

## **Draft MINUTES of MEETING for the PARISHES OF BARKSTON AND SYSTON**

**Held in The Village Hall, Barkston, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 at 7:45 pm**

**Present:** Councillors M.E. Nussey (Chair), A Card (Vice Chair) P.C Connor, A. Hine, C.I. Pell, A. Rowell, S Micklewright, S Elnor. & Cllr Stokes

**Also Present:** 7 Members of the public.

### **1) Apologies.**

R Parke

### **2) Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting dated 08.07.2024**

Proposed for Approval by: S Micklewright & Seconded By: T Hine

### **3) Members' Code of Conduct and disclosable pecuniary interests.**

Non

### **4) Roads and footpaths Update on matters previously raised**

**Syston Sign** - The sign had been replaced but was on a shorter wooden post. This is still there but there is now also a nice large sign on the other side of the road.

**Dog Fouling Syston** - Clerk has been advised by SKDC that they no longer supply and fit the dog waste bins and The PC would need to source and install the bins. Once we have ascertained exactly where on river lane we would like to fit the bin we would need to obtain permission from LCC to fit the bin.

Cost of bins would be between £100 - £300 depending on size and quality  
Clerk to visit location with P Connor and obtain agreement to install a bin

**Overgrown footpath between The Drift and Bus Shelter** - Clerk to reported issue to Council who originally responded to say that they have assessed the footpath and at gave decided that at present doesn't require urgent repair, however it has been identified as a location for larger scale improvement scheme but at this stage are unable to give a specific timescale for this to be done.

**Blocked Pipe West Lodge** - West lodge pipe under the highway being blocked – no further update since last meeting advising highways team have issued this work out to one of their delivery gangs.

**Gravel and potholes North of Bridge on Hough Road** - This issue has been reported a number of times since April. Latest status on 14/08 is that the issue has been assessed and is with a delivery gang for action. The Clerk plans to contact LCC for verbal update on this of not resolved by 14/09

**Flooding by Dog Paddock on Hough Road** - LCC have advised the clerk that they have visited the sight but there was no signs of flooding at the time so no action will be taken but will monitor the site during heavy downfalls and requested that we let them know if there are any further issues. The clerk has responded stating that they are aware that there is not an issue at present but would request LCC reconsider and look to improve the area to prevent

the issue happening this winter. Clerk visited the site on Sunday morning after the rain Saturday night but there was no significant flooding at the time.

**Sale of Vehicles outside Playing field** - Clerk Contacted the owner of the Caravan who lives in Grantham and requested that they remove the caravan, which they did but replaced it with a car for sale. It was reported to LCC who said that they will not take action on incidental advertising however if we have evidence that a business is being run from the area then they will investigate. However the car has now been removed. The area appears to have become popular on the basis of people seeing others using it. – it may be worth considering the PC contacting LCC to see if there is anything that can be done with the area to make it harder for people to use the area for advertising but not restrict parking for the Play Area.

### **Village Surface water Drains**

The clerk advised that a call was raised with LCC regarding the clearing of the storm drains and was advised that they are cleaned on a 2 yearly cycle and the last cleanse was in Feb 2023 – if however there are any further specific issues we are to report them – Clerk was asked to report

## **5) Planning Report of Comments and Decisions**

### **Application Decisions:**

Application No: S23/1432 Date Received: 2nd August 2023 Applicant: Mrs Charlotte Major Proposal: Retention of mobile home as a temporary rural worker dwelling. Location: Orchard Corner Farm Drift Lane Barkston Lincolnshire NG32 2PZ Decision/Date 20th May 2024 – Application Granted

Application No: S24/0746 Date Received: 3rd May 2024 Applicant: Mr A Gardner Proposal: Proposed new timber garage/workshop. Location: Land Adjacent To Mossend 2 Hough Road Barkston Lincolnshire Decision/Date: 28th June 2024 – Application Granted

Application No: S24/0758 Date Received: 7th May 2024 Applicant: Sue Parry Proposal: Change of material to front facade of existing property from brickwork to render Location: 5 The Leas Barkston Lincolnshire NG32 2PD Decision/Date: 26th June 2024 – Application Granted

### **Land Station Road Barkston**

The clerk has been updating the enforcement officer on any activities on the land. The Gates have been put in place as requested to secure the site and the enforcement officer has advise that the owners Planning Agent has been in touch with him and will be submitting a planning application.

## **6) Burial Ground**

Clerk to agree time with AC & AR for 6 monthly Safety Check

## **7) Playing Field**

In respect of the long term replacement of the mower the clerk was asked by N Parker to look at options for grant funding for the Mower.

The FA/Pitch Power – covers multisport venues so Football/Cricket.

National Lottery Community Funding – They are currently giving a lot of funding to community

Fields In Trust – Applications for funding by organisations that seek to improve the local sports/play facilities Funding

Cash for Clubs – (£5000) Funding to Improve sports facilities

Funding options to be considered by Playing field committee

## **8) Picnic Area**

Ivy on the Bridge which reduced visibility was cut back before clerk reported so thank you to P Connor for sorting.

The clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of a mirror to improve the view to the left when leaving the picnic area

## **9) To Consider Information Board for The Village Green**

S Micklewright suggested having an information board like the one in the picnic area on the village green giving information on the village for public and details of PC Website. Clerk advised that the Picnic area board was circa £600. The graphics were done by the College.

It was agreed further investigations on to what should be included on the sign should be investigated along with a plaque for the First Air Borne division.

Clerk to also look at installing a live Christmas tree on green.

## **10) Communications to Residents**

Clerk to complete welcome pack for new residents. She will ask for input from village residents via Facebook Page

## **11) Village Hall.**

Registration of the hall is still ongoing.

## **12) Council Land & Garages West Street**

Use of land in from the of garages has been reported to SKDC and they are looking in to the issue. Garages currently blocked with Children's play equipment/Paddling pool and Building materials.

The land to the rear the clerk has provided a Location/map of the area and they will look in to the Maintenance responsibility – clerk suggested looking at the area as a community Orchard?

### 13) Financial Matters:

#### A) Accounts paid and for payment:

The meeting reviewed and agreed the income and expenditure since the last meeting and approved payments over £500 as listed below:

BDG24/1585	£813.00
BDG24/1590	£628.80
Clerks Salary	£626.50

#### B) Current Years income & Expenditure and Budget Position

The clerk advised that expenditure was currently in line with Budget

### 14) Any other business for discussion but not decision

- Flood Defense procedure to be completed for a future meeting
- Agree Online banking approvers at next meeting
- Clerk to see if a speed check can be arranged and look at options to upgrade traffic calming signals to ones that show actual speed

The meeting closed at 9:20

Next meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024