



Minutes No:
2020/14

Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held
Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Necton Rural Community Centre**

Parish Councillors (7) present:

Councillors Jean Bass (Chair), Joe Sisto, Fraser Bateman, Thirza Hicks, Ken Barrett, Phil Hayton and Alice Spain

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk
0 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 Mark Jennings

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 discuss and make decision on the MUGA- funding, grants, staged works and next steps.

Chair Bass confirmed this meeting was being held to discuss the current position regarding a proposed MUGA, noting these discussions were to cover the quotes received, viability of the project and the works being phased and the financial position regarding the draft budget and funds already currently held.

The Parish Clerk confirmed that a provisional sum of £7,700.00 has been allocated within the draft budget for the upcoming financial year commencing April 2020 pending this being agreed at the Parish Council Meeting to be held on 13th January. Therefore, confirming that if the proposed MUGA were to be agreed these funds would not be available until the next financial year.

The Clerk also confirming that currently the Council holds the sum of £12,964.99 in the Youth Account reserves and Breckland Council holding £9442.98 of S106 monies which would need to be applied for as a grant towards projects within Necton.

Councillors Hicks and Sisto confirming they had received quotes following numerous site visits and their preference was to instruct Fenland Leisure to undertake the works. Further confirming the works could be undertaken in two phases. The first being the installation of the goals at end of the court and the second phase being the resurfacing of the court. There would be no detrimental impact on phase one when phase two is completed. The costs for these works were quoted as £13,449.00 plus VAT for the first phase and £20,995 plus VAT for the second phase. Providing a total cost of £35,544.00 plus VAT.

Lengthy discussions were held regarding the quote provided by Fenland Leisure regarding various queries raised including whether the fencing was to be replaced at each end or whether sections were only to be adapted to allow for the goalposts and also whether the phase 2 works of resurfacing included the required sub layer as these were not clear in the breakdown of costs.

Queries were also raised regarding quoted costs for safety fencing to be erected whilst works are completed and whether this is required and costs for contractor's welfare and canteen needs.

After lengthy discussions Councillor Hicks confirmed she would contact Fenland Leisure to raise the questions asked and revert with their response.

Chair Bass thereafter proposed the Council agree to funding of a maximum amount of £20,000 and permission to apply to Breckland Council for S106 funding. This proposal to be with the conditions that the road end fencing is being replaced (as per the understanding of Cllrs Hicks and Sisto to be the case) and the quote for phase 2 to include the sub base and preparation of the area. Councillor Hicks to also challenge regarding costs for canteen and welfare facilities included.

Seconded by Councillor Hayton and thereafter all voted in favour.

Councillor Bateman proposed that once the revised quote is received confirming schedule of works the Clerk to review the tender and undertake negotiations regarding the quote. This was seconded by Councillor Sisto and all voted in favour.

Meeting concluded at 20.45pm.