

**ABREVIATED MINUTES OF THE NECTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th May 2014 AT NECTON RURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE. NECTON AT 7.30PM.**

(Minutes abbreviated due to Parish Clerk off sick)

**Present.** – Mr F Woodward Chairman, Vice Chairman Cllr Webb Acting Clerk, Cllr Ms D Axham, Cllr Mr J Sisto. Cllr Mr I Thompson. Cllr L Willis, Cllr Mr D Matthews.

**Also Present.** Members of the public.22 plus Nigel Wilkins District Councillor

**Apologies.**, James Watling Parish Clerk.

Cllr Woodward said that there will be no recording by electronic devices of meetings except by the press and the Parish Clerk as approved by Chairman.

**Declaration of Interest of items on the agenda.** Cllr Willis, Agenda Item Outline Planning Application for "Hungry Horse" site. None.

**Election of Temporary Acting Clerk Agreed** Cllr J Webb Proposed Cllr Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Axham

**Election of Temporary Acting RFO Agreed** Cllr J Webb Proposed Cllr Woodward 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Axham

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 4th April 2014** Proposed by Cllr Mathews and seconded by Cllr Axham that they be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed with 7 for.

**Matters arising from the minutes.** None.

**Correspondence**

Letter sent and received from George Freeman MP regarding the white lines at the junction of the village and A47. Copy sent to Breckland but no response at the moment. Nigel Wilkins District Councillor also expressed his concerns at the traffic levels at the junction and the white lines were a real issue. He is following proceeding closely.

Resignation letter received from Carol Porter.

**Village Forum.**

Cllr Woodward encouraged groups and people to attend Update from Cllr Mathews. There is monies available of £100K per year for 50 years. The meeting planned for 13<sup>th</sup> of May of the villages groups and interested parties. An objective to form co-ordinated bids of monies for the village. A database has been completed and Peter Treasure had completed a draft constitution this has been formalised and typed up and to be presented to the members for consideration and potential ratification.

**Allotment.** Cllr Webb update: that the ground works had now been completed by TW Page. Anglia water had inspected the site and now waiting for the supply to be activated. Cllr Thompson asked if Cllr Webb would ask Anglia water if the Parish Council could have interest on our monies which they had since March of last year, as normal practice you pay for services following completion not pay up front. Cllr Mathews reported on Dog Waste and he was providing a bin liner at the fence and regularly emptying as a temporary measure. Cllr Mathews has also been in touch with Environmental Health re moving a Dog Waste bin from Ramms Lane, which is rarely used to the side of road near the entrance, he is awaiting

outcome. Cllr Mathews discussed peoples lax attitude to clearing up after their pets he will look into appropriate signage.

### **Planning Applications.**

Hale Road/Chantry Road. Land Bought by the Parish Council from Breckland for use as a Jubilee Gardens. However never used and sold as an allotment at non-profit. There is a problem with the site. Resident sent a letter explaining that Anglia water has a covenant on the land. There is large sewer pipe which serves a 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the village and need 10 meter area to work. The landowner was advised it couldn't be used for building. Cllr Mathews raised two points of, concern of the drains and the land was valueless in that it couldn't be built upon. Cllr Thompson suggested the P/C were being asked if the land was suitable for building as yes, it was being within the village boundary and the issues with water were between Anglia Water and Breckland. Cllr Wilkins agreed the land was sold for Jubilee gardens and Breckland Assets team would have retained the notes regarding the land and he wasn't sure about covenants.

Agreed to send a letter to Breckland with our concerns applied for and turned down due.

Necton Diner Site: revised application for outline planning permission to increase from 26 to 38 houses. This is being achieved by removal of green space. Cllr Woodward expressed concerns about the water and drainage and had not been renewed from the 1930's and the access onto the already severely congested access onto the A47 of potentially 76 cars. Letters already sent to County Councillor Mark Kibble –Morris and George Freeman MP with regards to the traffic. Cllr Wilkins advised P/C Breckland had deferred decision and awaiting the amended plans for next months meeting and all needs to be complete and accurate.

Mr Gray the landowner was asked to comment he did not wish to do so.

**Planning decisions Received.** The Old Diary approved.

Refusal of building on Land Chantry Court.

**Accounts Payable.** Approved and agreed. End of year Accounts to be heard in camera at the end of the meeting.

**District Cllrs Report.** Cllr Wilkin He was very concerned about the white lines on the A47 junction and that they were almost obliterated and would we please copy him into the letters sent to Mr Freeman MP and any others sent.

**Chairman's Report.** Cllr Woodward reported the Rangers would be in the village on the 19/5/14. Emergency Plan had been completed with David Rimmer from Breckland and should be available next week at no cost. There are also Homeowners own emergency plan leaflets, which will, be available. The bus shelter is ongoing and Danielle Cowper is most helpful at advise about safety issues regarding the placing of the new shelter. Old Bus shelter may possibly be sold. There may be a 75% grant from Highways. Will progress report next time. Cllr Woodward had received a letter from Bernard Bell reawakening issues this winter regarding flooding. NCC aware of problems with culverts; Cllrs suggested contacting George Freeman MP

Cllr Mathews asked re ownership of land who is refusing to co-operate with the Dungeon project no-one knows.

There were some complaints of the new street lights and dark areas. A request for a seat in the church yard

and apparently the PC need to give their permission. Clerk to check with Vicar for clarification.

**Parish Clerk's Report.** None available.

**Parish Councillors Report.** Cllr Thomson asked for letter to NCC and Breckland about troublesome trees and hedges at Hale Road and Mason Drive, which are overhanging people's gardens.

Cllr Sisto thanked Cllr Woodward re – bus shelter. Thanks to Westcotec for the speed signs now installed on School road. Grants to the Sports and Social club for grants made. The football club are raising funds to purchase a defibrillator for the village following a player who had a heart attack. Will be special vandal proof box with a code and linked to emergency services.

Cllr Matthews reported NALC had funding in place to support recruitment of a training officer to do a full training needs analysis. Grants were available to larger councils to purchase I pads.

Cllrs' Axham and Webb had been on Standing Orders and Financial Regulation training, which was very useful and beneficial to the P/C and for development of new documents later in year.

Cllr Willis had received 2 complaints about the new streetlights, and wondered if they could be adjusted to alleviate the dark patches. Cllr Webb to approach Westcotec. Land between Mrs Wickes and Mr Kerriage causing problems with brambles. Cllr Woodward letter be sent to Mrs Wickes as the land is private and Breckland nor the P/C have any responsibility for it.

**Public Recess.** Meeting suspended to allow members of the public to ask questions.

Kevin Bannham confirmed new lighting an issue identified the lights at the shop Chantry lane and one on Tuns road with trees growing around it. He suggested they may be at the wrong angle. Also the hedge on Tuns road opposite School Road needs trimming – letter to be sent.

Cllr Wilkins suggested Parish Councillors to wander around village to report areas needing attention. Cllr Woodward advised this was already done on a regular basis and Cllrs reported issues to the rangers for attention.

Mr Luff the Village Caretaker said he had been approached to take photographs of cars parked inappropriately. He advised the person this was not his role however suggested to them to phone 111 with date, times and registration number of offenders and this was confirmed by Kevin Bannham.

Mr Saunders concerned about the HGV signage on Chapel Road. Cllr Mathews to contact highways.

9 welcome packs had been delivered.

**Confirm date & Time of Next Meeting.** Parish Council meeting 2.6.2014 at Necton Rural Community Centre at 7.30pm.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm**