

Necton Parish Council

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Minutes of Council Meeting held Monday, 01 August 7.30 pm in the Necton Rural Community Centre



Parish Councillors (7) present:

David Matthews (Chairman), Frank Woodward (Vice-Chairman), Denise Axham, Joe Sisto, Steve Cheshire, Clive Pellett, Phil Hayton.

Also in attendance:

Gabrielle Joyce (Clerk)
14 members of the public
Cllr Nigel Wilkin (Breckland Council)
Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris (Norfolk County Council)

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Thompson (work commitment).

2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members & consider requests for dispensation

None.

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting held on 04 July 2016

The minutes were **agreed** by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. To report progress on matters arising (Clerk's report)

The Clerk circulated a written report prior to the meeting and summarised some of the key points:

- A number of complaints regarding overhanging trees and hedge obstructions have been received and the appropriate property owners have been notified and requested to take remedial action.
- Our application for funding for a new outdoor table tennis table has been successful and £2,680 has been awarded from Breckland Council's outdoor sports fund.
- An application for funding for new microphone equipment for council meetings has been made to the Dudgeon Community Fund.

5. Reports from:

5.1 Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris: NCC's consultation on Devolution has commenced and all residents have received a leaflet, explaining what it is and inviting a response. NCC will decide on their final position regarding devolution in October.

The current policy on verge cutting is to be re-considered and all verges will be cut in the next few weeks.

5.2 Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin: There is some concern at Breckland Council following their decision to vote against Devolution as the council is not now at the table for future discussions.

Public Participation Session opened at 19.50

- Janet Manley provided an update on the Summer Fayre, held on 30 July. She thanked the Council for the use of the playing field.
- Adam Manley, representing David Whitehair, (The Windmill Pub) provided figures of the outgoings (£4,226) and income (£1,965) for the event. Fundraising during the year provided the finance for this event. A provisional date of 22 July 2017 is being considered for the next event.
- Cllr Matthews, on behalf of the Council, thanked the organisers and all who volunteered, for their work in making the event happen.
- A resident from Elizabeth Drive raised the ongoing matter of toilet flooding at times of heavy rain. This is a matter known to Anglian Water who attends when it happens, but no permanent solution is being suggested. This is an unacceptable situation in the 21st century.

Session closed at 20.07

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6. Planning Matters

6.1 To receive results of outstanding applications

None received.

6.2 To receive new planning applications relevant to the village and make comment

3PL/2016/0845/VAR, This was a variation on a previous permission. **It was agreed** to support this application.

6.3 To receive update on Local Plan

Following parish council representations, the Local Plan Working Group agreed to revisit the proposed allocations with the parish council and revise ahead of the public consultation scheduled for September. A copy of the parish council's report is available on the website. Following the meeting of 12 July, Cllr Hayton and Clerk met with Martin Pendlebury and Sarah Robertson to discuss the detail of the Parish Council's submission. The revised proposals will be published for Breckland Council's consideration at Cabinet on 30 August 2016.

6.4 To consider the introduction of an area of prohibition of waiting alongside new development on Tun's Road

Members are asked to consider their support for the introduction of double yellow lines along the area of Tun's Road adjacent to the new development of the old garden centre. This work will be funded by the developer through a S278 agreement. It is listed within the planning permission under condition items 9, 10 & 11 with the following reason *"...in the interest of highway safety and to protect the environment of the local highway corridor."*

The matter was discussed and in view of the impact on the planning permission, the matter **was deferred** to seek further clarification. Cllr Wilkin will advise.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris left the meeting at 20.31

7. To receive an update on proposals for crossing facilities at Hale Road shop location

Cllr Hayton explained the options discussed with NCC Highways. Highways have confirmed that this work has now been programmed and will be carried out when resources are available.

8. To receive an update from the Footpath working group

Cllr Hayton provided an update on the first meeting of this group.

9. To receive an update from the '20s plenty' campaign

The Clerk reported that over 120 people have so far signed the petition, which is available at the butchers, the pub and online.

10. To receive update from Necton Allotment Society

The Clerk reported that out of a total 21 plots there are now only have 6.5 left. Some dog walkers were parking in the car park and then climbing over the fence to get into the dog walk rather than using the gate into the dog walk. This was causing damage to the fence and the society have added an extra line wire to the fence, which hopefully makes it too high to easily climb over and have also put up some notices asking people not to climb over the fence. Chris is stepping down as Chairman of the society due to work commitments. The present vice-chair, Gill, is in a similar position. There is a call out to remaining committee members to take on the role, prior to their AGM in September.

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11. Finance

11.1 To agree payments of invoices received during July

The following payments were agreed:

Payee	Reason	Chq no	Amount	VAT portion*
G Joyce	Jul Salary	SO on 26 July		
BT	Phone rental & calls for July	DD on 26 July	28.56	4.76
L Luff	July Salary	102600		
Swaffham Community Hospital	Donation in honour of Mr Treasure	102601	50.00	
Frank Woodward	May travel expenses	102602	4.05	
Gabrielle Joyce	Mileage, ink and postage during July	102603	190.36	19.59
Land Registry	Search for records of PC land registration	102604	4.00	
Necton PCC	Annual subs for Parish Link	102605	340.00	
TT Jones	Street light maintenance July	102606	152.80	25.47
Eon	Street light energy July	102607	321.31	53.55
Norfolk ALC	Summer conference delegate booking (training)	102608	50.00	
Westcotec	Phase 2 lights upgrade	102609	12,035.56	2,005.93
Colour Print	Annual Report 2016 printing costs	102610	296.00	

11.2 To receive current financial statement and progress against budget

Reports circulated: budget monitoring and bank reconciliation. The VAT noted above will be reclaimed during August.

11.3 To note any requests by electors to view accounts during period

The Clerk reported that no requests were received and the period closed on 21 July.

12. Business Planning

12.1 To receive update on current year's action plan

An updated plan was circulated prior to the meeting. Contents noted.

12.2 To consider new additions to the action plan

Summer Fayre 2017 and possible improvements to the current basketball facility.

13. To receive updates from individual Council Members (for information only)

- Cllr Woodward: a) Attended SNAP meeting with Cllr Axham. b) 3 welcome packs distributed.
- Cllr Sisto: A recent case of fly-tipping was reported to Breckland Council and it appears that there is no officer. Has this function been removed? Cllr Wilkin suggested that the post may be vacant but it remains an important function.

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14. To receive any items for inclusion on the next agenda (for information only)

As noted above.

15. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting Monday, 05 September 2016, 7.30 pm.

Confirmed.

Meeting closed at 20.54

Minutes signed by Chair (or designate) _____ on _____