



Minutes No:  
2021/39

## Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 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, Thirza Hicks, Genine Curtis and Mark Jennings

### **Additional attendees:**

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk  
Councillor Nigel Wilkin (Breckland District Council)

Members of the public - 2

**Date:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Place:** Necton Rural Community Centre

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

Apologies were received from Councillor's Spain and Turner and 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 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Minutes for 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were proposed as accepted by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Barrett and agreed unanimously.

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

A member of the public raised concerns in regards to the planning application for 2 x2 bed bungalows at 22 Mill street and wanted the Council to consider issues in regards to potential flooding and drainage at the site. Further expressing concern that the visibility and access at this site is impacted due to it being on a tight bend with little or no footpath in this area.

## **5. Reports from:**

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

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

### **Nigel Wilkin- Breckland Council**

Councillor Wilkin apologised for his absence at previous meetings due to illness. Thereafter provided instructions on how planning applications can be accessed via the Breckland planning portal. Confirming once on the Breckland planning portal to dismiss the Breckland Connect that pops up on screen. Thereafter stating that when it asks if you know the application number to press 'yes'. It then takes you to a new page. Here there is a list of parishes, once Necton is chosen you will then be able to see all the current applications.

### **Councillors**

Councillor Curtis confirmed the next SNAP meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> January and further confirmed that from February she will be the Chair of the all future SNAP meetings. Congratulations to Councillor Curtis were conveyed by the Council.

Councillor Barrett confirmed he is still pursuing the repair to the lights on the A47, noting the scheduled works have not been given an expected start date.

## **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 Jennings and agreed unanimously.

## **7. To consider report provided by Clerk and next steps regarding Poplar trees at entrance to Necton (top of Tuns Road/ A47) – All Councillors**

After discussing the report and noting that none of the arborists stated the trees were unhealthy it was agreed that the removal of the ivy should be the first course of action as this may mean the trees will not need to be cut down or have a crown reduction which could damage them. Thereafter Councillor Bateman confirmed that NAT would be prepared to undertake the work for free. The removal of the ivy and to instruct NAT to undertake the work at no charge was proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Jennings and agreed unanimously. Noting thanks was made to NAT for their generous offer.

## **8. To consider signs and/or additional dog bins at the Allotment and dog walking area. - Councillor Jennings**

Councillors Jennings has looked at the area around the allotments and the dog walking area and confirms that additional bins are not required but instead perhaps new signage to remind dog walkers that the bins should be used instead of just hanging poo bags from the trees. He proposed some signs are purchased and placed around the area to remind dog walkers to act responsibly and use the bins provided and not the trees. Seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

## **9. To receive update following recent attendance at a meeting and consider next steps regarding Crimestoppers Initiative – Chair Bass**

Chair Bass explained the Crime stoppers initiative and confirmed they are looking for ambassadors to promote. The Parish Council could be a community ambassador which

would mean promoting the scheme to residents and advertise Crime stoppers and what they can do. Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously.

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

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2021/1426/O</b>
PROPOSAL	Proposed 2x 2 bed semi-detached bungalows (Outline application)
LOCATION	22 Mill Street
APPLICANT	Mrs Bowcock

Concerns were raised regarding the amenity space for the new properties and also the reduced amenity space this would provide the existing property if approved. Concerns were raised regarding flooding and drainage at this site as well as access and visibility issues.

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2021/1397/F</b>
PROPOSAL	Residential Development comprising 9 no. 3 & 4 bedroom houses, garages and means of access
LOCATION	Residential Development School Road
APPLICANT	Cherry Tree Developments

No objections

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2021/1454/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

#### **11. To provide an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and receive the finalised questionnaire- Councillor Bateman**

Councillor Bateman confirmed that after many hours of discussions and meetings the finalised questionnaire is now currently in production and should be printed by the end of the week. This will be delivered to all residents by the Councillors by the 15<sup>th</sup> of November with the aim for them to be completed and returned by the end of the month. This will provide enough time for the responses to be entered into the prize draw which will be held at the December meeting. Thanks was passed on to all Councillors for undertaking the delivery of these.

#### **12. To provide an update following meeting held with head at Necton School- Councillor Curtis**

Councillor Curtis confirmed she met with the Head and other teachers at the school and stated the meeting was very successful, many ideas were discussed including a suggestion that Parish Councillors visit the school to let the children know what a Parish Council does and also to hear the views of the children and gather their thoughts and opinions on what they would like to see in Necton. Chair Bass proposed Councillors Hicks and Curtis liaise with the school to arrange a visit. Seconded by Councillor Sisto and agreed unanimously.

**13. To discuss recent Pageant Masters Zoom meeting and consider any pertinent suggestions for our Platinum Jubilee celebrations- Chair Bass and Councillor Bateman**

Chair Bass and Councillor Bateman confirmed that beacons or bonfires are being organised across the country to celebrate the Jubilee. Noting the first day of celebrations – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June will follow a national agenda and that Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June is the day where villages and towns can organise their own bespoke celebrations. The Jubilee committee has a meeting planned in December where these ideas will be discussed, noting if a beacon is recommended this will be something that may need to be purchased. Further noting another suggestion if a bonfire or beacon is not deemed suitable is to plant a circle of 7 trees to recognise the 7 decades of The Queen being on the throne. It was also noted the PCC plan to hold a Festival Service to celebrate and this was likely to commence at 10.00 at Necton All Saints church.

**14. To commence early discussions for income and expenditure including potential projects in early preparation for budget planning for year 2022/2023- All Councillors**

The Clerk provided an update on the current position regarding funds and confirmed the approximate amount of funds expected to be available for the new financial year. Ideas were discussed in regards to various projects - noting these need to be approved at future meetings. The Clerk will provide another draft budget in readiness for the next meeting and include some of the suggested ideas and costs in order for these to be considered.

**15. To consider grant request received from All Saints Church ( Necton PCC) to assist with grass cutting and pruning –**

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

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

A member of the public asked the PC to consider providing funds to support the renovations of the clock at All Saints Church. The Clerk stated that clarification was needed to understand if this was something the PC was legally allowed to consider as it was believed that financial support for church buildings was prohibited. The Clerk confirmed she would investigate and update all concerned.

**17. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm