



Minutes No:
2019/13

Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held
Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Necton Rural Community Centre**

Parish Councillors (7) present:

Councillors Jean Bass (Chair), Joe Sisto, Fraser Bateman, Mark Jennings, Ken Barrett, Alice Spain and Frank Stopp

Additional attendees:

Nigel Wilkin- Breckland Council
Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk
17 members of the public

Date: Monday 9th December 2019

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Main Hall, Necton Rural Community Centre

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Thirza Hicks and Councillor Phil Hayton

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 Spain declared an interest in planning matter 3PL/2019/1396/F Necton Va First School stating her property is next door and therefore would not take part in any discussions.

3. To approve minutes of the Council meeting of 11th November 2019

Minutes from the meeting on 11th November were approved and duly signed by Chair Bass.

4. Public Participation (10 minutes allowed)

The following items were raised:

- The question was raised regarding displaying adverts in the notice board for events outside of Necton and whether the Council would reconsider allowing this to continue, noting in particular Swaffham Arts and this being a registered charity. Chair Bass confirming this would form part of agenda item 8 and would be covered in that discussion.
- Vattenfall deferment by the Planning Inspector and subsequent discussion regarding the limit of 15 metres height of the pylon set by the Planning Inspector. Councillor Spain confirming Vanguard have confirmed they need all responses by 28th February and the one thing we have been asked to comment on is the pylon, further commenting that if the said height limit has been set, we would need to watch this carefully.
- A member of the public commented that on Chantry Lane there is a white van that is parked on the left and it is making it very difficult to get through this narrow part of the road. Councilor Barrett confirming we could ask the police to investigate as to whether this is an obstruction but obviously this would be of little priority to them, suggestion was therefore a polite letter- Chair Bass confirming this will be considered.
- More street lights on the A47 are not working. Councillor Barrett confirming he had noted this already and has contacted Highways England to report and has been given a reference number.

5. Reports from:

Parish Council Clerk – Justine Luckhurst

The Clerk read her report which is attached to the minutes

Chairperson, Cllr Jean Bass

Chair read her report which is attached to the minutes

Councillors

Councillor Sisto discussed the pot holes in the car park at the Community Centre and leading down to the Sports and Social Club. Chair Bass confirming this was to be an agenda item next month to discuss resurfacing costs within the budget discussions and projects for the forthcoming year.

Thereafter stating some residents in Ketts Hill have mentioned the access to the Marlpit is an unadopted road and therefore they were concerned regarding traffic. Councillor Bateman confirming that he assumes that the access will remain unchanged (through the gates) and therefore will not be a route for traffic.

Councillor Spain recently attended a training and support seminar and one point raised and needing consideration was the death of a senior Royal and that all Councils should have a procedure in place. Confirming there is a template process already drawn up that will need to be reviewed and put in place when required. It was agreed the Clerk will investigate and this will be covered as an agenda item at the February meeting.

6. Bills to be paid

It was agreed that the bills detailed on the publicised list can be paid.

7. Planning matters

- a) 3PL/2019/1384/D 32 Hale Road comments made that the proposed dwelling seems large for the plot size.
- b) 3PL/2019/1421/HOU 44 Hale Road- no objection
- c) 3PL/2019/1309/VAR Development next to Damson Cottage – no objection.
- d) 3PL/2019/311/F- Retrospective- concerns were raised that the drawings do not reflect the actual size of the silo's and these much larger and intrusive on the countryside.
- e) 3PL/2019/1396/F Classroom at Necton First school- no objection
- f) 3PL/2019/1183/F
- g) 3PL/2019/1184/D

In reference to 1183 and 1184 known as Erne Farm concerns were raised again. Noting that although the 1183/F application sees a reduction from 29 to 27 dwellings these seem to have been squashed in a smaller area to allow the other plot with 45 houses to curve round. Concerns were raised regarding the attenuation ponds and whether these would be sufficient, whether the proposed plots go outside the settlement area and again the fact the social housing seems to be in one small corner, It was felt it would be better to have the different types of houses integrated across the plots instead of sectional. It was agreed these points would be made as objections to Breckland Council along with the statement 'the urban style of the new development is not in form or character of the original site'.

8. New Notice Boards

Chair Bass confirmed a new notice board has been purchased for outside the Community Centre and the view is to discuss replacing the two boards outside the shop at the next meeting. Further discussions were then held regarding what can be displayed within these, noting that primarily these should feature and promote activities and events within the village and Community Centre. It was noted that we want to support local events and charities also but space could be an issue. Councillor Spain suggested smaller A5 adverts could be used which would be space saving thus, providing a solution for all. Also, it was agreed a list would be kept by the Clerk of projects outside of Necton that could be displayed on the new community noticeboard, if purchased. It was agreed to be reviewed as an agenda item at the next meeting along with proposal for the board replacement at the shop and costs involved.

9. Boreas

Councillor Spain confirmed that following a meeting held by Boreas attended by Councillors Spain, Hayton and Bass the planning inspectorate sent a list of questions to

be considered. A comprehensive set of responses to said questions have been formulated and circulated to the Council. These were approved and Council agreed these answers could be submitted to Norfolk Boreas. The Clerk confirming these would be submitted accordingly.

Councillor Spain went on to discuss Vattenfall and the fact the biggest intrusion from this is ours. Therefore, they may support some green projects on a financial basis and a list of appropriate green projects should be considered in order to request funding from Vattenfall. Noting a green subcommittee may be the best way forward for this. Councillors Hicks, Jennings, Spain and Barrett have all agreed to be this subcommittee with Councillor Hayton assisting on an advisory basis. This was agreed by Council. Chair Bass adding that members of the public can help with this subcommittee

10. Marlpit

Chair Bass read out a prepared statement which is available with these minutes. It was proposed the local Facebook page administrator should be approached in order for this statement to be published on their page. This was agreed by the Council.

11. MUGA update

Councillor Sisto confirmed that to undertake a full MUGA the cost would be quite high as this would involve resurfacing the existing area. However the MUGA could be approached in stages, noting the ends/ goals could be undertaken as a first phase and the resurfacing at a later date when funds allow. Councillor Jennings confirming that the ends and fencing could be completed as a standalone project as advised by the companies invited to inspect and quote for the work and that the current surface is adequate for now but would eventually need to be replaced.

Questions were raised in regards to the size of the existing footprint and whether this would be adequate, Councillor Jennings confirming for smaller children it would be sufficient. Further debate was held regarding what could be installed and it was confirmed it can range from goals, to basketball hoops and cricket markings.

Quotes have been received with Councillor Sisto confirming that to undertake in full the cost would be upwards of £35,000 but to undertake the ends only the cost would be approximately £13,000 plus VAT. Further noting S106 monies held would be able to cover these costs. Councillor Sisto also confirmed that grants may be available to support with further costs and perhaps fund-raising events could help support the costs to complete the work in full.

It was thereafter agreed by Council that further investigation and definitive quotes and grant information should be made available in order this can be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.

12. NALC Initiative

Chair Bass confirming that NALC have agreed the climate is in crisis and further updates will follow accordingly.

13. Donation requests.

The Clerk read a letter from Necton 1st Brownies requesting a donation to support activities and outings next year. Noting they need at least £400 for transport costs in order to attend Seaside Sparkle in Great Yarmouth. Discussion was held and £250.00 via S137 monies was proposed by Chair Bass and seconded by Councillors Barrett and Jennings.

Necton PCC has requested a grant of £400.00 to contribute towards the upkeep and maintenance of the burial ground and churchyard, noting last year a grant of £350 was provided. Funds via S137 monies was proposed by Chair Bass and seconded by Councillors Barrett and Jennings.

14. Footpath Group

As Councillor Hayton was not in attendance this agenda item was postponed until the next meeting.

15. Parish Opening Hours

Chair Bass suggested the office would close from Monday 23rd December until 6th January 2020. Confirming the Clerk and Parish Assistant would undertake their expected hours during this period by working from home. This was agreed by Council.

16. Festival update

Councillor Bateman confirmed progress is continuing to be made. Further acts are still being considered and the committee have moved forward with other requirements such as fencing, toilets and security. Sponsorship is also progressing. Volunteers on the day are still required

17. Budget, expenditure and precept.

Further discussions held regarding the budget and planned expenditure, noting this will continue at next month's meeting. It was agreed the proposed expenditure for the Trod at Ketts Hill to be removed, precept to be calculated with a 4% increase- noting that this was not increased last year and the noticeboard expenditure to be included. This will thereafter be reviewed and finalised at the January meeting ahead of the deadline of the end of January for the precept request to be submitted.

18. Public Participation (5 minutes allowed)

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the drainage at the proposed site at Erne Farm and that the attenuation ponds may not be sufficient. It was confirmed these concerns would be added to the comments submitted to Breckland Council.

19. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Meeting

The next meeting will be on 13th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 22.00