

# Necton Parish Council



Minutes of Precept Meeting held Thursday, 23 October 7.30pm in the Necton Rural  
Community Centre

**Present:** Cllrs Frank Woodward (Chair), Ms Louise Willis, Ms Denise Axham, Mr Ian Thompson, Mr David Matthews, Mrs Jeanette Webb, Ms Gabrielle Joyce, Parish Clerk.

No members of the public present.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies received from Mr Joe Sisto.

**2. Declarations of interest**

Cllr Woodward declared a personal interest in item 9 (grant application from Social Club).

Cllr Thompson declared a personal interest in item 9 (grant application from Necton RCC).

**3. To discuss and approve budget figures for 2015/2016**

The Clerk presented a draft budget for consideration along with a supporting report explaining the calculations. Discussion ensued and the following **resolutions** were agreed:

3.1 To request a precept of £36,000 (an actual increase of £5,249 on previous year's precept).

3.2 To apply for any government council tax grants that may be applicable for 2015/16.

3.3 To apply budgets as proposed for expenditure items and miscellaneous projects.

3.4 To establish budgets for new projects – Bus Shelter on A47, Street Lighting upgrade.

3.5 To investigate loan options for the street lighting upgrade project.

The Budget for 2015/2016 accompanies these minutes.

**4. To receive update on status of grants awarded 2013 (paid May 2014)**

The Clerk presented a report outlining the responses received from recipients of previous awards.

**5. To consider request from Necton RCC to utilise their grant 2014 for another purpose.**

Necton RCC originally requested funding for an extractor fan to aid ventilation within the building. Subsequent to their original request, they secured other funding to support the installation of an air source heat pump, which would also act as an extractor fan. They would like to apply their original Council grant award of £540 to this project instead.

**Resolution** - Given that the installation of an air source heat pump is a sustainable approach to heating, will bring long-term efficiencies and will provide better extraction than the original project, the Council have agreed to allow NRCC to apply the grant of £540 to this project.

**6. To consider adopting the account and responsibilities of Necton Youth Project into Parish Council control. (report circulated)**

It was **resolved** to adopt the Necton Youth Project and its assets (£700 cash and basketball court) under the auspices of the Parish Council. Signatories on the account will be updated to include Cllr Axham, replacing Mr Sandell (previous councillor).

**7. To consider the status of Youth Club monies currently held by Parish Council.**

It was **resolved** to extract £631 (previous youth club monies) from the general funds and add it to the Necton Youth Project account. This money will be utilised for youth provision.

**8. To ratify a payment of £181.25 to Allotment Society in respect of partial rent reduction as agreed in previous meeting.**

This payment (50% of the annual rent) was ratified and a cheque will be processed in the forthcoming payments schedule (Nov Council Meeting)

**9. To consider and decide grant applications received in advance of this meeting.**

The following grants were awarded in accordance with power under S137

Necton Sports & Social Club - £350 for replacement of chairs.

Necton Sports & Social Club – The purchase of nets to the cost of £152 and donate to the club.

All Saints Church - £350 towards mowing costs of churchyard and memorial ground.

Necton Little Oaks - £250 to bring Jurassic encounters to the pre-school.

Pandora Project - £262.50 for purchase of training materials.

The above grants will be paid in April 2015.

The application from Necton RCC was declined.

**10. To consider and decide donation requests received in advance of this meeting.**

The following donations were agreed

Mid-Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau - £100

Norfolk Hospice - £100

These donations will be processed in the forthcoming payments schedule (Nov Council Meeting)

**11. To consider and set salary rates for 2015/2016**

Salary rates as proposed were agreed for 2015/2016. Applicable increases will be applied in April 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Minutes signed by Chair (or designate) \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_