

# Necton Parish Council

Minutes No: 2019/10

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Necton Rural Community Centre**



**Parish Councillors (5) present:**

Councillors Jean Bass (Chair), Fraser Bateman, Phil Hayton, Joe Sisto and Alice Spain (minute taker)

**Additional attendees:**

Cllrs Mark Kiddle-Morris and Nigel Wilkin  
24 members of the public

**Date:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Place:** Main Hall, Necton Rural Community Centre

The NRCC presented cheques for £1, 722.12 to Tina Burdett from EACH and Georgie Cox from the Merle Boddy Centre from the money raised at the Necton Festival. They were received with thanks.

The Chair read out a statement refuting the unfounded rumours circulating in the village about actions of the Parish Council. The Parish Council has not accepted any money from Vattenfall. The Parish Council has not blocked the offer from the Co-op to pay a contribution for a roundabout at the A47/Tuns Lane junction. It was Highways England that rejected the offer.

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Thirza Hicks, Mark Jennings and Frank Stopp

**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 declared.

**3. To approve minutes of the Council meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Minutes from the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August were approved.

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#### **4. Public Participation (15 minutes allowed)**

The following items were raised:

- The whereabouts of the second defibrillator to be checked.
- Councillor Hayton was thanked for repairing the Ivy Todd sign.
- The clearing of the area round Chantry Court /Lane is appreciated but it was felt that Breckland should be doing more clearing \ mowing. Councillor Wilkin offered to help with getting any special clearing organised.
- The current spate of vandalism was discussed. Councillor Bass stressed that the person affected should inform the police and offered to help anyone having difficulty doing this.

#### **5. Reports from:**

##### **Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris**

The drainage issues in Necton will be looked at on Thursday. Clearing of the Dunham road ditch has not been done yet. A progress report will be given at the next meeting when ownership of the ditch has been established.

##### **Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin**

Costa Coffee is due to open on Thursday. Responsibility for clearing the bins has not been established yet. 3 Acres farm and Lodge Cottage planning applications have been approved. The dog exercise yard buildings application was brought to the last Breckland planning meeting and has been approved. There is no commercial content to the application.

##### **Chairperson, Cllr Jean Bass**

The appointments of a new clerk, Justine Luckhurst and Parish assistant, Wayne Griffiths, were announced. Councillors were thanked for their help in the interim.

##### **Councillors**

The potential requirement for a local sewage pumping station was raised if the planned expansion of 46 houses at Erne Farm goes ahead. The provision of a suitable sewage system is the responsibility of Anglian Water.

People were asked to be on the lookout for bin vandalism.

Breckland were thanked for expediting the trod clearance.

The variable quality of pothole repairs was raised. Mark Kiddle-Morris agreed to look into this concern

#### **6. To agree the following bills can be paid**

It was agreed that the 13 bills detailed on the agenda can be paid.

#### **7. To receive an update on the Community Asset request for the Marl pit**

Councillor Fraser Bateman gave an update on the financial plan to acquire the Marl Pit as a community asset. Discussions with Breckland were summarised. **It was proposed that the Parish Council would apply for £5208 of S106 money to bridge the gap between the money offered by the Parish Council and that require by Breckland** The potential formation of a charity to manage the clearance and development of footpaths, etc. was outlined. The risk of significant contamination was considered to be low.

It was proposed that the Parish Council acquire the Marl Pit as a community asset.

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Cllr Joe Sisto reported that he has got two estimates for the conversion of the basketball court into a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). He will get a third quote and put forward the proposal and costing for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **16. To confirm a date and time for the next Parish Council meeting**

The next meeting will be on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30pm.

A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for their decision to acquire the Marl Pit as a community recreational area.

The open meeting finished at 20.50

#### **IN CAMERA**

#### **17. To discuss a job specification and number of hours per week for a new village caretaker and formulate job advert**

It was agreed that the Village Caretaker role and advert should be as follows:

##### **Job Description**

Part-time role  
8 hours per week @ £9 per hour

##### **Duties**

1. Inspect play equipment
  - Check play equipment is sound and report any defects
  - Attend a course on maintaining play equipment and health and safety
  - Carry out a monthly visual inspection
  - Carry out a six-monthly thorough inspection that is documented including photographs
2. Carry out small repairs to the village hall
3. Pick up litter and empty bins according to the schedule
4. Weed garden at entrance to the village

#### **20. To discuss Payment of training costs for Clerk**

It was agreed that this item should wait until legal advice has been obtained in writing.

The meeting closed at 21.45 pm.

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