



Minutes No:
2020/21

Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held
Monday 13th July 2020 at 7.30 pm held virtually via Zoom**

Parish Councillors (8) present:

Councillors Jean Bass (Chair), Fraser Bateman, Mark Jennings, Ken Barrett, Phil Hayton, Alice Spain, Genine Curtis and Thirza Hicks

Additional attendees:

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

Date: Monday 13th July 2020

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Meeting held virtually via Zoom

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Sisto and Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris (NCC)

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 Curtis confirmed she would not participate in discussion regarding agenda item 9 – planning application at 7 Ketts Hill as this was opposite her own property. Councillor Spain confirmed she would not participate or vote on agenda items 13 and 14 as she was a trustee of NAT.

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 8th June 2020- (to be signed retrospectively at first face to face meeting held).

Minutes from the meeting held on 8th June were approved and duly agreed to be signed retrospectively at the next face to face meeting of the Parish Council. (proposed by Chair Bass and seconded by Councillor Bateman, agreed unanimously)

4. To approve the revised and updated following policies.

- **Health and Safety Policy**- proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Jennings and agreed unanimously.
- **Expenses Policy**. - proposed by Councillor Barrett, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.
- **Training and Development Policy** - proposed by Councillor Spain, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.
- **Code of Conduct Policy** - proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

All policies were received by the Councillors in advance for consideration

5. Public Participation (10 minutes allowed)

A resident confirmed he had been maintaining the copse area in Elizabeth Drive as over the last 18 months the maintenance provided by Breckland Council had declined. He continued by stating a member of Breckland staff had visited the area and stated she was concerned at the amount of ivy growing over the trees there and would take forward. However, with the outbreak of Covid 19 she has been reassigned within Breckland and therefore progress in this matter has not been forthcoming. He confirmed that the tyres with the plants were placed there by him but there was also some question as to who owned this particular small strip of land. Councillor Wilkin was invited by the Chair to address and make comment. He confirmed that usually the green spaces were owned by Breckland and that unless there was a Deed of Ownership in place the likelihood was that this strip of land was owned by Breckland Council. Adding that he would attempt to get the trees looked at and when the contractor visited the tyres would be removed if placed on land owned by Breckland. A resident enquired to the views of the Parish Council on the planning application at 7 Ketts Hill. Thereafter raising his concerns regarding the impact of this proposed application on number 5 Ketts Hill where his sister resides. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council are only consultees and reminded everyone that there are only certain valid reasons for objections and this matter would be discussed as an agenda item within this meeting.

6. Reports from:

Parish Council Clerk – Justine Luckhurst

The Clerk read her report which is attached to the minutes

Norfolk County Council- Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris

The Clerk read a report from Councillor Kiddle-Morris which is attached to the minutes.

Breckland Council - Councillor Nigel Wilkin

Councillor Wilkin confirmed that weekly updates are still being sent to all Parish Clerks providing updates, The Clerk confirmed these are circulated to all Councillors upon receipt.

Chairperson, Jean Bass

The Chair confirmed she had noticed that the hedge surrounding the Plowright Surgery was becoming quite overgrown. She will inform the surgery and ask they instruct their gardener to cut back the hedge which is growing over the path. Chair Bass also enquired as to whether a TPO can be sought for a tree at the present time. Councillor Wilkin confirmed the process remains unchanged and a visit to the site can be arranged via Breckland Council.

Councillors

Councillor Hayton enquired as to whether, following approval of Vattenfall if any financial compensation for the village should be considered and asked Councillor Wilkin for his comments on this matter. Councillor Wilkin confirmed this should indeed be explored further and taken forward. Councillor Wilkin recommended a good starting point would be to compile an ideas list of projects/ amenities to offer them for consideration. It was suggested the Boreas and green subcommittee should investigate this and be pro-active in this matter.

Councillor Hicks has been investigating possible grants for the next phase of the MUGA but stated that currently, all grants seem to be Covid 19 related and other grants appear not to be available. She confirmed she will continue to research and look for potential funding streams. Councillor Hicks further commented on the amount of rubbish that seems to be on the North Pickenham Road near the Trod. The Clerk confirmed she would arrange for the caretaker to litter pick in this area on a regular basis.

Councillor Jennings confirmed he had inspected the outdoor play area with the caretaker and confirmed there was no Health and Safety issues with any of the play equipment. Further noting that one piece of equipment was quite noisy and so was being monitored closely.

7. To approve Bills made, to be made and approve late payments as necessary. To receive financial update for consideration.

Chair Bass proposed the bills detailed on the published list can be paid. Seconded by Councillor Spain. Approved unanimously. Financial update and monthly reconciliations of accounts for the first quarter received for consideration confirming current position and balances held.

The Clerk confirmed that currently the expenditure against budget was at expected levels and had no concerns regarding funds and expenditure at this point.

8. Boreas / Vanguard update

Councillor Spain confirmed that, as already seen by everyone the DCO was accepted for Vanguard. A judicial review could be instructed but these are expensive and require special grounds. There is some pro bono work currently exploring the viability of a review and as to whether this is worth pursuing. If deemed viable then funds would need to be sourced to finance this - confirming crowd funding could be an option for this. With regards to Boreas Councillor Spain confirmed that the open floor hearing was held on 2nd July and Councillor Bateman attended as the PC representative and Councillor Spain was also in attendance. Thereafter confirming there is a second open floor hearing being held on 15th July and Councillors Hayton, Bateman and Spain will be in attendance. Chair Bass thanked Councillor Bateman for attending on behalf of the PC and wanted to record her thanks to Councillors Spain and Hayton for their hard work and efforts regarding Boreas and Vanguard.

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

REFERENCE **3PL/2020/0519/D**
PROPOSAL Reserved matters application following pp 3PL/2017/0992/O -
Layout and landscaping plus details of plots 2, 3 and 4
LOCATION Land between Brackenwoods and Ramms Lane Necton
APPLICANT A C Williamson and Son

No objections raised

REFERENCE **3PL/2020/0633/F**
PROPOSAL Demolition of existing property and erection of four new build
domestic properties
LOCATION 7 Ketts Hill
APPLICANT Mr Steven Crook

Lengthy discussions were held and concerns raised over this proposal. It was agreed to object to this application and note the following – concerns over privacy for surrounding properties and that bungalows or 1 ½ height of proposed dwellings may be more suitable. The amenity land per property seemed small. The street scene would be impacted by the development and concerns over drainage issues on the driveway leading out to the road.

10. Approve next steps for BT kiosk and the requested budget

Following consideration of the report prepared by Councillor Bateman Chair Bass proposed that the required budget of £1500 to renovate the kiosk be approved. Seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

Councillor Spain offered to donate some official telephone box red paint she has and the Clerk confirmed offers to help had been received from residents and these would be provided to Councillor Bateman to consider.

11. Neighbourhood Plan update and next steps

It was agreed a Zoom virtual meeting would be arranged for Monday 20th July in order for the subcommittee to meet and discuss next steps.

12. Footpath update and consider and approve next steps.

Councillor Hayton thanked and praised Councillor Bateman for the maps that he had drawn up. Chair Bass proposed these maps should be used within the village. Seconded by Councillor Hayton and agreed unanimously. These will be personalised with 'you are here' markers and thereafter put up in the relevant places within Necton.

13. Consider and approve the agreement between Necton PC and NAT

Following consideration Chair Bass proposed the agreement be approved, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously. Noting Councillors Bateman, Hayton and Spain did not participate in the voting as they are Trustees of NAT.

14. Consider the tree report from NAT and approve NAT to arrange and oversee the works to remove the trees

As agenda item 13 was approved this no longer needs to be considered as the approved agreement overrides the need for the PC to consider.

15. Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)

No comments raised

16. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th August at 7.30pm via Zoom (unless restrictions are lifted whereby face to face will be considered)

The meeting closed at 21.30