

Necton Annual Parish Meeting



Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday, 25 April 2018 7.30 pm in the Necton Rural Community Centre

Note: These minutes will be formally approved at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2019.

Parish Councillors present: Frank Woodward (vice-Chairman), Joe Sisto, Phil Hayton, Fraser Bateman, Denise Axham, Frank Stopp.

Also, in attendance: Gabrielle Joyce (retired Clerk), Cllr Nigel Wilkin. 15 members of the public.

1. Chairman's welcome address

Cllr Woodward welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Matthews & Bass.

3. To approve minutes

Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Report by Clerk about the year 2017/18

Gabbie Joyce provided a short presentation that is available to view on the website (link from Annual Parish Meeting page). The information is also provided within the Parish Council's annual report 2018, which is incorporated in the May issue of the Parish Link.

5. Report from Cllr Wilkin on Breckland District Council 2017/18

Cllr Wilkin provided a short overview of his role as the District Councillor for this parish. The primary focus of his work is on planning matters, with current challenges such as the lack of 5-year housing land supply and Capita service delivery taking a significant amount of time. Although the housing land supply is below the necessary target, it is coming close to being realised. There have been concerns with service delivery from out-sourced planning contractor, Capita, however, they have drafted in more personnel and improvements are being seen.

6. Reports from Cllr Kiddle-Morris on Norfolk County Council 2017/18

Cllr Kiddle-Morris was unable to attend this meeting.

7. Parish Council grant giving 2017/18

Ms Joyce reported the list of recipients of grants from the Council. This list is provided within the Parish Council's annual report 2018.

The Parish Council grant scheme is open for applications throughout the year. Full details and application form are available on the Parish Council website.

8. Questions & general discussion

Allotments: who is responsible for land drainage on the allotment – the landowner or the Council? There are a number of allotments that experienced flooding which is very disheartening for the tenants.

Dog walk area: who is responsible for this area? The area is contaminated with dog waste making it a 'disgusting' place to walk. It was stated that it is so bad, the facility should be closed.

These issues will be considered by the Council.

Cllr Woodward closed the business section of the meeting and invited Nigel Wilkin to open and comper the next session of the evening. Mr Wilkin took to the floor.

9. Community Spirit Awards 2018

Nominations received this year from residents:

1. Bernard Bell for his tireless work and fundraising efforts for the old village hall committee,
2. Derek & Kim Woodbine for their many years' energetic commitment to Necton Sports & Social Club,
3. Jill Luongo for her life-long volunteer involvement in all things Necton,
4. Jenny & Tony Smedley for their massive efforts for NSAG (Necton Substation Action Group),
5. Georgie Bell for her many years of dedication to the Merle Boddy Centre in Swaffham.

All of these people were presented with a certificate and thanked for their contribution to the village. Based upon the number of nominations received from residents, Mr Bell and Mr & Mrs Smedley were recognised as this year's Community Stars and received a small gift of vouchers for The Windmill Inn, Necton.

Cllr Woodward closed the meeting at 8.15 pm and invited guests to enjoy the refreshments that were provided by the Parish Council.

Minutes signed by Chair (or designate) _____ on _____

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