

Necton Parish Council

Minutes No: 2019/1

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 07 January 2019 7.30 pm in the Necton Rural Community Centre



Parish Councillors (7) present:

Councillors David Matthews (Chair), Fraser Bateman, Joe Sisto, Alice Spain, Jean Bass, Phil Hayton, Ian Thompson

Also in attendance:

James Howard (Clerk)
19 members of the public
Cllr Wilkin – Breckland Council
Cllr Kiddle-Morris – Norfolk CC.

Date: Monday, 07 January 2019

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Main Hall, Necton Rural Community Centre

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris due to arrive late following another meeting.
Apologies from Cllr Axham (away) and Cllr Stopp (unwell).

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

None received.

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 3rd December 2018

Approved and signed.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation (15 mins allowed for). Commenced 19:32

Reports from members of the public included:

Problems with rubbish (including large rocks!) on Dunham Road including around the bus stop.

A lot of rubbish originates from Macdonalds.

There are a lot of fuel and diesel thefts in the area so caution is needed.

Hare coursing is increasing and should be reported immediately if observed.

Concern was shown regarding the new Jetwash and the possibility of water pollution. The responsibility for this lies with Building Control and then Environmental Health.

The bollards on the A47 Are not illuminated and often broken – to be reported to Highways.

The fascia on the Social Club is damaged.

Drones have been observed at night and may be connected to the hare coursing.

A telehandler has been stolen and is the kind of vehicle that may be used for criminal purposes. Residents should keep their eye out.

Session ended 19:45

5. Reports from:

- Paris Clerk – report attached to minutes.

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- Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris

Given later but placed here for continuity.

Norfolk County Council has been given funds from Central Government as follows:

- a. £12.7m for potholes to be spent by March.
- b. £11m for better rural broadband by end of 2020.
- c. £4.2m for winter pressure on health, particularly the elderly.
- d. £29m for extra places for sheltered accommodation (2800 extra units expected).

A cabinet system as opposed to a Committee system will be introduced at County Hall in May.

The recent meeting with Highways was productive and a report is being prepared. All the issues raised previously have been reported and will be addressed. Cllr Kiddle-Morris was particularly pleased with the new Highways Engineer.

- Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin

Cllr Wilkin reported that Capita will soon have a new manager recruited from South Norfolk.

Attleborough is to have an urban extension of 3000+ homes and a new slip road is planned. Park and ride is being considered as a possibility.

The Breckland market town initiative means that Breckland Council can purchase large shop premises and convert them into smaller units with accommodation above keeping town centres alive. This may include Swaffham at some point.

6. To receive minutes from the recent Festival Planning Committee meeting.

Received.

7. Necton Festival – to receive an update from Cllr Bateman.

Letters of thanks are going out to all sponsors and letters will also be sent to the barracks at Swanton Morley and Marham to see if they wish to include recruitment tents or displays at the festival. Bee keepers and other Hall users will also be approached as well as the school.

The line up of bands is also going well as is marketing with the new accepted logo. Infrastructure planning such as fences and health and safety is also well advanced.

8. To consider the revised Council Grant Policy and adopt.

Adopted with minor changes.

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

3PL/2018/1438/O - approved.

3PL/2018/1406/F = already granted approval by Breckland.

10. To consider renewal of membership of the Norfolk Playing Fields Association (£25) due March.

This was approved and noted that generous grants may be available.

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

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12. To note that Lenny is leaving us, to thank him for all his work and to decide how to replace.

Lenny was thanked and gave a small speech thanking residents and councillors for all their support. The council will decide on a new job specification at a later date.

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

Cllr Bass – Street light out opposite 8 Tuns Road.

Cllr Hayton – East boundary ditch at West Bradenham neglected and clogged up. The site may be owned by Chris Alhusen.

Cllr Matthews – Updated the council on Vattenfall including “Statement of Common Ground” which is already approved by councillors. Various documents are already in the process of preparation and will be forwarded by the Clerk. Cllr Matthews pointed out that there had been no mention of the extension of the National Grid Substation and that there was a high level of dissatisfaction with Vattenfall.

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

Items to include:

- Vattenfall
- Festival update
- Approval of Luisa Cantera as external auditor.

15. To confirm date and time of next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.30pm.

Confirmed

16. To decide on the award of the grass cutting contract *in camera*.

The Clerk was asked to produce a spreadsheet showing full details and costs as the bidders had all used different formats for pricing. The final decision will be made at a later date.