

# Necton Parish Council

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## Minutes of Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held Monday, 09 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)  
12 members of the public

#### 1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Nigel Wilkin (Breckland Council) and Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris (Norfolk County Council) due to other commitments.

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

Approved and signed

#### 4. Adjournment for Public Participation commenced 7.32pm.

A request was made for written copies of the agenda to be made available to members of the public.  
No further points were made.

**Session closed 7.34pm.**

#### 5. Vattenfall.

The Council thanked Jenny Smedley for information provided.

The solicitor has confirmed that the suggested actions by George Freeman MP would not adversely affect the councils position. These actions include a letter from George to the Secretary of State and a call for a debate in Parliament.

The Clerk will forward to George Freeman the solicitors letter to Vattenfall.

The Clerk confirmed that the barrister will only communicate with the solicitor and no other parties.

It was reiterated that the council were only challenging the consultation process at present and no further decisions had been considered.

The barrister is now working on a response and is minded of the tight deadlines and timescales.

The Parish Council expressed a wish to see the letter from the barrister before it goes to Vattenfall.

Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris will report back to the Council regarding Norfolk County Councils' position on the issues. George Freeman agreed to obtain the position Breckland Council will adopt and this information will be requested for Council consideration.

As the decision to challenge the consultation process had already been made and funds are available no

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further decision was required to progress the hiring of the barrister. A motion was raised, however, to endorse this position. It was proposed by Cllr Bateman, seconded by Cllr Axham and voted in favour unanimously.

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**The meeting was then suspended by consent to allow for further public participation at 7.40pm.**

**The meeting was re-convened at 7.55pm.**

## **6. Items for inclusion in the next agenda.**

Vattenfall to be included to allow for updates to be discussed.

## **7. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.30pm.**

**Meeting ended 7.57pm.**

Minutes signed by Chair (or designate) \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

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