

Necton Parish Council

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 03 Sep 2018 7.30 pm in the Necton Rural Community Centre



Parish Councillors (7) present:

Councillors Jean Bass (Chair), Frank Stopp, Fraser Bateman, Joe Sisto, Alice Spain, Phil Hayton, Denise Axham.

Also in attendance:

James Howard (Clerk)
Cllr Nigel Wilkin (Breckland Council)
Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris (Norfolk County Council).
18 members of the public

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from councillors Matthews and Thompson on grounds of work 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.

Councillor Stopp declared an interest in item 9 on the agenda.

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 6th Aug 2018.

Approved and signed

4. Adjournment for Public Participation commenced 7.33pm.

A resident stated that criminal activity was on the increase in the area, particularly associated with Transit Vans and theft including batteries. Advice was given to paint batteries pink and add a postcode to avoid theft. Both a green and a grey Transit have been associated with crime and suspicious behaviour should be reported to the police. Any sign of hare coursing should be reported by a 999 call, other incidents of a less immediate nature on 101. Heating oil was also targeted and people should look out for suspicious vehicles especially when filling up.

Session closed 7.37pm.

5. Reports from:

- Parish Clerk

Updates were given on previous issues reported. Clerks report published with minutes.

- Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris

Cllr Kiddle-Morris was unable to attend until later due to other commitments. For clarity his report (which was given later) is detailed here in agenda order.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris advised that he is no longer vice-chair of the Communities Committee following a re-shuffle. He gave an account of the plane crash from first hand experience and stated that, in his opinion, he felt that the F16 probably wasn't armed and that the main pollution concern was hydrazine which, by now, would have dispersed. If the plane had depleted uranium ballast he felt that it would have been recovered. On the issue of item 8 on the agenda Cllr Kiddle-Morris explained that a path or trod could be applied for and receive 50% funding from the parish partnership but a proper footpath would be very expensive and take a long time to seek approval. When asked who was now in charge of the Fire Service Cllr Kiddle-Morris explained that it had not yet been decided but that he was against proposals from Lorne Green on the grounds that the business case was flawed.

- Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin

Cllr Wilkin addressed concerns over the diner development site stating that progress always seems slow at first but it is normal for groundworks to take up a large proportion of the overall development time. A question was raised as to whether the fencing was encroaching on council land. The Clerk is to obtain plans from the Land Registry to clarify the situation.

Cllr Wilkin stated that any problems with the plane crash site would probably be referred to the MOD rather than the Environmental Agency and that Breckland had no documented evidence regarding the crash. A debate followed where the council made clear its' direction to Cllr Wilkin to report the issue to the Environment Agency and it would then be their decision to handle it or pass it to the MOD. Cllr Wilkin stated that he would take the issue forward.

Meeting suspended to allow public comment 8.05pm.

Meeting re-convened 8.10pm

6. Vattenfall

A report co-written by councillors Hayton and Spain was briefly discussed and it was agreed that this should be posted on the Planning Inspectorate website before the 16th Sept deadline. It was also agreed unanimously that this could be done without the help of solicitors At the forthcoming hearing it was also agreed that the council would be represented by Cllrs Matthews, Bass, Hayton and Spain. It was again stressed that Breckland Council had an obligation to report contamination to the Environment Agency.

7. Necton Festival

Cllr Bateman summarised his report which was unanimously accepted. Cllr Bass then proposed an increase in funding to £2500 which was also unanimously accepted.

8. To consider a trod or footpath along Ketts Hill

Following advice from Cllr Kiddle-Morris a path or trod option is to be sought A grant of 50% should be available from the Parish Partnership.

9. Planning matters to note new planning applications and discuss.

Both planning applications (3PL/2018/0957/LB and 3PL/2018/0963/F) were supported.

10. To make arrangements for the Parish Clerks 6 month appraisal.

It was agreed that the same panel as the interview panel would carry out the appraisal at a date to be fixed.

11. Finance – to agree payments of invoices and other expenses received during August (see list).

Agreed.

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12. To receive updates from individual councillors.

Cllr Sisto – The church is to get a new notice board and steps are in progress to repair the village sign. A plaque is to go in the church graveyard commemorating the first world war. Damage has been done to a stained-glass window in the church and a fire was also lit. The placement of benches- one will go ahead outside the shop but the one on Elizabeth Drive will not due to objections. The ditch at Hale Road/Chantry Lane junction is blocked. The ditch outside 5 Ramms Lane is also blocked again.

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Cllr Spain - All can still register to comment on the planning website.

Cllr Hayton – Sam 2 will be moved to collect data on Ramms Lane near number 5. The highway on Chapel Road still has an intrusion despite being reported. The damaged dog poo bin at Ivy Todd Rd/Chapel Lane is still damaged and needs replacing.

Cllr Bass – The trees on North Pickenham Rd have still not been cut.

Cllr Bateman – Damage to zip wire equipment that was vandalised needs action – this has been reported to the police. The zip wire ramp has been damaged and also a small fire was lit in the outside toilet (no damage).

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

This item was held after the date of the next meeting was announced and held **in camera**. After debate no firm decision was made about the inclusion of items for the next agenda.

14. – To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 01 Oct 2018 at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Minutes signed by Chair (or designate) _____ on _____

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