



Minutes No:  
2021/37

## Necton Parish Council

### Minutes Annual Parish Council Meeting held

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre**

#### **Parish Councillors (7) present:**

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

#### **Additional attendees:**

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk  
Mark Kiddle- Morris ( NCC) arrived at 8.35pm

Members of the public- 2

**Date:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Place:** Necton Rural Community Centre

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Jennings and Turner. Apologies were also received from Councillor Nigel Wilkin (Breckland) and late attendance notified by Councillor 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.*

None received

#### **3. To approve minutes of Council meetings of 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Minutes for 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 were proposed as accepted by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Barrett and agreed unanimously.

#### **4. PC Gilluley to present to the Council the Speedwatch initiative and thereafter the PC to consider whether to support**

PC Gilluley informed the Council that the national Speedwatch initiative was launched back in 2007, noting speeding to be one of the most common complaints from the public.

Obviously the Police cannot undertake all Speedwatch initiatives as their resources would not stretch to this and so by working with local communities and partner agencies it becomes effective and provides better results. In essence, each local scheme needs a minimum of 6 volunteers, noting 3 volunteers are needed for each session. The amount of monitoring is extremely flexible and can be as often or little as the local team wish. Full training and all equipment is provided by Norfolk Police. The Police also undertake the Risk Assessments required for each location. The volunteers collect details of the car including make, model and registration along with the speed captured. This information is then given to the Police who then write a letter to all those that were captured going above the speed limit. If more than 11 vehicles in a one-month period are captured going over the limit then a speed safety van is instructed to visit. It was also noted that if an individual is sent 3 letters confirming the limit exceeded on 3 separate occasions their details are circulated amongst the Policing Teams and they will be observed more closely in regards to their driving habits, speeds, usual routes and times etc. After the presentation Councillor Bateman proposed that the Council support the initiative by way of promoting the scheme via notices in the noticeboards and in the Link insert and thereafter the Clerk to collect the details of the volunteers to provide the information to PC Gilluley. This was seconded by Councillor Curtis and thereafter agreed unanimously.

## **5. Adjournment for public participation (10 mins)**

No comments

## **6. Reports from:**

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

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

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

The Clerk read out his report which is attached to the minutes.

### **Chair - Jean Bass**

The Chair had nothing to report this month.

### **Councillors**

Councillor Barrett confirmed the recently held Drop in Centre was a success and was well attended, noting the Police attended and held a local surgery. The next event is due to be held at the Community Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> October. It was noted that if attendance is high again then consideration will need to be given to booking the main hall as opposed to the smaller meeting room. Councillor Barrett also confirmed he has contacted Highways England in regards to street lights not working at the junction of Tuns Road and the A47. Highways England have noted this and have stated they will fix

in due course. Councillor Barrett will monitor the situation and chase them again if required.

(Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris joined the public at 8.35pm)

Councillor Sisto confirmed he had a complaint from a resident stating the garden area at the entrance to the village was messy but noted this was an agenda item to be discussed at this meeting. He also confirmed a resident had experienced someone knocking on her door in the middle of the night- he has informed our local Beat Officers and they will take forward.

Councillor Curtis confirmed a resident has requested a visit to the Marlpit to see progress being made.

Councillor Spain asked if there was a specific contact at NCC in regards to Boreas/ Vanguard as it would be helpful to know who this person was for continuity and point of contact. Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris will look into this and revert to the Clerk.

**7. To approve Bills made, to be made and approve late payments as necessary: To receive financial update and monthly reconciliation for consideration.**

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

**8. To discuss and consider tender documents required for grass cutting on playing field, noting existing contract is due for renewal at start of 2022**

After discussions Councillor Bateman proposed the Tender document to be slightly amended in order to request a separate cost for maintaining the area at the top of Tuns Road (at the entrance to the village the area on the left as you leave Necton). Noting this to include weed killing and the trimming of hedges and thereafter for the tender document to be sent to the companies listed within the timescales detailed in the document. Seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

**9. To receive any updates from committee on the event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup>- 5th June 2022) and to consider a budget for the same**

Councillor Bateman confirmed the committee met on 26<sup>th</sup> August to discuss the planned celebrations. The meeting was held with Scooby – landlord at The Windmill Public House who has not only has agreed to support but has agreed to help arrange an event as he has experience in arranging and organising similar and past Jubilee celebrations. The plan is to hold a street party on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and there are numerous ideas in consideration including closing part of Mill Street, live music and entertainment as well as food and drink being available. Further meetings will be held to confirm ideas and continue with arrangements. Councillor Bateman proposed a budget of £1000 be made available to support this event, noting this to be allocated from 2022/2023 funds. Seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

**10. To receive updates and consider repairs to the perimeter fencing on the playing field and the cutting back of the overhanging branches.**

The Clerk confirmed she had had a meeting with the Norfolk Arborist on the site and discussed the need to cut back the overhanging branches, noting an application to Breckland would be required as these trees are in the conservation area. A quote was

received in the sum of £420.00 plus VAT to undertake the work including the completion of the tree application. Councillor Bateman proposed this quote was accepted, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously. The Clerk confirmed that repairs to the fencing would cost approximately £100 and could be met from the already allocated playing field maintenance budget, Councillor Bateman proposed these repairs should proceed, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

**11. To receive information and consider a second defibrillator in Necton.**

Councillor Sisto has commenced looking in possible grants to assist with any purchase and has discussed placement of a second defibrillator with the owner of the Premier shop in Necton Councillor Sisto thereafter proposed the Council proceed with purchasing a second defibrillator, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously, noting costs to be obtained alongside possible grant information- these to be investigated by the Clerk. The Clerk to also receive official confirmation from Premier shop owner confirming his permission for it to be mounted on his wall.

**12. To receive proposal and consider improvements and costs involved to the land at the top of Tuns road at the junction with the A47.**

After discussions it was agreed to insert a question regarding the improvement of this piece of land into the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire in order to gather feedback and opinions from the residents. Noting that the tall Poplar trees at this site need some attention in the first instance. Thereafter Chair Bass proposed that the improvements question to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire and in the meantime the Clerk to obtain further quotes for the removal of the trees including root removal alongside quotes for height reduction and thereafter the Clerk to produce and share a report covering all quotes and advice received. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously. Noting it was further agreed that in the meantime Councillor Curtis could undertake some maintenance duties including weed killing and cutting back tree spurs.

**13. To discuss and consider liaising with school to increase Police profile in Necton.**

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

**14. To receive the quarterly update from Necton Area Trust pertaining to the Marlpit and note any questions**

The report was received and it was confirmed that it was expected to be at least another 18 months before the area is in a position to be safely opened to the public. Councillor Curtis stated some residents wished to see the site and work being undertaken and suggested a possible open day. The Clerk will contact NAT to ascertain if this can be arranged and advertised. - proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously.

## **15. To discuss and consider planting of cherry trees**

Councillor Spain confirmed that Necton Area Tust had kindly offered to supply and plant 6 ornamental cherry trees to be planted along the edge of the playing field/ car park nearest the road. It was agreed this will be on the agenda for the next NRCC for their consideration as owners of this land.

## **16. To consider proposal to use first names as opposed to 'Councillor' during meetings.**

Councillor Sisto proposed that going forward Councillors could be addressed by their first names to make the meetings less formal. This was seconded by Councillor Hicks, thereafter a vote took place where it was voted 2 for the proposal and 5 against. Noting therefore this motion was not carried.

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

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2021/1148/HOU</b>
PROPOSAL	Proposed front extension and internal alterations to dwelling
LOCATION	14 Elizabeth Drive
APPLICANT	Ms C Ellis

No Objections

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2021/1137/HOU</b>
PROPOSAL	Proposed ground floor extension to rear and first floor extension Over existing garage
LOCATION	Northview 2 Bells Meadow
APPLICANT	Mr G Moorhead

No Objections

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2021/1170/F</b>
PROPOSAL	Single Storey side extension
LOCATION	Playing Fields Pavillion, Tuns Road
APPLICANT	Mr Derek Woodbine

No Objections and Council fully support the application.

REFERENCE	<b>3PN/2021/1176/VAR</b>
PROPOSAL	Variation to condition 2 to 3PL/2019/1309/VAR – adding a balcony Over sun room to Rear (Plot 2 only)
LOCATION	Development at Damson Cottage, Necton Road
APPLICANT	Mr and Mrs Don Reeve

No Objections

## **18.To provide an update on the Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Spain confirmed the committee are currently working on version 6 of the questionnaire and that it is almost ready. The hope is that this is printed and distributed

and all responses received back by the end of November. Noting there is to be a prize draw held whereby a winner picked from all of the returned responses can win a cash prize- this is hoped to be undertaken in December.

**19.Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)**

Nothing raised.

**20.To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm