

*AT A MEETING of the BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Hall, Barkston on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017, at 7.45 pm*

*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, S.J. Kelly and A.J. Rowell.*

*Also present: Councillor I. Stokes – District Council, and Councillor R. Wootten – County Council.*

*Councillor Wootten apologised for being unable to attend meetings recently, owing to illness. He had, however, received news confirmation that the illness had been cured. The Chairman and Members expressed pleasure at seeing Councillor Wootten back at meetings.*

*PUBLIC FORUM*

*One member of the public attended. An issue was raised in relation to the narrowed footpath from Barkston towards Syston, up to the crossing point opposite the Syston Main Road, and asked if action could be taken to restore the full width and ensure that the crossing point was cleared of mud. It was pointed out that this had been raised many times before by the Council, and the Clerk was asked to yet again draw this to the attention of the County Council. A related matter was mentioned, regarding the self-set trees/shrubs on the eastern side of the A607 in the same area, which were restricting visibility southwards. Clerk to raise this with the County Council, enquiring if it was their responsibility, or that of the neighbouring farmer.*

*The member of the public thanked the Council for the refurbishments carried out at the Playing Field, and for the new play equipment which had been installed. Finally, he mentioned that the phone box on the A607 in Barkston had been vandalised, and wondered if this should be repaired. It was pointed out that BT had already been advised that the Parish Council had no objection to the closure and removal, as there had been no calls from the box for a period of 12 months.*

*2230. APOLOGIES*

*Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown.*

*2231. MINUTES*

*The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and approved as a correct record.*

*2232. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST*

*There were none declared.*

*2233. 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. *Speeding, A607 – the Clerk reported that the Lincs Road Safety Partnership had carried out a speed survey in Barkston during a 7 day period in February. More than 58,000 vehicles had travelled through the area, of which a significant number had exceeded the speed limit, a total of 25% being over 35mph. It was noted that following the survey, Police speed checks had been operated in both directions in the week prior to the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed to continue to request frequent Police speed checks.*
2. *Pavement by War Memorial –an inspection of the area had been carried out. The condition had been noted, and would be kept under review.*
3. *Church Street/War Memorial – the marker posts would be issued when resources became available. Further to discussion later in the meeting, the Clerk was asked to send a reminder to the Area Surveyor.*
4. *Main Road, Syston –the pothole had been infilled and the whole area would be kept under review, and any required carriageway works would be arranged as necessary.*
5. *Marston Road – litter – the Council were advised that Marston Parish Council had undertaken a litter pick/verge clean up to their Parish boundary, and had requested that the Council do the same from their boundary. It was noted that there was a significant amount of litter and also that the verges were heavily overgrown. The Clerk was asked to request appropriate action from the highway authority.*
6. *Village Green – it was reported that a local resident, Mr Paul Johnson, had voluntarily cleared fallen branches and tidied trees on the Green, for which thanks were expressed.*
7. *Station Road, Barkston – it was reported that following recent work on Station Road, the road edge marker posts had not been replaced and had been found in the hedge bottom. The posts had been replaced by the Vice-Chairman, but the Clerk was asked to bring the issue to the attention of the Area Surveyor.*
8. *Marston Road – it was noted that the road appeared to have been recently marked up for roadworks. Clerk to investigate with the Area Surveyor.*
9. *Village Green trees – noting discussions earlier in the meeting in relation to trees on the Village Green, some members wondered whether a formal inspection was carried out. The Clerk advised that an inspection was undertaken as part of the six-monthly risk assessment inspection, which was to be carried out shortly. If any trees were identified as being in need of further expert investigation or action, then this would be arranged as a matter of urgency. Members noted the situation.*
10. *Fly tipping – an incident of fly tipping on Frinkley Lane was reported, and the Clerk was asked to refer this to SKDC.*
11. *Footpath, A607/turn into Syston – Clerk to remind the Highway Authority, as this problem would soon become worse as trees came into leaf.*

#### 2234. PLANNING MATTERS

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

*Siting of 9 wigwam camping pods and erection of reception building, Mill Farm Barkston – approved*

*Alterations to carport and removal of conservatory – 17 The Leas, Barkston – approved*

*Development of solid replacement fuel open storage areas, Wilsford Heath Materials Recycling facility, High Dyke, Ancaster (neighbouring authority Consultation) – approved*

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

*Demolition of building and erection of a replacement building, Mid-Uk Recycling, High Dyke, Barkston Heath (neighbouring authority consultation) – no objection*

*(c) The Clerk advised that an appeal had been received into the District Council's refusal of an application for two detached dwellings on land adjacent to West Lodge, Syston. The Parish Council had sent a strong objection at this stage, and it was agreed that there was no need to make any further comments in regard to the appeal.*

*(d) Neighbourhood Plan – the Council considered the draft leaflet produced by Community Lincs (CL), which had been circulated to all Members. Detailed discussion ensued, specifically in regard to the financial aspects, and on responsibilities for developing and progressing the Plan. Suggestions were made for various detailed changes, and it was agreed that the Clerk would incorporate these into an amended document and circulate it to all members for comment/approval before returning to CL to enable the final leaflet to be prepared for printing and distribution.*

*Following discussion, it was agreed that following the return of the surveys, it would be necessary for there to be at least 50% in support of the Plan for it to be taken further.*

#### 2235. PICNIC AREA – STATION ROAD, BARKSTON

*The Clerk reported on investigations he had undertaken in regard to the ownership of the picnic area. It appeared that the person who was thought to have been the owner did not in fact own the area, although he had suggested who might own the land. Investigations would continue, and if appropriate, steps would be taken to register the land, as already authorised.*

#### 2236. BURIAL GROUND

*It was reported that the dead tree on the boundary of the Burial Ground and a property in The Paddock had now been removed. There were no other matters to report.*

#### 2237. PLAYING FIELD

*Councillor Kelly reported that the Charity Return had been prepared and submitted, and this was noted by the Council, as Trustees. The regular Health and Safety Inspection had been carried out and a copy lodged with the Clerk in the risk file. A new self-propelled set of mowers had been bought, costing £10,000, funding for which had been agreed at the last meeting. Finally, Councillor Kelly asked Members to note that the AGM would be held next month.*

#### 2238. WAR MEMORIAL

*The Clerk reported that he had arranged for an inspection to be carried out of the upper part of the War Memorial, which could not be done as part of the normal six monthly cycle carried out by the Council themselves, as it was not accessible. He submitted two quotations for an inspection and, in one case a repair of the figure of Christ at the top. The other contractor was not of the opinion that repairs were necessary, and that regular monitoring was adequate. He*

had also submitted a quotation for the cleaning of the steps and plinth, which were showing signs of significant wear and fungal growth. It was agreed to accept the quotation for cleaning submitted by Lamby Masonry Cleaners, in the sum of £315. Following discussion on the method for the cleaning, the Clerk was asked to find out the nature of the biocide treatment to be used, in view of the possibility of any run-off entering the nearby water course.

2239. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Financial update

The Council noted the financial updates at the present time, and Councillor Jackson explained these for the information of Members.

(b) Accounts paid and for payment

RESOLVED:-

That payment of the following accounts now submitted be approved and confirmed:

	£
Anglian Water (Supply 5.8.16 to 9.2.17)	4.26
M L Hall (Half year salary and expenses)	1224.91

2240. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION BUT NOT DECISION

Members were reminded that the Annual Meeting would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, when the Parish Council's policies, such as Standing Orders and Financial Regulations would be reviewed. A copy of the current version of all the documents would be circulated to Members.

Dated .....

Signed .....

Chairman





