

*AT A MEETING of the BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall, Barkston on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018, at 7.45pm*

*PRESENT*

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

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

*Also present: Councillor Mrs R. Kaberry-Brown – District Council (from 8.05 pm), and Councillor R Wootten (County Council).*

*2301. APOLOGIES*

*Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elnor and Kelly (accepted for the purposes of an attendance), and Councillor Stokes (District Council).*

*2302. MINUTES*

*The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and approved as a correct record.*

*2303. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST*

*There were none declared.*

*2304. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS*

*(a) Community Speedwatch Scheme*

*Councillor Wootten advised that the Chief Constable was now issuing authority to PCSOs to ticket drivers exceeding the speed limits, and that this power was still available to the public under the Community Speedwatch Scheme, although it was acknowledged that the Parish Council had agreed to take no further action. It was agreed that he would send a list of powers available to PCSOs to the Clerk for circulation to members.*

*(b) 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 – no information available as to whether the remnants of the tipping had been removed. Clerk to check and take appropriate action.*
- 2. Church Street, Barkston – the Clerk said that the Area Surveyor had advised that there was no scope to carry out the resurfacing improvements any earlier than the stated date of July/August. It was intended to ensure that residents were advised. The Council suggested that the potholes should be repaired prior to any resurfacing. Members raised issues in regard to debris on the road, partly washed down grit following the recent rain, particularly at the end of Minnetts Hill and the junction of St Nicholas Close and Church Street (referred by a local resident), and asked that the Clerk refer this to the Area Surveyor.*
- 3. Church Street and West Street, Barkston – double yellow lines – to be considered later in the meeting.*
- 4. Grass Verges, Main Street, Syston – the Clerk reported that the County Council had acknowledged*

*the report of damage to the verges, and had arranged for an inspection and action if appropriate, but only if there was a safety issue. Local members confirmed that there was still a problem, caused by debris being washed into local drains, particularly in River Lane, resulting in localised flooding. Clerk to refer this again to the Area Surveyor, pointing out that the problem had only arisen following the repainting of the white lines.*

- 5. Speeding, A607 – the Clerk reminded the Council of previous discussions and decisions in relation to the proposal to reduce the speed limit from Manthorpe to Barkston to 50 mph. He had liaised with the Clerk to Belton and Manthorpe Parish Council, who had written a comprehensive statement in support of the proposal, which had resulted in an agreement that the Road Safety Partnership would undertake a speed survey in April when traffic flow would be likely to be at its peak.*
- 6. Footpath, Barkston to Honington – the siding back of the footpath was to be added to a list of similar work to be undertaken within the next few months.*
- 7. Bridleway No. 4 – the County Council had advised that no further action would be taken in relation to this issue, although they had offered to meet the farmers on site to discuss possible solutions. They had pointed out that appropriate signage had been erected, and that the actions of motorcycle and car users were a criminal offence under the Road Traffic Act and the Police were responsible for enforcement. Clerk to advise the County Council of the farmers involved.*
- 8. Footpath, opposite Village Hall, Barkston – still not done, Clerk to repeat this request for this path to be sided back.*
- 9. Church Street/War Memorial area, Barkston – the Clerk reported an email from a local resident, including photographs, which had been circulated to members, drawing attention to damage to the above area, mainly as a result of parking at school times, which was eroding the edge of the road. The Clerk also reported on a meeting with the Area Surveyor to assess the problem, and on the Surveyor's reply with possible solutions. After discussion, it was agreed to repeat the long-standing requests for double yellow lines and bollards to protect the road edges.*
- 10. Honington Road, in front of Bedehouses – a further email had been received from a local resident in relation to the poor state of the road in front of the Bedehouses, attaching photographs in support. It was pointed out that this issue had first been raised eleven years ago, and had still not been resolved. Clerk to repeat the request for action, stressing the length of time the problem had been extant.*
- 11. Church parking – the Clerk mentioned comments he had received following a recent large funeral at St Nicholas Church, when the road had been blocked and the bus had to take an alternative route. It had been pointed out this was a Police issue, in terms of obstruction, and the report was noted.*
- 12. Dog fouling – Clerk to report to SKDC on a recent resurgence in dog fouling in certain areas of Church Street/Honington Road.*
- 13. St Nicholas Close, Barkston – Clerk to request the re-fixing of the nameplate.*
- 14. Main Street, Syston/A607 – there was a pothole at this turn and the road edges were becoming damaged by vehicles turning. Clerk to report this to the Area Surveyor.*
- 15. River Lane, Syston – the poor surface of this road to be reported to the County Council.*
- 16. Village Gateway scheme – Councillor Wootten gave information on this scheme, and it was agreed that the Clerk would request details to put before the next meeting.*

2305. PLANNING MATTERS

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

*Erection of a two storey detached dwelling and stand alone garage, Land to the Rear of 21 West Street, Barkston – application withdrawn*

*Members thanked Councillor Wootten for his work in connection with the recent planning application for 480 houses at Manthorpe, and for pursuing the views of local residents, including those in Barkston and Syston, so diligently.*

2306. PICNIC AREA – STATION ROAD, BARKSTON

*The Clerk reported that the application to register the picnic area had been refused on the grounds that the Council had not been able to demonstrate actual possession or control of the land sufficiently. The application fee had, however, been returned. Following the Land Registry's letter, the Clerk said that he had contacted the County Council and had received confirmation that they had no objection to the Parish Council taking control of the land and maintaining it. The land would be insured for public liability. Any costs involved in refurbishing the area would be met, as had been agreed, from the Section 137 budget or the Poors Land Charity.*

*The Clerk reported on correspondence from the National Citizens' Service, which was an organisation backed by the Government and set up to help 15-17 year olds develop valuable skills for work and life. Part of this scheme involved assisting in the provision of schemes such as the refurbishment of the picnic area. The Clerk said that he had had initial discussions and would be sending a form to give details of the project, so that it could be assessed for help.*

2307. BURIAL GROUND

*The Clerk advised that the remaining two grave mounds on the south side of the Burial Ground had been levelled.*

*The Vice-Chairman mentioned that the bush reported at the last meeting had not yet been removed, owing to the recent bad weather. It was intended to complete the work as soon as possible.*

2308. PLAYING FIELD

*The Clerk reported on behalf of Councillor Kelly that the regular Health and Safety inspection of the children's area had been carried out, and a copy lodged with the Clerk on the risk file. No concerns had been raised.*

2309. TREE – RIVER LANE, SYSTON

*The Clerk reported that the tree in River Lane had been felled, at a cost of £444 including VAT. However, the cost had been reduced as the wood had been sold for £70.*

*The Chairman reported objections to the felling from local residents.*

2310. CORRESPONDENCE

*(a) Lincolnshire County Council – fairer funding campaign – the Clerk reported receipt of a thank you letter from the Leader of the County Council, for the support received during the campaign.*

*(b) Lincolnshire County Council – highways online fault reporting system – advice that there had been a delay in the introduction of the improved system. Councillor Wootten advised that the*

*system would not be introduced in the near future.*

*(c) National Association of Local Councils - briefing from NALC in regard to the Data Protection Bill currently in Parliament. The Clerk advised that there were many aspects of the Bill which were of concern to NALC, and that he would report further to members as and when updates were received.*

2311. 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):*

	£
<i>Belvoir Tree Services (Felling of tree at Syston)</i>	<i>444.00</i>
<i>Anglian Water (Supply 30.11.17 – 18.2.18)</i>	<i>11.87</i>
<i>Ladywell Accountancy Services (Clerk's pay)</i>	<i>135.50</i>
<i>HMRC Cumbernauld (Clerk's PAYE)</i>	<i>183.00</i>
<i>Mr M L Hall (half year salary)</i>	<i>732.00</i>

*The last payment above was agreed at the meeting as it was over the Clerk's permitted limit of £500, and was in any event a payment to the Clerk.*

*Dated .....*

*Signed .....*

*Chairman*





