

Necton Parish Council

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday, 09 April 2018 7.30 pm in the Necton Rural
Community Centre



Parish Councillors (8) present:

Frank Woodward (chairman), Joe Sisto, Phil Hayton, Fraser Bateman, Ian Thompson, Jean Bass, Denise Axham, Frank Stopp

Also in attendance:

James Howard (Clerk)
22 members of the public
Cllr Nigel Wilkin (Breckland Council)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr David Matthews
Cllr Kiddle-Morris (Norfolk County Council)

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

Cllr Hayton declared an interest with regard to a quote for lighting work.

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting:

3.1 05th March 2018: the minutes were **agreed** by all and signed by the Chairman.

4. Reports from:

4.1 Parish Clerk

The Clerks report was circulated to members before the meeting and reported at the meeting. There were no questions.

4.2 Cllr Kiddle-Morris unable to attend due to other commitments – no report.

4.3 Cllr Wilkin

- Breckland Council have received an appeal against non-determination with regard to the planning application for 16 houses at Hale Road. The committee recommended refusal of planning.
- Breckland Council have written a planning guide booklet which will be distributed as soon as it is available.

5. Public Participation Session opened at 8.05pm

- A resident expressed concern about the drain outside 37 Ketts Hill and other drains in the area. These drains are blocked and need a “sludge gulper” to attend on a regular basis. This issue was also supported by other residents.
- Concern also expressed about the number of potholes particularly around Ramms Lane and also comments were received that repairs to potholes were not made sufficiently well to avoid rapid deterioration again.
- The Sports and Social Club raised the issue of tyres used by keep fit classes being left near the containers and needing moving.
- A comment was made that the planned Community Garden was a “waste of money.” It was pointed out that the decision was not yet final.
- The issue of barrels being left in inappropriate places was raised. After some discussion Cllr Hayton offered to store them on his land.
- It was suggested that the Sports and Social Club could hold emergency keys for the Parish Rooms in case of issues such as windows left open, lights left on etc.
- The board securing a window at the Old School was reported to be missing. The Rector is aware and addressing the issue.
- Comments were made that there were safety issues around Erne Farm. The Clerk reported that an incident

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had occurred this last weekend and a child had received a head injury as a result. Cllr Wilkin confirmed that the District Council had powers to force the owners to make the site safe and would pursue this issue.

- Questions were asked as to why Vattenfall had failed to respond to a series of questions asked to Sue Falch-Lovesey following her presentation.
- The issue of public attendance at Trustees meetings (Village Hall) was raised. It was explained that members of the public were not allowed to attend but that the minutes were available to all.
- The poor state of the bridge over the ditch at Chantry Lane/Chantry Court was raised and noted.

Session closed at 8.32 pm

6. Community investment research

6.1 To receive report from work group on their progress with compilation of potential community focussed benefits.

- Requests from Little Oaks and the Church have been received in writing
- There was much debate on how to maximise benefits from Vattenfall. Suggestions varied from asking for cash to preparing a long list of potential schemes. Concern was expressed that the church and businesses had been consulted but not much consultation had been made of the residents.
- It was finally agreed that more work needed to be done before the 20th April meeting and that more time after this was probably also needed.

7. Planning Matters

7.1 To receive results & updates of outstanding applications

- 3PL/2017/1428/O 18 Mill Street – outline planning application for 3 dwellings. The Council considers the access unsuitable and still do not support this application.
- 3PL/2017/1284/F Development of old diner site. Noted – now approved.
- 3PL/2017/1526/D Town Farm Chantry Lane. Noted – now approved.

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

- 3PL/2018/0293/A – 3 fascia signs and 8 other signs around old diner site. Concern was expressed regarding the height of one sign at 8 metres and the placement of other signs a considerable distance from the site. It was also stated that there was no desire to slow down or stop the development of the site in general. After much debate a vote was taken and approved the signs subject to them being approved by Breckland Council.
- 3PL/2017/1553/O Erection of single dwelling NE of 45 Ketts Hill (amended plans). This is opposed on the grounds of its unsafe entrance.

8. Finance

8.1 To agree payments of invoices received during March

It was **agreed** to make the listed payments but also please note:

- It was stated that the money paid out to Soundstage was part payment out of the original budget of £2000. This will be adjusted from NCC funds.
- A discrepancy was discovered in the payments and a cheque was raised and signed on the night for £4 to correct this error.

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8.2 To receive current financial statement

- This was provided and accepted.

8.3 To accept the offer of NCC PPS 2018/19 award for 50% funding – Hale Road Trod extension.

- Accepted.

8.4 To note offer of NCC PPS 2018/19 award for 50% funding – School Trod (part of path to school project)

- Noted and agreed.

8.5 To note change of mandate form for NPC accounts and to sign form (removal of GJ and addition of JH)

- Noted and agreed.

9. GDPR – to report update on preparation for compliance.

- The Clerk reported that all was on track and that a training course was due to be attended on Mon 16th April.

10. Risk Management Scheme – to appoint a workgroup to review and report back to May Council Meeting.

- Postponed – to be added to next agenda.

11 To receive updates from individual Council Members.

- **Cllr Sisto** – there was a need to cancel the defibrillator and first aid training due to unavailability of the trainer.
- **Cllr Thompson** – The Neighbourhood plan is on hold for 6 months.
- **Cllr Hayton** – Two benches are available and possible bench sites have been identified and distributed. Cllrs to consider for next meeting. SAM2 socket fitted for ease of access and grass cutting. Motorists should be discouraged from footpath parking as this causes problems for wheelchair users and others – to be mentioned on Link. Village sign on entry requires cleaning and painting prior to re-positioning, the village sign near the church also requires cleaning and painting. Bad potholes on Chapel Road are causing problems.
- **It was noted** that Tom Cox had passed away and the funeral was to be on 19th April. Card to be sent to family.

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

- As mentioned above.

13. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council meeting Mon 14 May at 7.30pm, Annual Parish Meeting Wed 25th April 2018 when the Community Spirit Awards 2018 will be held.

14. To agree a resolution to exclude members of press and public in advance of the next agenda items for

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reason of sensitivity on matters relating to contractual obligations.

15. To report on update on maintenance services contract and consider further action.

- No updates reported

16. To consider quotes received for repair of lantern 9124 and agree action.

- Agreed action for Westcotec to repair.

17. To receive draft minutes of personnel committee held on 19th March

- Draft minutes presented and signed.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Minutes signed by Chair (or designate) _____ on _____