



Minutes No:
2021/30

Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held
Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30 pm held virtually via Zoom**

Parish Councillors (8) present:

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

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk
Mark Kiddle-Morris- Norfolk County Councillor
Members of the public- 2

Date: Monday 8th March 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.

Councillor Hicks declared an interest in agenda item 10 ref 3PL/2021/0106/HOU and will not take part in any discussions.

3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 8th February 2021 (to be signed retrospectively at first face to face meeting held).

Minutes from the meeting held on 8th February 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)

The attending members of the public discussed the following.

The work required on the ditch in Mill Street by NCC has still not commenced.

The Clerk was asked whether the PC could contact Breckland in regards to the litter picking on the A47 near the top of Tuns Road. This is sub contracted out by Breckland

and it would appear that the number of visits to clear in this area seems to have reduced and there is now a large amount of litter collecting there. The Clerk confirmed enquiries would be made.

5. To allow Annie Turner express her interest in becoming a Councillor (5 minutes allowed)

Annie Turner utilised the allocated time to express her interest in becoming a Councillor and provided a brief background of herself and interests and confirmed her support of Necton and the neighbouring area.

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

Annie Turner was co-opted on the PC following a vote by a show of hands and a majority vote of 6 for and 2 against.

7. 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' report is attached to the minutes.

Chairperson, Jean Bass

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

Councillors

Councillor Sisto confirmed that a pot hole had appeared in St Andrews Lane, this had not been reported to the Clerk and so Councillor Sisto would provide additional information to the Clerk in order for a request to NCC to repair it. He continued by confirming that residents in School Road have experienced severe flooding issues recently. A site meeting was held over the weekend with Mark Kiddle-Morris and the Local Lead Flood Authority to assess the position, investigations are continuing and updates will be provided accordingly.

Councillor Spain provided an update on Boreas and Vattenfall. Following the decision to approve Vattenfall to build Vanguard by the Secretary of State a Judicial Review was brought to fight the decision. The Judicial Review was successful and the decision was overturned. It may be the case that Vattenfall appeal the JR outcome and so NSAG (Necton Substation Action Group) and Ray Pearce (who brought the JR) have put together all the information they have and have written to George Freeman MP in this matter. George Freeman is currently lobbying Parliament in regards to progress in legislation changes regarding offshore green energy and using OTN (Offshore Transmission Network) Necton PC have been invited to write to George Freeman MP to

assist with his lobbying. Therefore, a letter drafted by the Vattenfall sub- committee confirming the PC's stance and views will be drafted and sent via the Clerk. Councillor Bateman confirmed he had noticed a broken barrier strap at the playing field and reported this to the Parish Assistant. He wanted to express his thanks that this was fixed by the caretaker within a matter of hours. Councillor Curtis stated a resident in Chantry Lane has informed her they had experienced sewage in their front garden but confirmed this has now gone.

Mark Kiddle -Morris left to the meeting at 20.20 due to another engagement.

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 and thereafter approved unanimously. Financial update and monthly reconciliations of accounts for February received for consideration confirming current position and balances held.

9.To update on current position of Telephone Kiosk refurbishment

No further works have been carried out at the kiosk and Councillor Jennings confirmed he was unsure if there was still electricity in the kiosk, noting the interior light is not working. The Clerk will investigate whether the supply was disconnected or not when it was officially decommissioned by BT and their visit to remove the equipment when the PC purchased it. Thereafter it was agreed Councillor Barrett would liaise with the Clerk to obtain a quote for the materials required to refurbish it along with a quote for the works, noting there is already an approved amount of £1600.00 in the budget for the next financial year.

10. Planning matters – to note new planning applications and discuss. (Councillor Hicks did not take part in any discussions for the first item due to her pecuniary interest which she had already expressed)

REFERENCE	3PL/2021/0106/HOU
PROPOSAL	Proposed rear single storey extension and front porch.
LOCATION	7 Elizabeth Drive
APPLICANT	Mr Carl Hicks

No objections

REFERENCE	3PL/2021/0270/HOU
PROPOSAL	Single Storey Rear Extension.
LOCATION	1 School Road
APPLICANT	Mr Freeman

No Objections

11. To consider and approve the following policies requiring review. Financial Regulations- All Councillors

Proposed to accept by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

12.To consider and approve the Asset Register- All Councillors

Proposed to accept by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Councillor Jennings and agreed unanimously.

13.To consider, discuss and approve bike sheds for residents- Councillor Bateman

Councillor Bateman discussed the proposal and previously shared information and images pertaining to the installation of bike sheds. Noting the first location would be at the Community Centre to enable people who use the bus service or the centre to be able to use their bike to get there and store it safely. It was noted that if this proved successful then other locations for further bike sheds in the village could be considered. It was agreed a bike shed suitable for 8 bikes would be appropriate. The Clerk to obtain quotes for consideration. Councillor Bateman proposed the Council to purchase and arrange installation of the same, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously. Noting the Clerk would obtain the required quotes and these would be considered.

14.Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)

No further comments

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

The next meeting will be on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

16. To approve 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) - Chair Bass

Proposed by Chair Bass. Seconded by Councillor Hicks and unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.00

17.To discuss Marlpit and current position.

Discussions were held regarding the land known as the Marlpit and following lengthy discussions Chair Bass proposed that the section of land in question was not offered for sale, seconded by Councillor Sisto and agreed by majority vote of 5 in favour of the proposal and 3 against.

The meeting concluded at 21.30