unit, Barkston Heath Pig Unit, Heath Lane, Barkston – no objection

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

Extension to existing workshop, Chandlers (FE) Ltd., Main Road, Belton (neighbouring authority consultation) – approved

Detached garage/playroom, Old Laundry House, The Drift, Syston – approved

To vary condition 6 of planning permission N74/1238/12, to allow wrapped baled material to be stored to a height of 4 metres, Wilsford Heath Recycling facility, High Dyke, Ancaster (neighbouring authority consultation) – approved

Demolish existing building (shed 1), and erect a replacement building, Mid-Uk Recycling Ltd., Ermine Street, Barkston Heath – approved

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (landscaping) of S16/2705, Mill Farm, West Street, Barkston – approved

Erection of two detached dwellings and garages, land to north of West Lodge Syston – appeal dismissed

- (b) *Neighbourhood Plan – the Clerk read comments from Community Lincs, following the Council’s decision not to proceed with a Plan. CL were of the opinion that the Council had had adopted the right approach in ascertaining the level of support and had made an informed decision.*
- (c) *South Kesteven Local Plan – the Clerk reminded Members that he had circulated a letter from SKDC setting out details of consultation arrangements for the new Local Plan for the period 2011-2036. He asked Members to note a further date for a consultation event which had been added.*

The Council considered the Clerk’s report, which he updated by advising that the Plan showed no sites listed for development in Barkston or Syston. Councillor Jackson said that he had looked at the Plan in detail and, in particular, he referred to page 15, in relation to ‘Larger Villages’. This was the new description for villages formerly referred to as ‘Local Service Centres’, which included Barkston. This paragraph noted that all sites within larger villages had been assessed to determine the right amount and location for any new development, taking into account deliverability of proposals and constraints on development. As a consequence not all identified larger villages had a proposed allocation for new housing in the draft Plan.

Councillor Jackson then read paragraphs 4.53 and 4.54 from page 150 of the Draft Plan, which referred to Barkston, drawing attention in particular to a statement that Barkston presented infrastructure pressures, particularly with regard to the School. There were also some errors the facilities attributed to the village. He then referred to two sites in Barkston, which had been referenced in an annexe to the Plan, and gave details of the District Council’s reasons why these two sites would not go forward for inclusion in the Local Plan.

Councillor Jackson suggested, and it was agreed, that the statements made on page 15 in relation to larger villages and those in paragraphs 4.53 and 4.54 be recorded and supported, that SKDC be requested to continue these statements and paragraphs into the final Plan, subject to corrections to the list of facilities attributed to Barkston, and that SKDC be advised that the references in the annexe to the two sites are welcomed by the Parish Council. Clerk to wait a few days before replying to enable Members to attend one of the consultation events.

2261. PICNIC AREA – STATION ROAD, BARKSTON

The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting advice from the Land Registry in regard to the most appropriate way in which to proceed with the proposed acquisition of the land. It was suggested that the County Council be contacted and be asked to look again at their suggestion that they did

not own the land, particularly in view of the sign on the site. It was also suggested that an affidavit as to the use/ownership of the land from appropriate local residents might be useful.

2262. BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk reported that Western Power had contacted him to advise that they proposed to trim a Silver Birch in the north-eastern corner of the Burial Ground, to enable a free run of cables. He had replied giving no objection. The Council confirmed this action.

A quotation had been received for cutting the hedge, and removal of waste, from Paul Johnson, in the sum of £220, which was accepted.

The Clerk mentioned proposed action in regard to a slight breach of the agreement for a burial plot in the new southern half of the Burial Ground, in that ornaments had been placed on the levelled plot. He intended to see the family concerned and request that the ornaments be removed to a position level with the headstone.

2263. PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reported that Councillor Kelly had advised that the safety inspection of the children's corner had been carried out, and no issues noted. The only other issue to report was that the tractor and gang mowers had been sold.

2264. FUTURE MEETINGS – NOVEMBER 2017

The Clerk asked the Council to consider moving the proposed meeting on the 13th November to the 6th November, as he would unavoidably be on holiday on the original date. The Council agreed to the change of date.

2265. CORRESPONDENCE

Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils – Circular 162 had been circulated to Members via email. A suggestion had been made to the Clerk that the Parish Council consider taking action to support the Tree Charter by becoming a Charter Branch. The Clerk gave information on what this entailed, and it was agreed to support the Charter as suggested.

(Councillor Rowell left the meeting at 8.58pm and returned at 9.04pm).

2266. 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.

(b) Accounts paid and for payment

RESOLVED:-

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

	£
<i>Community Lincs Consultancy Services</i>	
<i>(Neighbourhood Plan Survey)</i>	<i>498.00</i>
<i>S Hutton Ltd. (Work at Playing Field)</i>	<i>294.00</i>
<i>BDG Mowing Contractors (Mowing – May x 2)</i>	<i>380.00</i>

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

	£
<i>Anglian Water (Supply 1.4.17 – 31.5.17)</i>	9.37
<i>Barkston and Syston Village Hall (Meetings)</i>	60.00

Dated *Signed*
Chairman

