

AT A MEETING of the BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall, Barkston on Monday 10th September 2018, at 7.45pm

PRESENT

Councillor Miss M.E. Nussey in the Chair

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

Also present: Councillors Mrs R Kaberry-Brown - District Council and R Wootten – County Council.

2337. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Evans (accepted for the purposes of an attendance) and Councillor Stokes (District Council).

2338. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2018, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

2339. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none declared.

2340. 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. Outstanding issues – Area Surveyor reminded, as requested at the last meeting.*
- 2. Speeding, A607 – the Clerk advised the Council that since the last meeting, the County Council had decided, having considered concerns expressed and the LCC speed limit criteria, that a 50 mph limit would be appropriate. The proposals would be advertised on the 14th September, with a closing date for any objections of the 14th October. The County Council had been reminded that the Parish Council had no objection, and following comments from a Parish Councillor, it had been suggested that consideration should be given to modifications to the white lining/ghost islands, to further improve road safety.*
- 3. Potholes -Main Street, Syston/A607, Minnetts Hill/Church Street, Barkston and The Close, Barkston – the Clerk advised that the Area Surveyor had been reminded, as requested, and he had replied that the filling of those mentioned was imminent, as all outstanding orders were now with contractors and being batched together to cover local areas in one hit. Members mentioned various potholes which they had previously reported and which had not yet been attended to. Councillor Wootten indicated, in response to a request, that he would ascertain the turnaround time for repair, following notification.*
- 4. Village Gateway scheme – the Clerk reported the location of various similar gateway installations, and gave details of likely costs of the gates. The costs of installation had not been established. A meeting had been held with the Area Surveyor and it had been established that there was adequate space to install the gateways at both ends of the A607 approach into Barkston. It was agreed to defer further consideration to the budget meeting in January and in the meantime to establish the likely costs of installation for that meeting.*

5. *A607 turn into Syston – the Area Surveyor had visited the site with the Clerk and Councillor Hine. It had been established that the trees restricting visibility were within the grounds of Syston Park, and were therefore the responsibility of the owner. The Chairman had seen the owner and had requested trimming. This had been done and Councillor Hine agreed to check whether the visibility had improved.*
6. *Give Way sign, near Playing Field – this had been included on a list of works for action.*
7. *Wall strike, Village Green – the request for appropriate signage had been passed to the sign team to investigate.*
8. *Holmes Row street nameplate – an order had been issued by SKDC for the replacement of this damaged nameplate.*
9. *Potholes, West Street, Barkston – request to check and report this pothole, which did not appear to have been previously reported.*
10. *Footpath in front of Barkston House – it was noted that tree/bush branches were overhanging onto the path, and the Chairman indicated that she would contact the owner direct and request trimming.*

2341. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Comments/decisions

Decisions had been taken on planning applications as follows:

Single storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling, Eagle House, Main Road, Barkston – approved

Dead silver birch tree within the grounds of West Lodge, Syston – permission given to remove, subject to a replacement being planted

The application for the erection of a two storey detached dwelling at the rear of 21 West Street, Barkston would be reported to the Development Management Committee. Notification had been received regarding public speaking and, after consideration, it was agreed that the Clerk would register to speak with a view to explaining the Parish Council's decision to raise no objection.

(b) SKDC Planning Policy

SKDC had now confirmed that the requested corrections would be made in the version of the Plan to be submitted to the Inspector.

2342. PICNIC AREA – STATION ROAD, BARKSTON

The Clerk reported that Financial Regulations had been checked, and that it would be necessary to obtain three quotations for the levelling and resurfacing of the main part of the area. One had been reported at the last meeting and another had been obtained, in a similar sum. A further quotation was awaited. The Highway Authority had advised that they could not provide a specification for the work, neither could they carry it out themselves. It had been confirmed that the request for the boundary with the road to be established was being investigated. After discussion, it was agreed to defer further consideration to the budget meeting in January.

2343. BURIAL GROUND

The quotation for repair of the Bier Shelter had not been received, and it was agreed that the Clerk would request this urgently, and consult the Chairman if it was found that the repairs were

immediately necessary, otherwise to defer further consideration to the budget meeting in January.

The Clerk reported that he had been notified by someone visiting graves in the Burial Ground that there were some deep holes in the area near the road, which were considered to be potentially dangerous. This person had offered to buy soil and fill the holes, but the Clerk had in fact done this himself with surplus soil from behind the Bier Shelter. A detailed check would be made as part of the forthcoming risk inspection.

2344. PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk reported that the formal play equipment operational inspection had been carried out. All issues reported had been noted by the Playing Field Committee, and the overall result was a low risk rating. There were no other issues to mention.

2345. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils – the Annual Report for 2017/18 was received and noted.

(b) LIVES – email from Chris and Cora Townson advising that they had resigned from LIVES. This meant that the local group was now closed. The Chairman and Clerk had both thanked the Townsons for their efforts over the years.

2346. 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:-

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

	£
<i>Community Heartbeat (Annual support x2)</i>	<i>604.80</i>
<i>Anglian Water Business Ltd (Supply 19.5.18-12.8.18)</i>	<i>12.66</i>
<i>Paul Johnson (Burial Ground hedge cutting)</i>	<i>340.00 (Cheque)</i>
<i>HMRC Cumbernauld (Clerk's PAYE)</i>	<i>248.80</i>
<i>BDG Mowing (Mowing – August)</i>	<i>380.00</i>
<i>Mr M L Hall (half year salary)</i>	<i>995.20</i>

The last payment above was agreed at the meeting, as it was over the Clerk's permitted limit and was in any event a payment to the Clerk.

2347. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BUT NOT DECISION

Councillor Card mentioned that he had been contacted by the owners of the garage in regard to continuing problems with flooding, and the apparent inability of the Highway Authority and Anglian Water to resolve the issues. After a discussion it was agreed that there was nothing that the Parish Council could do, and that it was best left to the parties concerned.

Dated Signed
Chairman

