

Necton Parish Council

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



Parish Councillors (9) present:

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

Also in attendance:

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

Date: Monday, 03 December 2018

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 lack of transport

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

Cllr Thompson declared an interest in a planning matter – this, however, was not a pecuniary interest.

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 5th November 2018

Approved and signed.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation (15 mins allowed for). Commenced 19:35

Reports from members of the public included:

Mill St – Ivy fallen down across the road.

Tuns Road – Sign opposite the church still covered in vegetation.

Undesirables are about and people should stay alert and ring 101 or 999 as appropriate.

A request for a completion date for the Costa site was answered as early next year.

A caution was given regarding Muntjac deer which can be dangerous if trapped or cornered.

It appears that plans for surface water drainage at the Costa site will now follow a logical path away from Tuns Road.

Session ended 19:40

5. Reports from:

- Paris Clerk – report attached to minutes.
- Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris

As Cllr Kiddle-Morris could not attend he sent a report which was read by the Chairman and attached to the minutes for reference.

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- Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin

Cllr Wilkin stated that there is an Officer at Breckland that is aware of the environmental issues surrounding the Vattenfall project and that he is in contact with the action group. It was pointed out, however, that he had not reported the issue to the Environment Agency as requested.

He also stated that he had a point to make on planning at the appropriate time.

6. To accept minutes from the NRCC Festival Committee meeting of 5th November 2018 and receive an update.

Accepted.

Cllr Bateman stated that sponsorship of £3200 had now been committed with another £1300 - £1500 confidently expected and a further £1000 hopeful making a total budget likely to be £5500 - £6000 eventually. Bands have been identified and planning is ongoing. Other attractions for children and families is also progressing to create a family venue.

The chair thanked Fraser and Howard Cardus for their hard work.

7. To discuss the future of the outside toilet.

The gates previously blocking access to the toilet may still be available and the chairman will investigate.

8. To approve the budget for 2019 – 20 and set the precept.

A debate was held regarding whether the council should hold the precept at its current level and subsidise the budget or increase the precept by 2.6% to match the budget. A decision was made to increase the precept by 2.6% after a vote of 7 to 2 in favour.

9. To consider updates on Vattenfall/Boreas and note the meeting with George Freeman MP on 18th January 4pm to 5pm.

The meeting was noted.

The enquiry meeting at Kings Lynn will be attended by Cllrs Hayton, Spain and Bass. Councillor Hayton will speak on behalf of the council (his notes are on record) and Cllr Spain will speak as a resident. The council stated its approval to the prepared presentation. The councillors were thanked by the chair for their hard work in this area.

New documents suggesting again that the consultation process was flawed had been viewed by all. The clerk was instructed to forward a report to counsel and seek further advice.

A discussion was held on the problems the MOD had with the installation of the offshore wind farms. The rotating blades interrupting radar is thought to be a software problem that the US have already fixed but the onshore 25m high masts are another issue on hills near Air Force bases. It was hoped that the MOD would take precedence over planning with their concerns.

10. To discuss potential improvements to the basketball court.

The best outcome would be a new all-weather surface and floodlights. This, however, is unlikely to be affordable. The clerk is to get estimates and report. The flooding issue may be solvable and solar LED floodlights were suggested as the best value.

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11. Planning matters – to note new planning applications or decisions and discuss.

CONSULTATION - FULL REFERENCE: 3PL/2018/1340/F
PROPOSAL: Proposed residential development for 5 dwellings
LOCATION: NECTON: Town Farm Chantry Lane Necton
APPLICANT: Hall Contracts Ltd

The council agreed to support this application.

CONSULTATION - FULL REFERENCE: 3PL/2018/1341/F
PROPOSAL: Removal of existing stables to the rear of the barn, conversion of barn to a holiday let which consists of 1 bedroom, lounge kitchen and bathroom
LOCATION: NECTON: Rose Farm Chapel Road Necton
APPLICANT: Mr Graham Cracknell

Concern was expressed that the application did not fit the plans and Cllr Wilkin agreed to investigate this and report back. The clerk is to note this in the council's comments on planning. It was also agreed that this should remain a holiday let tied to the existing property and that it could not be sold off separately. Councillor Wilkin explained that any future changes would require a change of planning.

CONSULTATION - HOUSEHOLDER REFERENCE: 3PL/2018/1285/HOU
PROPOSAL: Extend the height of boundary fence to the maximum of 2.5mtrs, using a frame of lattice work, horizontal timber.
LOCATION: NECTON: 8 Hale Road Necton
APPLICANT: Mrs Susan Mcfarlane

Cllr Wilkin stated that support of this application would be a precedent against planning regulations. Nevertheless the council decided to support it.

12, Finance – to agree payments of invoices and other expenses received during November and to note any monies received.

Agreed

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

Cllr Hayton – traffic analysis on Ramms Lane picking up vehicles outside the 30mph limit showed an average speed of 26.4 mph over 1935 vehicles (the highest being 45 mph). This gives no evidence for police to carry out any enforcement. Cllr Hayton asked if planning had any restrictions on types of fencing e.g. unclimbable ones. Cllr Wilkin was not sure.

Cllr Sisto – Reminded all that benches still need moving. This is best done when the bollards are removed. He also expressed a desire for more affordable housing in the village.

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Cllr Bass – stated that the numbering of Masons Drive is still missing. Clerk has reported and will chase. She also pointed out that the trees on North Pickenham Road have still not been cut back by Necton Management even though they are quick to ensure others carry out work quickly.

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

Items requested were:

Vattenfall
Festival update
Standing Orders

15. To confirm the date and time of the next Parish Council meeting as Monday 07 January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Confirmed.

Meeting closed with snacks and drinks in the Christmas spirit.