

*AT A MEETING of the BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall, Barkston on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 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: Councillor I.Stokes – District Council, and Councillor R.Wootten – County Council.*

*2279. APOLOGIES*

*Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hine (accepted for the purposes of an attendance), and Councillor Mrs Kaberry-Brown (District Council).*

*2280. MINUTES*

*The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and approved as a correct record.*

*2281. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST*

*There were none declared.*

*2282. 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. Fly tipping – the rubbish had not been removed as at the previous Thursday, and the Clerk advised that he had sent a strongly worded reminder to SKDC who had indicated that the rubbish would be removed by the date of the meeting. Check to be undertaken.*
- 2. Speeding, A607 – the Clerk reported that he had, as requested, repeated the request for speed checks, but there had been no response. Councillor Wootten queried whether the Clerk had received an email from him in relation to the Community Speedwatch Initiative, which was a relatively new scheme to raise awareness of speeding within communities, and to enable communities to take action to address concerns themselves. The Clerk advised that this had not been received, and Councillor Wootten circulated booklets about the scheme, and outlined how it was intended to work. He said that a number of parishes had expressed an interest in the scheme. The Clerk suggested, and it was agreed, that he should circulate the information to all Members, when received from Councillor Wootten, and put an item on the agenda for the next meeting.*
- 3. Church Street, Barkston – the Clerk advised the Council that the issues raised about the resurfacing had been reported to LCC, who had advised that they would pass this to the contractor responsible. However, nothing had been done and the Clerk was asked to once again pass the issues to LCC for action.*
- 4. Church Street and West Street, Barkston – double yellow lines - the Council were again reminded that requests for traffic regulation orders were not being processed at the present time, but the Council's requests had been logged for future consideration. It was pointed out that the Church Street request in particular had been extant for a number of years, but Councillor Wootten pointed*

*out that, unfortunately, there were older requests. Nevertheless, the Clerk was asked to once again repeat the Parish Council's request.*

- 5. Hedge, Council bungalows, West Street, Barkston – this had now been cut.*
- 6. White lining, A607 to The Drift, Syston – now completed.*
- 7. Grass Verges, Main Street, Syston – the verges on the inside of the bend opposite The Drift and further along the road, towards West Lodge had been damaged by heavy vehicles. It was suggested that this might be buses, as they had been observed keeping to their side of the road since the repainting of the white lines. The damage further down the road was caused by vehicles parking. Clerk to report this to the County Council.*
- 8. Speeding, A607 – the Clerk reminded the Council that they had, in May, agreed to ask LCC to consider lowering the speed limit from just north of Manthorpe, up to the 30 mph limit at Barkston. Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council were also trying to have the limit lowered from the same point to Belton, and had mentioned new factors in support, particularly the increase of traffic on this stretch. In addition it had been suggested that Belton Garden Centre's expansion plans would also increase traffic at the turn into Belton village, which was already a black spot for accidents. Other factors which increased traffic nearer Manthorpe were mentioned as having an effect on the amount of traffic, and its speed.*

*Belton and Manthorpe PC were seeking the Council's support for the suggestion for a lower limit, and to try and identify a unified approach. The Council, noting that they had already written to LCC requesting a lowering of the limit, agreed to support the request from Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council.*
- 9. LCC Parish Council liaison meetings – the Clerk reported on his attendance, with Councillor Jackson, at a recent liaison meeting with the highway authority. The LCC officers had explained the changes which had taken place since the beginning of the year, particularly in the system for reporting faults. Budgets were explained, and it was noted that cuts meant that many schemes would be scrapped or delayed, such as Traffic Regulation Orders. The Council noted the report.*
- 10. Footpath, Barkston to Honington – this path, along the A607, was becoming overgrown. Clerk to request siding back.*
- 11. Bridleway No. 4 – illegal use by motorcycles had returned, and the Clerk was asked to refer this to the County Council.*

## *2283. PLANNING MATTERS*

*Decisions had been taken 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 – approved*

*Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of S16/0943 to allow for alterations to the design of the dwellings, 12 West Street, Barkston – approved*

*Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) and remove conditions 9 (obscure glazing) and 10 (opening lights) of planning approval S15/1096, Virginia House, Main Road, Barkston – approved*

*Erection of single storey front extension, front porch and garage conversion, Mossend, 2 Hough Road, Barkston – approved*

*Erection of a 3 bedroom dwelling and garage, Land to north of West Lodge, Green Lane, Syston - refused*

2284. PICNIC AREA – STATION ROAD, BARKSTON

*The Clerk reported that the Land Registry search had revealed that no records were held in respect of the land. Accordingly, the application for first registration had been completed and sent to the Land Registry at the end of September. A decision was awaited. The Council's insurers had confirmed that, when acquired, the land would be covered under the Council's existing public liability cover, and any assets could be covered under 'all risks'.*

2285. BURIAL GROUND

*The Vice-Chairman reported that a tree in the north-east corner of the Burial Ground had been cut by someone acting for the owner of the neighbouring bungalow, allegedly to allow light to the bungalow. He had stopped this action, as the tree was within the Burial Ground, and was not restricting light. The Council confirmed the action.*

2286. PLAYING FIELD

*There were no issues to report.*

2287. TREE – RIVER LANE, SYSTON

*The Clerk reminded members that when this issue had been discussed at the last meeting, he had reported a price for an inspection and risk report in the sum of £175. Before any further action was taken, he had been asked to request assistance from the SKDC Arboriculturalist. This had been done, and it had been established that the District Council were unable to provide the help requested. The Woodland Trust had also indicated that they were unable to assist. Accordingly, and in view of the potential danger from the tree, and to protect the Council in the event of any claims, he had instructed that the survey and report be carried out.*

*The Clerk presented the detailed report, which included a full report on the tree's condition, and suggested management options. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to obtain costs for maintenance, as suggested, and complete removal, and report to the next meeting.*

2288. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Tree Charter – it was noted that the Tree Charter Legacy Tree had been received, and planted by the Vice-Chairman, in the Burial Ground.*
- (b) Lincolnshire County Council – fairer funding deal – information on the County Council's campaign to lobby for a fairer funding deal had been circulated to all members, and also published, as requested by the County Council, in 'In Touch'.*

2289. 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) Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils – future subscription rates*

*The Clerk reported on correspondence from LALC in regard to subscription rates from 2018, and the need to review these to take into account the NALC subscription increase. Proposals*

were to be put to the Annual Meeting taking into account the budget required, amended bandings and costings in conjunction with wider cost improvement schemes. Details of the proposals and existing and likely costs were given, and the Clerk said that he would establish the decision of the AGM and report to the budget meeting in January.

(c) Yorkshire Bank – BusinessOnline

The Clerk and Councillor Jackson reported on a proposal to set up an online account for a more efficient, cost and time saving method of running the Parish Council's finances. It was suggested that, briefly, the Clerk would be authorised to pay invoices between meetings, up to an agreed sum, subject to those invoices/confirmation of payment being presented to the next following meeting, as happens with cheque payments at present. Any invoices received within a week of a scheduled meeting would be presented at the meeting, again as at present.

A copy of the bank's standard resolution had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting, together with a copy of the standard terms and conditions. It would be necessary to slightly amend the Financial Regulations if the proposal was agreed. After a discussion it was agreed:

- (i) that it was in the best interests of the Council to nominate the Council's bank accounts and the Corporate Administrator as listed on the registration form for the Bank's BusinessOnline service and to accept the Terms and Conditions and to
- (ii) that the requisite number of members in terms of the Council's constitutional documents be authorised to execute the registration form for the Bank's BusinessOnline banking services together with any annexures thereto.

It was also agreed that:

“In cases where an invoice is received between meetings, and is required to be paid before the next meeting, the Clerk be authorised to agree payment of the invoice via BusinessOnline, up to a limit of £500, that the Clerk administer this in accordance with the Parish Council bankers arrangements, and that evidence that the payment has been made be presented, with the invoice, to the next meeting of the Parish Council.  
Any invoices over £500 shall be dealt with by cheque or an internet payment authorised as at present, i.e. signed by the Chairman and two members.”

(d) Accounts paid and for payment

RESOLVED:-

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

	£
BDG Mowing Contractors (Mowing – August)	190.00
Playmaintain Limited (Inspection of play area)	99.60
HM Land Registry (Registration fee – picnic area)	40.00
S Hutton Limited (Work to cricket pitch)	360.00
BDG Mowing Contractors (Mowing- Sept x 2)	380.00

- (ii) That payment of the following account now submitted be agreed:

	£
BDG Mowing Contractors (Mowing – Oct. x 2)	380.00

Dated ..... Signed .....  
Chairman





