



Minutes No:
2020/22

Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held
Monday 10th August 2020 at 7.30 pm held virtually via Zoom**

Parish Councillors (8) present:

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

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk
Councillor Nigel Wilkin- Breckland Council

Date: Monday 10th August 2020

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Meeting held virtually via Zoom

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from 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.

No declarations

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 13th July 2020- (to be signed retrospectively at first face to face meeting held).

Minutes from the meeting held on 13th July were approved and duly agreed to be signed retrospectively at the next face to face meeting of the Parish Council. (agreed unanimously)

4. To allow Frank Stopp express his interest in becoming a Councillor (5 minutes allowed)

Frank Stopp confirmed that he was a Councillor previously and only resigned due to a possible house move, further commenting that he, in hindsight resigned prematurely as the house move did not proceed and he is remaining in Necton.

5. To vote on the co-option of a new Councillor onto the Council by a show of hands

The Chair requested the Councillors vote by a show of hands and unanimously voted in favour. The Chair confirmed Frank Stopp to be successfully co-opted onto the Council. The Clerk confirmed that as Frank was unable to complete and sign the required forms, he was invited to remain for the remainder of the meeting but would be unable to participate as a Councillor and therefore unable to vote or comment until such forms were completed.

6. Public Participation (10 minutes allowed)

No residents were present and therefore no participation.

7. Reports from:

Parish Council Clerk – Justine Luckhurst

The Clerk read her report which is attached to the minutes

Breckland Council - Councillor Nigel Wilkin

Councillor Wilkin confirmed that he would take forward the issue regarding the overgrowth at the vacant property at Mill Street as raised in the Clerks report and attempt to trace and contact the owner to discuss.

Chairperson, Jean Bass

Chair Bass confirmed that after receiving information regarding the Anglian Water cupboard on Browns Lane being open and exposed, she reported this to Anglian Water and they visited and resolved the issue within 4 hours.

Councillors

Councillor Bateman confirmed that the co-ordinator of NESS, Ian Dalglish has confirmed he has now stood down as the requests are very few and far between but has stated he will be on standby so that if needed, such as in the event of a second spike he can pick up the co-ordination of the volunteers. It was noted and agreed that thanks are to be given to Ian and his team of volunteers and also to Kurt at the White

Hart in Swaffham- the Clerk will draft and send letters of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council. NAT (Necton Area Trust) arranged for the dangerous trees to be cut down and removed and this has now been completed, they will now progress with clearing the site to enable them to carry a full site investigation. Councillors Bateman, Jennings and Barrett have tested the BT kiosk using the lead paint test kit recently purchased. Whilst the top layers of paint tested are lead free the test confirmed lower layers did contain traces of lead, albeit minimal. Councillor Bateman confirming a risk assessment will be completed in order for them to proceed in removing all of the paint. A resident also brought to his attention that a number of cars have been gathering in the car park at the community centre and believed there may have been drugs involved. Councillor Bateman advised the resident to inform the Police if this was witnessed again. In the meantime, the Clerk will contact the CCTV company in order for it to be re-set and the footage can be used as and when required.

Councillor Barrett confirmed he has had no response from Highways to his ongoing enquiries in regards to the street lighting on the A47. He is drafting a letter of complaint which will be sent to Highways via the Clerk once completed.

8. 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 Bateman. Approved unanimously. Financial update and monthly reconciliations of accounts for July received for consideration confirming current position and balances held.

9. To update on current position of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Spain confirmed that the first meeting was held via Zoom last month and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 17th August. The first meeting was very productive with actions for all sub- committee members to take forward. Councillor Spain confirming the sub- committee members are increasing and these will be included on all correspondence going forward. Councillor Wilkin confirming he will assist where possible. It would seem there are some changes afoot regarding Neighbourhood Plans and Councillor Spain confirmed these would be monitored and considered where applicable.

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

REFERENCE	3PL/2020/0831/D
PROPOSAL	Reserved matters application for erection of dwelling following Outline permission 3PL/2018/1438/O
LOCATION	Land Adjacent 14 Tuns Road
APPLICANT	GLP Builders & Developers

No objections raised

REFERENCE **3PL/2020/0830/D**
PROPOSAL Reserved matters application for one dwelling following outline
 Permission 3PL/2019/0223/O
LOCATION 16 Tuns Road
APPLICANT GLP Builders & Developers

No objections raised

REFERENCE **3PL/2020/0835/HOU**
PROPOSAL Single Storey Extension to rear and proposed dormer construction
 With 2x Juliet balcony to the rear (amended scheme from
 3PL/2019/0691/HOU)
LOCATION Woodlands, Ramms Lane
APPLICANT Mr. and Mrs Sidey

No objections raised

11. To discuss repairs to outside toilet and decide next steps

The Clerk confirmed that the outside toilet remains closed at the present due to Covid 19 restrictions and that this would be the ideal time to arrange and complete the repairs needed to ensure it can be opened and operational when the time comes to allow it to be used. Councillor Jennings confirmed he has already purchased some small parts required to repair the magnetic lock system. Further confirming that these works would be completed within the next month. An update will be provided at the next meeting and next steps discussed at this point. Noting any electrical works will need to be inspected and certified by a qualified electrician before allowing the public to use the facility. Consideration to improving the CCTV coverage, blue lighting and other security measures will be discussed once repairs are completed, this will hopefully reduce future acts of vandalism.

12. It was agreed this item would be discussed in camera after the meeting was closed.

13. Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)

No members of the public were present

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

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at 20.30

In camera

To consider and approve a donation of £2,500 for the judicial review to challenge the approval of Norfolk Vanguard.

Chair Bass proposed the donation of £2,500, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously. Noting that it was agreed that the donation would be a one-off payment and any further requests would not be supported.

REFERENCE 3PL/2020/0469/O- amended red line together with amended plans and documents- raised as urgent matter as no extension granted by Breckland for comments.

It was agreed that following objections raised and submitted to Breckland Council last month in respect of the application that those objections still stand and further objections would be submitted echoing the concerns raised from the Ecological and Biodiversity Consultant at NCC and their recommendation that the applicant should determine the presence of great crested newts due to close proximity of ponds and noting best practice time to undertake this being between mid-April to late June, noting the preliminary ecological appraisal provided by applicant is not sufficiently precise to determine presence. Further noting the recommendation from the Tree and Countryside Consultant at Breckland Council that a survey should be instructed to determine criteria under 1997 hedgerow regulations

In camera meeting closed at 21.25.