



Minutes No:  
2022/43

## Necton Parish Council

**Minutes Parish Council Meeting held  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre**

**Parish Councillors (5) present:**

Chair Jean Bass, Councillors Fraser Bateman, Joe Sisto, Mark Jennings and Annie Turner

**Additional attendees:**

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk

Councillor Nigel Wilkin (Breckland Council)

Members of the public - 5

**Date:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Place:** Necton Rural Community Centre

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Curtis, Councillor Hicks and Councillor Spain

**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

**3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Minutes for 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were proposed as accepted by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman 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.

**Nigel Wilkin - Breckland DC**

Councillor Wilkin said he had received queries regarding the proposed name for the Erne Farm development, noting that residents stated that calling it Mill Towers may be confusing as its not near Mill Street. The Clerk confirmed no discussions or invitation from the developers had been received inviting suggestions for the new name and we could look to add to the agenda for April's meeting to discuss. Thereafter Councillor Wilkin confirmed that he has commissioned some information plaques to be erected on the old windmill base on his property in Mill Street. These plaques will provide information on the history of the old windmill and he plans to unveil these on the Platinum Jubilee weekend.

### **Chair**

I am pleased to say the coffee morning - first Thursday of every month - is growing in popularity. We had 8 present last time. Our next coffee morning is on 7<sup>th</sup> April. I would like to record my thanks to Councillor Curtis and Hicks for helping at the coffee morning. Also to Councillor Bateman for providing monthly updated adverts for the notice board. Our 5<sup>th</sup> May coffee morning will have a speaker talking about avoiding fraud and improving savings in these difficult times - more detailed advertising will be in place for our May date.

I would also like to thank the link editors for their help in advertising.

The Chair also reminded everyone the Flooding Workshop is being held on 28<sup>th</sup> March at the Community Centre.

### **Councillors**

Councillor Turner stated there were a number of potholes on School Road. The Clerk confirmed these can be reported to NCC either via the Clerk or by the individual on NCC's website. Councillor Turner will provide more information – size, depth and location to the Clerk so these can be reported.

Councillor Bateman confirmed the open day for the Marlpit to be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March between 10.00am and 4.00pm. This has been advertised on posters in the noticeboards and on the PC and NAT's websites. He asked all Councillors if they could attend and confirmation was received from all Councillors present.

Councillor Jennings reminded everyone that the ongoing dog fouling issue needs to be continually reported to Breckland and this can be done via their website or by calling them. Noting the more queries and complaints they receive would, hopefully ensure they take some action to stop this.

### **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 Sisto and agreed unanimously.

### **7. To allow Susan Catlin express her interest in becoming a Councillor (5 minutes allowed)**

Susan addressed the Council and provided a background on her career, hobbies and why she wished to become a Councillor.

### **8.To vote on the co-option of a new Councillor onto the Council by a show of hands**

A vote was held by a show of hands and all Councillors voted in favour of co-opting Susan onto the Council. Thereafter Susan completed all paperwork (Declaration of Acceptance and Pecuniary Interests) and was invited to join the Council.

**9. To review and consider the following policies: Financial Regulations, Internal Controls, Dignity at Work and Grants Policy**

Financial Regulations Policy - Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously

Internal Controls Policy – Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Jennings and agreed unanimously.

Dignity at Work Policy - Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

Grants Policy- Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Sisto and agreed unanimously.

**10. To receive an update from the Clerk regarding permissions for planters for Necton in Bloom and consider next steps**

The Clerk confirmed that licences were needed from Breckland and these are usually issued on an annual basis. Once we know the exact location then the Clerk can liaise with Breckland in order to apply for these. This is to be an agenda item at the next meeting and in the meantime the Clerk will obtain further information pertaining to costings for said licences.

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

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2022/0104/HOU</b>
PROPOSAL	Two storey rear extension
LOCATION	24A Hale Road
APPLICANT	Mrs C Smith

No objections

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2021/1454/HOU- Revised plans</b>
PROPOSAL	Proposed ground floor extension to rear & first floor extension over existing garage
LOCATION	Northview 2 Bells Meadow
APPLICANT	Mr G Moorhead

No comment

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2022/0263/HOU</b>
PROPOSAL	Single storey side extension (householder)
LOCATION	1 Burnside
APPLICANT	Mr A Smith

No objections

**12.To consider and approve revised budget for 2022-2023 –**

Councillor Bateman proposed the draft budget was accepted as the final budget for 2022-2023, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

**13.To consider and approve the Asset register for 2022-2023 –**

Chair Bass proposed the Asset register was approved, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

**14.To receive the latest report from Necton Area Trust on progress at the Marlpit**

The latest report was received and comments were made praising the high quality of the report and the progress made thus far. No questions were raised.

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

This provides the opportunity for the public to raise awareness of an issue for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting

A resident confirmed that many home owners in the Kingfisher Drive area were angry at the dog fouling happening in that area and has a number of letters confirming this. The Clerk reminded the resident that the PC has no powers to enforce the Law but Breckland does. Whilst we fully support them in this issue and indeed, we have reported to Breckland on their behalf we have limited powers and recommend that individuals make similar reports. By doing this the hope is Breckland will have to take forward. The Clerk confirmed reports can be made anonymously and can be done via the website or over the phone. Council Wilkin also confirmed he would take forward on resident's behalf also.

A resident stated the lorries travelling to and from the local farms are extremely large and may cause a danger on the roads they are using in Necton. It was confirmed the PC have no control over this as these roads are deemed suitable for HGV's.

Councillor Wilkin reminded the Council that last year Councillor Hicks suggested the street lights were turned off during the night. Whilst this was not agreed it may be worth considering again in view of increasing energy costs. The Clerk confirmed this would be added to the next agenda for consideration.

**16.To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm.**

**17.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) - Chair**

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

**18.To discuss and consider the car parking area at the allotments/ dog walking area and decide next steps.**

The Council discussed the recent issues and complaints regarding the fence that was erected in the car park area at the allotments. Noting this has since been removed. Notwithstanding this there is still an ongoing issue with manure and wood chippings delivered there for use on the allotments is being stolen. The Council agreed a suggestion that a small compound area be fenced off to secure an area for the manure and woodchip. This suggestion to be discussed with Necton Allotment Association and thereafter any request received from them can be considered- noting dimensions and location would be required for consideration.

The meeting closed 8.50pm