



Minutes No:
2022/41

Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held
Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre**

Parish Councillors (6) present:

Chair Jean Bass, Councillors Fraser Bateman, Joe Sisto, Alice Spain, Genine Curtis and Councillor Hicks

Additional attendees:

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

Members of the public - 0

Date: Monday 10th January 2022

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Jennings, Councillor 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.

Chair Bass disclosed an interest in agenda item 11 and confirmed she would not participate in discussions or vote.

3. To approve minutes of Council meetings of 13th December 2021

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

4. Adjournment for public participation (10 mins)

Np public present

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 Clerk read the report provided by Councillor Kiddle- Morris which is attached to the minutes

Chair Jean Bass

"I wish to advise everyone that Ken Barrett has decided to resign from the Parish Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work on the Council and other committees."

Councillors

Councillor Spain confirmed that members of Necton Area Trust and Councillor Curtis undertook work on the poplar trees at the entrance to the village over the weekend. The ivy that was strangling the trees has now been removed and it was noted from photographs provided that these now look much improved. They continued their hard work by completely some gardening work at the community garden which included work on the fruit trees and weeding. Thanks was given to NAT and Councillor Curtis for their hard work. Councillor Spain continued by confirming that the replacement trees to fill the gaps along the edge of the playing field will be ready for collection soon and will be planted thereafter. Councillor Curtis confirmed she attended the latest SNAP meeting in Swaffham in the previous week. There was nothing to report regarding Necton and the next SNAP will be held in Narborough as they plan to take the meetings 'on the road'.

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 Bateman and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk confirmed that following the migration from E-on to Npower for our street lighting the new bill may be incorrect- this is being investigated. The Clerk has spoken to Npower in depth regarding this and it may be that they are using an old Unmetered Supply Certificate. This was upgraded when the lighting was converted to LED and had been implemented by E-on. It may be that this was not sent over Npower and this may be causing a higher bill. The Clerk was informed this could take some days to investigate and therefore the Clerk has decided to pay the usual and expected amount and not the increased bill whilst waiting for this to be resolved.

7. To agree the dates for meetings to be held for the following financial year (2022-2023)

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

8. To approve the appointment of Jo Boxall as the internal auditor for this financial year

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

9. To consider the street light plan for the street lighting at Erne Farm

Following inspection of the supplied drawings it was agreed that the PC should agree to the design layout but to ask the developers to consider lighting outside plots numbers 59,60,61 and 62 as this cul-de-sac area seemed very dark. The Clerk to revert to the developers and NCC to confirm. This was proposed by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

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

Councillor Jennings was not present at the meeting but Chair Bass confirmed he had stated he will endeavour to complete this within the next couple of weeks.

11. To consider grant request from Silver Threads

A donation was proposed by Councillor Spain, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously to be made to Silver Threads in the sum of £28.97 to cover the cost of the new bingo machine they had purchased.

12. To discuss and consider a flooding workshop to be held in the Community Centre for residents

Councillor Curtis discussed a possible workshop to be held in March at the Community Centre whereby residents could attend and gain information in regards to flooding issues in Necton. The aim would be to provide advice, guidance and signposting when issues occur. It was felt that not all residents are aware of how they can help reduce flooding issues and are unaware of the work the PC is undertaking to try and support where possible. Councillor Bateman proposed this event was arranged, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously. Councillor Curtis will look at next steps.

13. To consider instructing a Planning Consultant to assist with the Vattenfall panning application with respect to Boreas and Vanguard

Councillor Spain explained that, following the DCO for Boreas it will then be Breckland DC who will need to approve the planning application. This will be in regards to some of the more finite details, for example the trees to be planted, colour of the building and such like. Necton PC will be a consultee and it would be prudent to ensure we have as much information regarding policies etc. to assist with any comments or objections we may have. As this is such a large project a Planning Consultant would be able to provide professional guidance and advice in this regard. During discussions it was noted that if approved we could consider approaching neighbouring Parish Councils to enquire whether they would want to assist with costs of this.

Thereafter Councillor Bateman proposed that Necton PC approach some consultants to ascertain what they can offer and gain costings. Seconded by Chair Bass. Agreed by all except Councillor Sisto who abstained

14. Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)

No public present

15. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.30pm.

16.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)

Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

17.To consider all tender applications received and approve the contract for the grass cutting at the Community Centre playing field.

After consideration of all tender applications received it was proposed by Chair Bass the contract should be awarded to TTSR Ltd, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

18. To consider next steps (including any financial and non-financial next steps) following the award of a Development Consent Order for Boreas.

Councillor Bateman proposed that Necton PC should donate a one off payment of £2500 to any parties that raise a challenge to the Boreas DCO with the caveat there would no further donations made. This was seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm