

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday, 02 July 2018 7.30 pm in the Necton Rural Community Centre



Parish Councillors (8) present:

Councillors David Matthews (Chair), Denise Axham, Frank Stopp, Fraser Bateman, Jean Bass (Vice Chair). Joe Sisto, Ian Thompson, Phil Hayton.

Also in attendance:

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

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None received

2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members & consider requests for dispensation
Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Necton Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

None received.

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 08th Jun 2018

Approved and signed

4. To receive minutes of the NRCC Meeting held on 18th Jun 2018.

Received.

5. **Adjournment for Public Participation commenced 19.36 hrs.**

The point was raised that public participation was early on the agenda to allow members of the public to put forward questions and opinions before agenda items were voted on. It was suggested that comments needed to be added later sometimes and the chairman explained that it was always possible to suspend a meeting for comments if important.

Complaints about the bad state of the village grounds at the entrance to the village were made. This has already been reported to the relevant person and will be chased. It is only currently contracted to treat this area twice a year. Various areas still have loose gravel and, in particular, on pavements. Clerk to arrange a small sweeper for this if possible.

It was pointed out that Breckland Council were failing to maintain garden areas properly around Chantry Lane and Chantry Court. This will be addressed to Breckland.

A question was raised as to whether fencing around the diner site was on council land. This is to be investigated.

St Andrews lane still has issues with potholes despite this having already been reported.

Councillor Nigel Wilkin agreed to take away several other issues and investigate, including hedgerows and trees. A question was asked about the future of the speed cameras. Cllr Hayton gave a report on their use and felt that, on the whole, speed limits were being adhered to with some exceptions. A new site will soon be available outside Necton Management.

Blocked drains remain an issue despite having been previously reported. To be chased.

Shrubs planted on Ivy Todd are causing visibility issues for traffic.

The chair gave a brief update on Vattenfall and the need to reinstate Friday nights' meeting (5-6pm) with George Freeman MP. As it was too late to agenda items for this meeting an extraordinary meeting will be convened for next Monday night at 19.30 hrs. All correspondence must be address through the Clerk on the issue of Vattenfall.

Session closed 19.52 hrs.

6. Reports from:

1. Parish Clerk

The Clerks report was received and accepted The Chair thanked the Clerk and the Parish Assistant for their hard work at a time when both were ill.

2. Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris

Apologies were received from Cllr Kiddle-Morris for his absence due to attending other meetings

3. Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin

Fencing around the diner site is to protect the public and work has commenced. Discharge of conditions is well underway. With regard to the new houses on the old garden centre a minor material amendment has been approved for fences instead of walls in one area. An area approved as overspill for HGV parking is now labelled "Phase 2 development?" To be clarified. There was once permission for a motel but this is now unlikely. Junction improvements are still being chased. Site drainage will be on-site and the developers' responsibility. The liquor licence for the site has been applied for to increase it to a 24hour licence. The site may end up being used as a convenient turning area but this was met with no objections. The issue of the future of the A47 was discussed but Cllr Wilkin made it clear that Necton was a very low priority indeed compared with other areas and the findings for the A47 have been delayed.

7. To consider the transfer of bank accounts from Barclays to Unity Trust.

As referred to in the Clerks report to council issued 25th June 2018

After a brief discussion Cllr Bateman moved to support the motion. It was seconded and agreed unanimously. Cllr Wilkin commented that Breckland used Unity Trust banking and were very pleased with them.

8. To adopt recommendations from the auditors' report of 2017/18.

As referred to in the Clerks report to council issued 25th June 2018

The Clerk gave a brief explanation of the recommendations after which this was moved, seconded and approved unanimously. The chair expressed thanks to Luisa Cantera for her work with the council and her recommendations.

9. Planning Matters

1. To consider the planning application for a single storey dwelling and garage (as amended) in 3PL/2017/0529/F – land rear 14 Mill Street. Note: comprehensive plans can be viewed in the Clerks' office prior to the meeting or accessed on Breckland planning website.

This application was supported by all.

10. Finance

1. To agree payments of invoices received during June (see list attached)

Agreed.

2. To consider whether the current revenue spend limit of £300 without full council approval is still sufficient. The current rule is to allow a spend of up to £300 with the approval of the chair only.

After a short debate it was agreed to increase the limit to £500 to assist in emergencies. It was noted that the limit for the need for three quotes for other work was for spends over £2000.

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

Cllr Bass – reminded all that the community notice board was solely for community issues and not for money making enterprises. She requested that this was to be reiterated in the Parish Link magazine. The two Cul de Sac off Masons Drive have problems One has no numbers and neither have a Cul de Sac sign. To be chased.

Cllr Sisto – has approached the person who last renovated the village sign and is actioning to get a quote for rework. He has organised CPR training for approximately 20 people and this is advertised on the web and on the notice boards. Villagers are welcome to join in. The defibrillator is to be fitted with a new pad and any remaining funds then handed to the council to administer.

Cllr Hayton – The signs on the corner of Chapel Lane/Ivy Todd and the dog bin have been damaged by a vehicle and need repair. Lorries heading towards Bradenham via Ivy Todd are damaging the bridge. An inspection has been planned. Highways should consider a ban on HGV's in this area except for access. Cllr Hayton to report serious potholes on Chapel Road. Watery Lane (Ivy Todd) has had trees planted illegally. This is on Highways land who would need to action.

Cllr Thompson – Wished to congratulate NSSC volunteers for making the recent football weekend such a success. This will be passed on.

Cllr Stopp – noted that road at the junction of School Road and Tuns Road was actually melting in this weather.

Cllr Bateman – Appealed for volunteers (18 and over) to be stewards at the Necton Music Festival. There is a briefing meeting at the village hall on July 14th at 10am.

12. To note the next meeting with George Freeman MP as Friday 6th July 5pm to 6pm at this location.

Noted

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

Vattenfall to be included on the next agenda.

14. To confirm date and time of the next regular Parish Council Meeting as Monday 06 Aug 2018 at 7.30pm but note the extraordinary meeting planned for Mon 9th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

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Meeting closed at 20.42hrs.

Minutes signed by Chair (or designate) _____ on _____