



Minutes No:
2020/25

Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held
Monday 12th October 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, Thirza Hicks and Genine Curtis.

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk
Councillor Nigel Wilkin (Breckland)
Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris (Norfolk County Council)
1 member of the public

Date: Monday 12th October 2020

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Meeting held virtually via Zoom

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor 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.

No declarations

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 12th September and the extraordinary meeting of 24th September 2020 (in camera)- (to be signed retrospectively at first face to face meeting held).

Minutes from the meeting held on 12th September were approved and duly agreed to be signed retrospectively at the next face to face meeting of the Parish Council. (proposed by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously)

Minutes from the meeting held on 24th September were approved and duly agreed to be signed retrospectively at the next face to face meeting of the Parish Council. (proposed by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously).

4. Public Participation (10 minutes allowed)

A resident had joined the meeting but was having difficulties in participating on the Zoom platform. Therefore, the Council moved to the next agenda item.

5. Reports from:

Parish Council Clerk – Justine Luckhurst

The Clerk read her report which is attached to the minutes

Norfolk County Council – Mark Kiddle- Morris

The report from Councillor Kiddle-Morris is attached to these minutes. Councillor Sisto asked Councillor Kiddle-Morris to add School road to the list of roads experiencing issues with flooding. Councillor Kiddle-Morris agreed to take forward.

Councillor Nigel Wilkin (Breckland)

Councillor Wilkin confirmed that all bar a handful of Breckland Staff are still working from home. This has made some communication more difficult compared to pre- Covid conditions. He also confirmed that some areas with the Breckland offices have been adapted to make more Covid safe with the installation of screens etc. but added that he is still only attending virtual meetings at the present time.

Chairperson, Jean Bass

The Chair read her report which is attached to the minutes. Noting it was agreed to consider involving the press and media coverage regarding the ongoing flooding issues in Necton. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting and will be discussed at that time.

Councillors

Councillor Bateman confirmed that a response from Breckland Council has been received regarding the recent complaint made to them and a response is to be considered.

Councillor Sisto enquired regarding a wreath from the Parish Council for Remembrance Day. The Clerk confirmed that there is a budget allowance for this. Councillor Sisto will arrange and thereafter request reimbursement for the cost. Councillor Sisto also commented that a resident has experienced access issues walking on the path outside the old school on School Road. A conversation was held as to whether the overhanging trees that are causing the obstruction are within the boundary of the site or on the verge. Councillor Sisto will check and report back to the Clerk in order for the appropriate contact to have these cut back. Councillor Sisto also pointed out that the car park in front of the Community Centre had large pot holes re-appearing. It was discussed at length, noting these were filled

last year but noting this was possibly a 'stop gap' and not a permanent fix to the problem. The Clerk reminded the Councillors that no budget has been allocated for this in this financial year. It was agreed the Clerk to obtain a quote for the repairs and for this to be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Jennings confirmed that there seems to be a large number of rubbish bags building up around the Biffa bin at the Community Centre. The Clerk confirmed she would liaise with the Parish Assistant to see if there are any issues with the refuse collections and report back.

Councillor Spain confirmed that today is the last day of the Boreas/ Vanguard examination, further confirming that the Vanguard Judicial review has been approved and is now at Crowd Funding stage to raise further funds for the Judicial Review.

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

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

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

Councillor Spain confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Monday 19th October via Zoom. The Committee are concerned over the new planning proposals and confirmed that a response to the first set of questions to the White Paper have been submitted, noting they were only given a few days in which to draft a response. A second set of questions has been received and a response is to be submitted by 29th October. These questions and responses are being circulated and will be discussed at the meeting on Monday night by the Committee.

8. To update on current position regarding the repair of outside toilet

Chair Bass confirmed the last repairs to the outside toilet have now been completed. There is a new lock fitted and the key is held by the caretaker. Further confirming that due to current Covid requirements regarding the regular cleaning of public toilets it will remain closed for the time being.

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

The Chair proposed the meeting adjourned to allow a member of the public speak (noting issues experienced with joining the virtual meeting and not able to participate in the public participation- seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

The member of the public wanted to inform the Parish Council of her objections against the application 3PL/2020/0998/F as she has concerns that this is another infill planning application, the proposed building will be very close to the boundary line and has concerns regarding flooding due to being close to a water course.

The meeting resumed following the member of public speaking.

REFERENCE **3PL/2020/1046/HOU**
PROPOSAL Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension
LOCATION 22 Jubilee Way
APPLICANT Mr and Mrs Cooper

No objections

REFERENCE **3PL/2020/0998/F**
PROPOSAL Proposed 3 / 4 Bedroom House (Full)
LOCATION Garden Land of Waterside Cottage, Access Road Between Ivy Todd
 and Chapel Road
APPLICANT Mr & Mrs Heaviside

Objections raised. Noting these to be a cramped form of development not in keeping with the area and noting concerns regarding proximity to a water course and therefore concerns regarding flooding.

10. To discuss and consider email correspondence requesting permission to garden at Necton sign at A47 junction.

Following a request from a member of the public to undertake voluntary work to improve the area with gardening and cultivation of plants and flowers as part of a Duke of Edinburgh Award the Council agreed this can be undertaken. The Clerk to check with the PC's insurance company to check any liability issues and to undertake a Risk Assessment. Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

11. To approve the fee to obtain details on property boundary from Land Registry

Chair Bass requested the Council to consider and approve the £3 fee to obtain the boundary plan from Land Registry for 32 Chanty Lane to determine where the boundary ends and Highways take over. Councillor Kiddle-Morris confirmed that Land Registry plans are not always completely accurate and can leave small areas in 'no man's land' he confirmed he would be able to access and provide a Highway Boundary Search.

12. To consider and approve the leaflet and protocols pertaining to the allocation of roads in Necton to designated Councillors and agreeing next steps

Following the circulation of the draft flyer it was discussed and agreed the Clerk's email address should be highlighted in bold to make more visible. Discussions were held regarding GDPR rulings pertaining to collection of email addresses from residents when required. It was proposed that a signed form could be completed by the resident, thus giving permission for email address to be used or they email directly to the Clerk. The Councillors would have a small supply of these. Chair Bass proposed the flyer can be printed and distributed, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

The Protocols for Councillors was discussed and Councillor Sisto requested that that information detailing the responsibilities of the PC and NRCC to be sent to all Councillors – The Clerk to arrange this. Chair Bass proposed the protocols to be accepted, seconded by Councillor Barrett and agreed unanimously

13. To consider the re-introduction of Community Awards

It was noted that these had not cancelled but due to Covid restrictions the Annual Meeting was not held this year. Discussions were held regarding considering nominations throughout the year, and the need to let residents know they can nominate. The Clerk to cover in Link inserts and to collect nominations over the coming months to be considered ahead of the next Annual Meeting to be held in May. Proposed by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

14. Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)

No comments raised

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

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at 21.20