



Minutes No:  
2022/44

# Necton Parish Council

## Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre**

### **Parish Councillors (7) present:**

Chair Jean Bass, Councillors Genine Curtis, Fraser Bateman, Joe Sisto, Alice Spain, Thirza Hicks and Sue Catlin

### **Additional attendees:**

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk

Members of the public - 6

**Date:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Place:** Necton Rural Community Centre

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Jennings and Councillor Turner. Apologies also received from NCC Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris

### **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.*

Councillor Catlin confirmed she would not participate on any voting for items 13 and 14 as she is Secretary for Necton Allotment Association.

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

Minutes for 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were proposed as accepted by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously. (Noting Councillor Spain did not vote as she was not present as the previous meeting)

### **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.

### **Chair**

At the Flood update meeting on 28 March we had 23 residents attend. Everyone was given a flood pack with hints on how to become prepared for a flood and the letter sent by George Freeman and Lord Dannant to Michael Gove about flooding and planning.

Flood packs were also delivered to residents later who were interested but unable to attend the meeting.

Following that meeting the Vice Chair Genine Curtis and myself met with a resident who was interested in finding out about forming a residents association.

### **Councillors**

Councillor Spain confirmed the trees at the edge of the main car park have now been planted and confirmed these were donated by NAT.

Councillor Bateman passed on his thanks to the Councillors for their support at the recent Marlpit Open day. Confirming 138 local residents attended and from that 12 people have stated they would like to volunteer and help at the site. The next two Saturdays will be volunteer induction days and these volunteers will be given some insight into the work required. The Festival planning is going well and this will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July. The format will be very similar to the successful 2019 Festival and Planet Abba will headline the event. Any tickets sales from the cancelled 2021 Festival will be honoured and ticket sales will start in May. The Jubilee Beacon needs to be lit on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.45pm and an area in the car park at the Hall is most suitable. Councillor Bateman will liaise with the Sports and Social Club to see if they will be open to serve refreshments. Councillor Curtis confirmed she will liaise with the school to see if they would be interested in performing the official song.

Councillor Catlin confirmed that there seems to be an improvement regarding dog fouling incidents.

Councillor Curtis confirmed that Mark Ogden is aware that the man hole covers are still to be sealed as agreed and he will take this forward.

**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 Curtis and agreed unanimously.

**7. To receive the end of financial year accounts summary prepared by the Clerk and RFO**

Reports received by all Councillors and attached to the minutes

**8. To consider street lighting contract with Npower and compare with quotes received**

Following consideration of the quotes provided by our instructed broker Chair Bass proposed the 3year contract with SSE be accepted, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

**9. To discuss initial ideas in regards to turning off some street lights during the night to reduce energy consumption**

Discussions were held and it was agreed this is a subject that needs thorough investigation and research. Noting also a public consultation will be required once all evidence is considered regarding light switching off. Councillor Catlin agreed she would take forward the required investigative work including case studies, legalities, who needs to be consulted, safety concerns etc. These will be reported back at the next meeting

**10. To consider drafted letter and agree if it should be sent to Breckland requesting a meeting to discuss next steps regarding Vanguard/ Boreas**

Councillor Spain provided some background as to why the letter should be sent to Breckland. Confirming that we should inform Breckland of our desire to work with them on behalf of Necton residents and it would be sensible to commence this at the beginning of the planning stage. Councillor Spain thereafter proposed the draft letter to be sent to Breckland by the Clerk. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

**11. To consider delegation to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee the identification of suitable sites as part of Breckland DC Call for Sites Consultation and to confirm these in time for consideration at the May meeting**

Councillor Spain informed the Council she had spoken with our Neighbourhood Plan consultant regarding this. Noting the timeframe for Necton's Neighbourhood Plan to be delivered to Breckland is May 2023. Further confirming that because of this timeframe we have enough sites already identified and therefore we do not need to actively participate in this part of their consultation. Noting the consultation is also a call from green sites it was noted the Marlpit should be registered as such. Councillor Bateman proposed the motion was not approved, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed by all except Councillor Sisto. Noting it was agreed the Marlpit should be registered with Breckland as a green space.

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

The Clerk confirmed Breckland would need to know the exact location of any proposed planters. They would then consider these and grant a one-year licence to put on their land if they are agreeable. Noting one licence can cover all planters and there is no fee for this. It was agreed Councillors would consider potential sites for these planters and Councillor Bateman would use online tools such as Parish Online to confirm land ownership if required. These will be considered at the next PC meeting.

**13. To consider a request from Necton Allotment Association to erect a fence to section off some rough ground to create a compound for their materials.**

Chair Bass proposed this request was approved, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously (noting Councillor Catlin did not participate)

**14. To consider request from the removal of a small tree at the allotments**

Councillor Spain proposed this request was approved, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously (noting Councillor Catlin did not participate) – noting the Clerk to confirm with Mona Hill Trust this is acceptable to them as the land owners

### **15. To receive an update from the recent SNAP meeting**

Councillor Curtis confirmed she attended and Chaired this recent meeting held in Narborough. Noting the next meeting is in Ashill on 5<sup>th</sup> July and Necton will be hosting on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Councillor Curtis confirmed that the individuals responsible for the recent vandalism in the church have been charged and fined and issued with community orders.

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

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2022/0346/D</b>
PROPOSAL	Reserved Matters application for erection of 8 Dwellings, (3 Bungalows and 5 Houses) following outline planning 3PL/2019/1015/O
LOCATION	Former school field
APPLICANT	Hall Contracts Ltd

No objection

### **17. 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 member of the public asked who was responsible for litter picking on the A47- the Clerk confirmed this was Breckland and an email has been recently sent to them to state the litter in this area is quite bad. The Clerk also confirmed the new caretaker will be looking after the small community garden behind the Hall.

A resident suggested that we look into solar lights for the street lighting.

A resident raised concerns regarding speeding in the village, Councillor Curtis covered the Speedwatch initiative and confirmed volunteers were required to undertake this. She will take forward with the resident who was interested in this programme.

### **18. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed 8.54pm