



Minutes No:
2021/38

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Annual Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 11th October 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 Annie Turner.

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk
Mark Kiddle- Morris (NCC)

Members of the public- 1

Date: Monday 11th October 2021

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Jennings and Hicks. Councillor Nigel Wilkin attended the before the meeting and left before the meeting commenced fully due to illness.

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 13th September 2021

Minutes for 13th September 2021 were proposed as accepted by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

4. Adjournment for public participation (10 mins)

No comments

5. Reports from:

Parish Council Clerk – Justine Luckhurst

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

Mark Kiddle- Morris- NCC

The report is attached to the minutes noting Councillor Kiddle-Morris added further information as follows. The proposed extension of the 30 mph speed limit on Browns Lane is going to public consultation soon. The Boundary Commission has now been completed and, from 2025 our division will thereafter be known as Yare and Necton. The Development Consent Order will go to public consultation in November to discuss the dualling of the A47 between Easton and Tuddenham.

Chair - Jean Bass

The Chair had nothing to report this month. Chair Bass confirmed on behalf of Councillor Wilkin that the Breckland DC offices are being re-vamped. This will free up some space that will be available for public hire.

Councillors

Councillor Turner noted that following the cutting of the hedges in the field behind the church on School Road the branches seem to have been left in the ditch and raised concerns this may cause issues with the ditch running freely.

Councillor Curtis confirmed residents had informed her the hedge on the boundary of 7 Ketts Hill has become very overgrown and is restricting access on the path. This property is empty and the development site is currently marketed for sale. Councillor Bateman stated he may have the contact details for the current owner and would provide these to the Clerk who would, thereafter make contact to ascertain if the owner has plans to cut back the hedge as in previous years. Councillor Curtis also confirmed that the school has suffered from trespass within the grounds and litter and broken glass have been left behind. Further confirming that the BT kiosk has had books removed which have been ripped up and discarded in the nearby area. The Police have been made aware of these issues.

Councillor Sisto confirmed that the resident experiencing individuals knocking on her door in the middle of the night is still experiencing these issues. The Police have been to visit her and discuss these distressing incidences and a neighbour has offered some support.

Councillor Barrett confirmed he is still monitoring the repair of the street lights at the A47/ Tuns Road junction, noting these are scheduled to be repaired.

Councillor Spain confirmed email correspondence has been received in regard to Vanguard and Boreas, noting they have asked for responses and comments pertaining to their ongoing correspondence with The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Energy. A response will be considered by the committee and any correspondence will be sent via the Clerk.

6. 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 Barrett and agreed unanimously.

7. To consider re-painting of village sign at entrance to Necton (top of Tuns Road/A47) – Councillor Curtis

Councillors Curtis and Spain kindly volunteered to re-paint the village sign in the original colours, noting these to be white and grey (as seen in historic photographs).

8. To consider a local workshop to discuss proposal to Vattenfall to recognise impact on Necton

Councillor Spain provided some background and confirmed that Vattenfall will set up a Community Fund whereby those affected by the Boreas and Vanguard can bid for funds to support environmental projects. The pilot question was set out to a vast number of neighbourhoods across Norfolk as a large radius was used, noting the majority of neighbourhoods within this radius are not directly affected. On a recent Zoom call George Freeman MP did raise the point the Necton should benefit more favourably from any funds available due to the direct impact on the village. Vattenfall are keen to hear our views and suggest a workshop could be held whereby residents can attend and offer suggestions on environmental improvements they could sponsor. Thereafter Councillor Bateman proposed a workshop should be arranged, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously. The Clerk to contact Vattenfall to discuss next steps.

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

REFERENCE	3PL/2021/1314/HOU
PROPOSAL	Retrospective Application for Erection of Pagoda (Garden Building)
LOCATION	14 Chantry Lane
APPLICANT	Ms W Barnard

No comment

10. To provide an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Spain confirmed the questionnaire is almost completed and after a final review by our instructed consultant this will be printed and distributed. Noting the plan is to deliver 2 questionnaires per household. Thereafter the responses will be entered into the prize draw which will be held at the December meeting whereby the winner of the cash prize will be announced.

Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris left the meeting at 8.15pm

11. To consider request for re- imbursement of partial allotment fees for those affected by flooding

After full discussions the Council decided not to consider the request made and to decline any requests for reimbursement. Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman thereafter all in agreement except for Councillor Sisto who abstained from voting. Noting the PC have already agreed to pay for groundworks to be undertaken this year to minimise any impact if unusual flooding occurs again.

12. To commence early discussions for income and expenditure including potential projects in early preparation for budget planning for year 2022/2023

The Clerk led the discussions by confirming that although only just over half way through the financial year consideration needs to be given to the budget and precept request for the next financial year. Noting the Precept request needs to be submitted by the end of January. It was recognised there are many ideas for future projects in the village noting these to be environmental as well as new amenities for residents to enjoy. It was also noted that some questions are included in the Neighbourhood Plan for residents to express their preferences on what they would like to see in Necton. The Clerk reminded the Council of the need to continue building up a fund in order to replace expensive play equipment when required. This will be an agenda item for the next few meetings and the Clerk would provide a basic draft budget in the first instance noting it may be pertinent to allocate a set amount to community projects in the first instance and thereafter the Council to propose which projects should proceed based on resident feedback, costs and available funds.

13. Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)

Nothing raised.

14. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm