

# Necton Parish Council

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## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 04 February 2019 7.30 pm in the Necton Rural Community Centre



### Parish Councillors (7) present:

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

### Also in attendance:

James Howard (Clerk)  
15 members of the public

**Date:** Monday, 04 February 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 illness.

Apologies from Cllr Thompson (business commitment) and Cllr Bass (unwell).

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

None received.

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 7th January 2019

Approved and signed.

### 4. Adjournment for Public Participation (15 mins allowed for). Commenced 19:40

Reports from members of the public included:

A47 problems with litter around the bus stop and in the ditch. These have been reported already to Breckland, Norfolk County Council and Highways England. No action yet. Council asked to take part in the "Great British Clean-up" Clerk to investigate. With regards to ongoing problems the council will attempt to speak directly with the Engineer in charge

Flooding was discussed as an ongoing problem for years. Cllr Bateman suggested a map is made of problem areas and letters sent to the leaders of both Breckland and Norfolk councils.

Scams were reported. HMRC demands for payment in gift vouchers is never genuine. Scams around BT and Bailiffs also reported. People should always check before releasing ANY details.

The new doors at the SSC were discussed. Clerk to investigate disabled access issue.

### Session ended 19:50

5. Reports from:

- Parish Clerk – report attached to minutes.
- Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris – not available.
- Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin – not available.

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6. To receive minutes from the recent NRCC meeting.

Received.

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

Received

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

Cllr Bateman reported that planning was progressing well and there had been two meetings since the last council meeting. He wished to thank all involved for their time and effort. Profits will support three charities equally namely Merle Boddy Swaffham, EACH and NRCC. The new logo is now on Facebook and a website, Instagram and Twitter account have been set up and will be kept up to date. A ticket strategy has been developed and early bird discounted tickets will be available for Necton residents. Fencing, stage, generators and marquees have all been sourced at good prices.

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

Noted that no new planning matters have been received.

10. To appoint Luisa Cantera as internal auditor for the year end accounts and AGAR.

Appointed.

11. To decide on whether to replace the noticeboard outside the hall.

Clerk commented that ideally all 3 notice boards need replacing. Clerk to seek grants before a decision is made.

12. To discuss the latest issues around Vattenfall and decide on next steps.

NSAG and Councillors will be attending the upcoming meetings. Vattenfall are awaiting a meeting to see what they can offer to Necton. This has been noted but not responded to yet. It is felt that jobs and apprenticeships are not much of an incentive to Necton. Dunham has made a submission which is late but considered good. George Freeman MP to attend the Wednesday meeting and has sent a hard-hitting letter. A list of documents has been compiled by NSAG and the MOD have produced a robust report for mitigation. Vattenfall have recently contacted three councillors separately which is not considered appropriate.

13. To consider the report from Highways England regarding the junction of Tuns Road and Dunham Road and prepare a response to George Freeman MP.

It was felt that after waiting so long for this report some of the conclusions were ridiculous such as 2-minute delays at rush hour. Everyone present felt that at least 8-minute delays were common at rush hour. The conclusion to widen the top of Tuns Road was also questioned. Clerk to draft response.

14. To approve plans for the community garden and instruct the Clerk to progress.

Clerk reported that the money has now been received. Work on the access expected to begin end February. Various designs were discussed. Project handed to Clerk to progress up to the maximum amount allocated.

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

Agreed.

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

Cllr Hayton – reported serious flooding on the eastern boundary with W Bradenham. The landowner has not cleared the ditch. This is to be chased with Norfolk County Council. The question was raised if we could do some work

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ourselves and get Breckland and Norfolk CC to pay. Clerk to investigate although concern over insurance was raised. The sign at the junction of Ivy Todd Road and Chapel Road was raised again as still outstanding.

Cllr Sisto – reported that the six cherry trees on St. Andrews Lane between Numbers 4 and 16 require some serious pruning. Ketts Hill footpath was noted to have seen no progress. A discussion about moving two benches will see action postponed until the bollard is moved and vehicular access is available.

Cllr Bateman – The North Pickenham Road/Browns Lane trod is overgrown from the hedge and verge. This is part of the Erne farm development and needs reporting.

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

Standing items.  
Moving of benches.  
Litter issues.  
Village Clean-up.

18. To agree or amend the date and time of the following Council Meetings:

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm Monthly Council Meeting.
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm Monthly Council Meeting.
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting.
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm Annual Parish Council Meeting (following elections).
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm Monthly Council Meeting to approve AGAR.

Dates agreed.

19. To decide on the award of the grass cutting contract. ***In Camera***

Contractor selected from summary of bids (unnamed) and later identified as TTSR Ltd. Clerk to inform all parties.

**Meeting closed 20:30.**