



Minutes No:
2021/32

Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Annual Parish Council Meeting held
Monday 10th May 2021 at 7.30 pm held at Necton rural Community Centre**

Parish Councillors (8) present:

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

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk
Members of the public- 5

Date: Monday 10th May 2021

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

Councillors were asked to review their signed declarations of interest and update as required

1.To receive nominations for the post of Chairman and to elect a member to the post.

Councillor Bass proposed herself as Chair, seconded by Councillor Barrett, agreed unanimously. Councillor Bass elected as Chairman of the PC for the forthcoming year. Declaration of acceptance was duly signed.

2. To receive nominations for the post of Vice Chairman and elect a member to the post.

Chair Bass proposed Councillor Barrett as Vice chair, seconded by Councillor Sisto, Councillor Barrett appointed Vice Chair by majority vote of 6 for and 2 did not vote.

Chair Bass thereafter requested the minutes record her thanks to Councillor Bateman for all his support as Vice Chair over the past year and wanted to acknowledge all of the hard work and commitment he has shown during this time.

3. To elect members for the NRCC Committee

Nominations for members of the NRCC committee were Councillors, Hicks, Barrett, Sisto, Bateman Bass, Spain, Turner and Curtis.

4. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Jennings

5. 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 declared an interest in agenda item 13 and confirmed she would not participate in any discussions.

6. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 12 April 2021

Minutes from the meeting held on 12th April were approved and duly signed. Proposed by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously

7. Public Participation (10 minutes allowed)

A member of the public asked whether the agenda item 21 pertaining to the Marlpit could be shared in more detail with the public. The Chair confirmed this item was discussions around the management of the site and there was nothing that could be discussed in the public domain due to the confidentiality of the matter currently.

8. Reports from:

Parish Council Clerk – Justine Luckhurst

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

Chairperson, Jean Bass

The Chair had nothing to report this month.

Councillors

Councillor Turner confirmed that she had seen grass cuttings and what appeared to be some sort of chemical had been thrown into the ditch in Mill Street and this could now block this ditch. Saffron Housing are going to look at the ditch at the back of Woodward Avenue to ensure this is able to run freely.

Councillor Spain provided an update regarding Vattenfall/ Boreas/ Vanguard. Confirming correspondence has been received from the Secretary of State in which he has asked for interested parties to respond on his process for the redetermination for Vanguard and welcomes comments on the process. He has stated he wants comments on the process which includes people providing their views on the cumulative impact on Necton. It's noted there are many implications on things such as the traffic along the cable corridor and it was decided that a response from the solicitors that were instructed in the Judicial Review should be considered before any response is sent from the PC.

The Parish Council agreed by a show of hands that they supported Ray Pearce's idea that any money left over from the JR fund would be donated to the ELF who did so much pro bono work for him at the start of the process.

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

10. To consider and approve reviewed and updated policies- Risk Management.

Chair Bass proposed this was approved, seconded by Councillor Barrett and thereafter agreed unanimously.

11. To update on current position of Telephone Kiosk refurbishment

Councillor Barrett confirmed PPE and work wear had been ordered for the person completing the works and once we have better weather these works will commence. The kiosk will be rubbed down, repainted and some glass panels replaced.

12. To consider and decide whether Zoom should be kept for meetings and whether to purchase an annual subscription

Chair Bass proposed an annual subscription was purchased, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously. Zoom will thereafter be used by working groups, sub committee's and NRCC for their meetings.

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

Councillor Curtis did not participate in these discussions.

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| REFERENCE | 3PL/2021/0587/F |
| PROPOSAL | Demolition of existing property and erection of 3 dwellings |
| LOCATION | 7 Ketts Hill |
| APPLICANT | Mr Steven Cook |

It would appear the application states that the developers had discussed and gained agreement from the PC in regards to a pathway being installed at this development. Although noted this would be beneficial for school children travelling to and from school it was felt that the PC should be officially approached. Over development concerns were raised and the Clerk will submit these comments to Breckland.

14. To provide an update on the Neighbourhood Plan- Councillor Spain

Councillor Spain confirmed a community involvement event would be taking place at the Hall on the 9th and 10th July. There will be numerous display boards which will provide information to Necton residents and the 2 days will be used to gather comments on what

residents want. Thereafter a questionnaire based on the findings from the community consultation would be sent to every resident in Necton

15.To consider and approve costs to include Annual Report in June copy of the Link

Chair Bass proposed that the Annual Report should be included in the Link in order for as many residents to read it as possible. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

16. To discuss and consider plan for a Tennis Court in Necton

After discussions it was agreed a tennis court would be a good addition to the facilities in Necton. Chair Bass proposed, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously that Councillor Hicks should obtain more in depth quotes and investigate options regarding possible grants available. Once further information is provided then next steps can be considered.

17. To consider and approve future for the outside toilet.

Chair Bass and the Clerk confirmed that the cleaner did not want to clean the outside toilet. Before it was closed due to the pandemic there were regular incidents of faeces on the floor and needles left in the toilet. These were a safety concern to the member of staff. The Clerk approached 5 companies to obtain quotes for cleaning daily. Only one company provided a quote which was £355.83 per week. Thereafter Chair Bass proposed the outside toilet remained closed, seconded by Councillor Barrett and agreed unanimously.

18. Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the ongoing flooding issues and the ditches under riparian rights. These were discussed along with how these are viewed by Enforcement at Breckland, it was again reiterated that the PC has no jurisdiction over this whatsoever.

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

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th June 2021 at 7.30pm at Necton Community Centre, noting social distancing rules to be adhered to.

20. 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 Bateman and unanimously agreed. The meeting closed at 9.05pm

21.To discuss Marlpit .

Two Councillors (not linked with Necton Area Trust) agreed to meet at the Marlpit to look over the site

The meeting concluded at 21.35