



Minutes No:  
2021/28

## Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 pm held virtually via Zoom**

### **Parish Councillors (8) present:**

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

### **Additional attendees:**

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk  
Mark Kiddle-Morris- Norfolk County Councillor

**Date:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Place:** Meeting held virtually via Zoom

### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

None received

### **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.*

Councillors Bateman and Spain declared an interest for agenda item 14. Confirming that this interest is not pecuniary but as Trustees for NAT they will speak but will not participate in any voting.

### **3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (to be signed retrospectively at first face to face meeting held).**

Minutes from the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December were approved and duly agreed to be signed retrospectively at the next face to face meeting of the Parish Council. (proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously)

### **4. Public Participation (10 minutes allowed)**

No members of the public were in attendance; however, the Clerk was requested to table an issue on behalf of a resident. The request was for a virtual meeting to be held

to discuss flooding issues at the allotments. The Allotment Association would like to discuss the matter with the PC. It was agreed a meeting could be arranged, noting it was suggested other interested parties should also be in attendance. The Clerk will arrange with the Allotment Association accordingly.

Councillor Sisto joined the meeting at 7.40pm and gave apologies for late arrival.

## **5. Reports from:**

### **Parish Council Clerk – Justine Luckhurst**

The Clerk read her report which is attached to the minutes.

### **Mark Kiddle- Morris- NCC**

Councillor Kiddle-Morris confirmed he had another meeting to attend and requested permission to leave the meeting after his report. He confirmed the weekly briefing had been distributed. He also confirmed that the Highways Engineer position at NCC was vacant and they were currently looking to fill this position. Councillor Kiddle-Morris is also attending a meeting next week to discuss Members Code of Conduct. If changes are adopted then all Councils will need to revise some processes. He also confirmed he had raised the matter pertaining to rain gauges for Necton that Councillor Spain asked him to take forward. He will update accordingly.

As he needed to attend another meeting it was agreed to bring forward Agenda item 11 in order for him to be present.

## **11. To discuss recent Flood report (Investigation Report into the flooding County Wide on the 16th August 2020) and agree next steps- All Councillors**

The Flood report was received towards the end of December and it was noted that it did not address the current issues being experienced by residents and the ongoing flooding and sewage issues. Chair Bass confirmed that she had received an email from George Freeman MP confirming he is holding 'Meet George' Zoom meetings with neighbourhoods. Chair Bass suggested this could be a good opportunity to raise the issues to our MP. Councillor Kiddle-Morris confirmed that he was aware that George was aware there were issues in other parts of Norfolk as he had held similar meetings with other Parishes. Chair Bass proposed that a request was sent to George Freeman MP via the Clerk requesting a meeting. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously. Noting that if confirmed and a date agreed then residents who are affected would be invited to attend along with the Chair, Vice Chair and those Councillors who residents in their area are affected. The Clerk confirming she would be happy to provide Zoom training beforehand to residents if required.

Mark Kiddle- Morris left the meeting at 8.00pm and the Councillors Reports continued.

## **Chairperson, Jean Bass**

The Chair had nothing to report other to say the ongoing flooding and sewage issues at Farm Walk were still ongoing leading up to the Christmas holidays.

## **Councillors**

Councillor Bateman confirmed that the kerb area at Brackenwoods has now been repaired by NCC following a request from a resident for it to be investigated.

Councillor Hicks confirmed she had reports from residents of garden waste being dumped in the wood area behind Elizabeth Drive. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Councillor Wilkin to receive an update from him following his confirmation he would visit the area (agreed at a previous meeting)

Councillor Barrett raised his concerns regarding a rain gauge for Necton. If the PC were to take this forward, he queried who would monitor this and the possibility of any liability if any warnings to residents of possible flooding were not made in a timely manner. He was also concerned that Necton residents do not seem to have received any communications regarding the Covid vaccine and noting many residents who qualify in the age group being vaccinated first had received no communications. Discussions followed and it was noted that Manor Farm surgery is the local hub for the administration of the vaccine and it was understood that the vaccine is due to be received by the end of the week.

Councillor Spain confirmed that she had enquired via Mark Kiddle- Morris to NCC about a rain gauge for Necton and confirmed that the Flood Report referred to these throughout the report. If NCC were to supply one then it would then be their responsibility to monitor it. Councillor Spain confirmed that although insufficient funds were raised for the Vattenfall judicial review Ray Pearce has meet the shortfall himself and so it is continuing. There is such an enormous number of reports and other paperwork that the Judge has requested summaries of all information for him to consider.

Councillor Curtis confirmed she was made aware of ongoing sewage issues over the Christmas period.

Councillor Sisto has been given information from a resident that another resident may have filled in a ditch on his property. No other information is forthcoming and Councillor Sisto is awaiting further information.

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

Councillor Bateman proposed the bills detailed on the published list can be paid. Seconded by Councillor Spain and thereafter approved unanimously. Financial update and monthly reconciliations of accounts for December received for consideration confirming current position and balances held.

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

Councillor Spain confirmed that presentations had been made from two consultants thus far and another two are scheduled to attend upcoming meetings. The

subcommittee hope to have a recommendation at the next PC meeting. A referendum, run by Breckland Council will be required. Current Covid restrictions are obviously making it difficult to gather evidence-based information. An event for residents to attend at the Community Centre may well have to be delayed, noting that although information gathering and questions asked can be done in other ways its best to hold these events in person.

#### **8. Planning matters – to note new planning applications and discuss.**

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2020/1432/D</b>
PROPOSAL	Reserved Matters Application following outline permission under 3PL/2019/0558/O Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale
LOCATION	Lodge Cottage, Ivy Todd Road
APPLICANT	Rutterford

No objections

#### **9. To consider and approve amended GDPR policy**

Chair Bass proposed the updated policy to be approved, seconded by Councillor Barrett and agreed unanimously.

#### **10. To update on current position of Telephone Kiosk.**

It was confirmed that the lead content test on the paint has been completed and it was noted that the surface is in bad condition and should be made good in preparation for it to be re-painted. Councillor Jennings confirmed he would remove and store all the glass and plastic on the kiosk in readiness for next steps. Councillor Jennings hope to complete this within the next couple of weeks.

#### **12. Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)**

No public were in attendance

#### **13. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

The Chair asked the Council for agreement of a motion to exclude the press and public for the next item as their presence would be prejudicial to public interest due to the confidential nature. In accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2)

#### **14. Discuss current position regarding the Marlpit**

Discussions were held regarding the works being undertaken by NAT and it was agreed a letter to be drafted and agreed by the Councillors, this will be checked before being sent.

The meeting closed at 21.20

