



Minutes No:
2021/40

Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held
Monday 13th December 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
Councillor Nigel Wilkin (Breckland District Council)
Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris (NCC)

Members of the public - 5

Date: Monday 13th December 2021

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor's Hicks and Jennings

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 8th November 2021

Minutes for 8th November 2021 were proposed as accepted by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Barrett and agreed unanimously.

4. Adjournment for public participation (10 mins)

Nothing raised

5. Reports from:

Parish Council Clerk – Justine Luckhurst

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

Mark Kiddle- Morris- NCC

Councillor Kiddle- Morris read out his report which is attached to the minutes

Nigel Wilkin- Breckland Council

Councillor Wilkin confirmed the recent full council meeting was postponed due a large number of individuals who were unable to attend due to Covid related issues. He further confirmed that there is a Planning meeting scheduled for next week and Breckland are trying to find solutions to minimise any Covid risks in light of the new variant to members of the public who may attend.

Chair Jean Bass

Chair Bass read out her statement

" I was called out to a property in my area that had sewage overflowing due to a broken pump at the end of the road. The pump is only 2 years old and, on speaking to the engineer, he did say it could have been caused by an excess of water over time. AWA are pumping out until the permanent pump is repaired. Once again excess and misdirected water is causing problems in the foul water system."

Councillors

Councillor Turner wanted it noted she was happy the planning application at 22 Mill Street had been withdrawn as she had concerns regarding the water/ drainage that would have been beneath these proposed new properties. Further confirming that Saffron Housing have now cleared the ditch behind Woodward Avenue and that the ditches near the Church are also running freely.

Councillor Sisto stated the hedge near the bus stop on the A47 is very overgrown- the Clerk will take this forward. He also confirmed the lights in the Community Centre car park were not working properly- again the Clerk will take this forward.

Councillor Spain noted that the lamps on the A47 with the junction with Tuns Road were still not working.

Councillor Bateman provided an update in regards to Vattenfall Norfolk Boreas stating that on Friday 10th December the Secretary of State (SoS) for BEIS consented the planning application for the Norfolk Boreas windfarm Development Consent Order (DCO). The consent decision was contrary to the recommendation made by the Examination Authority (ExA), as follows:

"10.3.1. For all the above reasons and in the light of the ExA's findings and conclusions on important and relevant matters set out in this Recommendation Report, the ExA under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) recommends that the SoS should not make an Order granting development consent for the Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm."

As identified in multiple submissions to the examination, the consequences from this consent will cause an unprecedented ecological disaster with environmental damage from which the UK will never be able to recover.

The SoS BEIS also previously granted consent for the Hornsea 3 and Norfolk Vanguard windfarm projects, and both were contrary to the recommendations of the respective ExA's, and without due regard. The Judicial Review successfully challenged the consent decision for Norfolk Vanguard; The decision was found to be unlawful and subsequently quashed. As the sister project to Boreas, the Norfolk Vanguard DCO application is now awaiting the SoS BEIS's decision on its 'Re-determination'.

The likely grounds for any challenge to Boreas would probably need to focus on the offshore environmental impact and discussions are currently taking place with all the many environmental groups across East Anglia as possible to see who might want to join a campaign to challenge the determination and who might lead it.

Councillor Curtis confirmed the Local beat officers had been made aware of complaints of joyriders in the village and they are monitoring this and taking forward. She confirmed PC Button is currently undertaking Royal duties but PC Robinson is still covering Necton.

Councillor Barrett confirmed he is still regularly chasing the repairs to the lamps on the A47.

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 Spain and agreed unanimously.

7. To draw the winning tickets for the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Prize Draw and thereafter to provide update on the Plan

Chair Bass passed on her thanks to all the members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee for all of their hard work and hours they have contributed thus far, (Ken Barrett, Kathy Barrett, Fraser Bateman, Genine Curtis, Phil Hayton, Susan Heinrich, David Moncaster, Ian Poole, Alice Spain, Nigel Wilkin and the Clerk). Thanks were conveyed back to Chair Bass for her contribution.

Councillor Spain confirmed the response to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire was a great success with 517 responses. 12 of these were duplicates which provided 505 responses, approximately a 27% return rate. Noting 76 responses were made online and 392 were completed paper copies.

Thereafter Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris was asked to pick the winning tickets for the prize draw. The winning numbers were

1st prize winning £250 was **9020**
2nd prize winning £100 was **1184**
3rd prize winning £50 was **7035**

8. To provide update regarding signs at the Allotment and dog walking area

As Councillor Jennings was not in attendance this update will be deferred until the next meeting.

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

REFERENCE	3PL/2021/1513/HOU
PROPOSAL	Single storey rear extension

LOCATION Eastgate Cottage, 3 Eastgate park
APPLICANT Mr and Mrs Sutton

No objections

10. To consider grant request to contribute towards the restoration of the Church Clock

The Clerk confirmed that under the Parish Councils Act 1957 s2. the Parish Council was able to assist with the restoration of the clock. Further confirming funds are available. Necton PC Grants Policy deems that donations can be made up to £250 and that although the policy states only one grant application can be made per year per organisation the Council can consider additional grants in exceptional circumstances (General conditions point 9)

Chair Bass proposed that the request from Necton PCC was considered as this was exceptional circumstances, seconded by Councillor Sisto and thereafter agreed unanimously.

Councillor Barrett proposed the sum of £500 to be granted to Necton PCC, seconded by Councillor Bateman and thereafter agreed unanimously.

11. To consider Anglia Water poster and inclusion in Link magazine of written piece regarding drain management

Following an addition from Councillor Bateman Chair Bass proposed the that the poster could be displayed and the statement regarding sewage best practices/ meeting with Anglia Water should be included within the next edition of Link, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

12. To consider the prepared budget and precept request for 2022/2023 and discuss and consider community projects

The Clerk provided an explanation of how the precept is calculated and the impact on a Band D property, noting this is used as an average figure. Thereafter noting a 2% increase in the precept would support rising expenditure, noting the precept was not increased last year. Thereafter discussed the proposed budget for 2022/2023 and funds available for additional community projects.

Chair Bass proposed the precept request to be £71400. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

Chair Bass proposed the budget for 2022/2023 to be accepted, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

Any community projects will be discussed at upcoming meetings, noting the budget has allocated funds to cover any projects.

13. To consider statement from Necton Parish Council for Breckland's Statement of Community Involvement Consultation

Councillor Bateman proposed that no comments were required from Necton PC, seconded by Councillor Turner and agreed unanimously.

14. To consider statement from Necton Parish Council for NCC's budget for 2022-2023 as part of their consultation process

Chair Bass proposed that no comments were required from Necton PC, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

15. To provide update on Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Councillor Bateman confirmed that a meeting will be held in the New year and further updates will be provided after this has taken place

16. To receive the latest report from Necton Area Trust on progress at the Marlpit-

All Councillors confirmed they had received the update provided by Necton Area Trust and the Chair passed on her compliments on the progress and the work that NAT has undertaken there so far. The Clerk confirmed that as the owners of land the PC will make the decision as to when this can be opened to the public. A meeting with NAT will take place early next year where their guidance on this will be sought. It was also confirmed that whilst some volunteers have helped thus far at the Marlpit this has been under strict supervision and following rigid risk assessments. Any updates regarding the Marlpit are included in the monthly insert provided by the Clerk in the Link magazine when relevant and NAT also provide updates in this way. They also have a website and Facebook page where progress can be viewed.

17. Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)

Nothing raised

18. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm