



Minutes No:
2022/45

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.30 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

Parish Councillors (7) present:

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

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk

Members of the public - 2

Date: Monday 9th May 2022

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

Councillors were asked to review their signed declarations of interest and update as required

1.To receive nominations for the post of Chairman and elect a member to the post.

Councillor Hicks proposed Councillor Bass, seconded by Councillor Catlin. No other nominations were proposed and seconded. Thereafter a unanimous show of hands confirmed Councillor Bass to be elected as Chair for the forthcoming year. Thereafter the Declaration of Acceptance was duly signed

2.To receive nominations for the post of Vice- Chairman and elect a member to the post.

Chair Bass proposed Councillor Curtis and seconded by Councillor Hicks, no other nominations were proposed and seconded. Thereafter a unanimous show of hands confirmed Councillor Curtis elected as Vice chair

3.To confirm Councillor to undertake quarterly financial checks.

Chair Bass proposed Councillor Bateman to continue undertaking this. Seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously

4.To elect members for the NRCC Committee

The following members were appointed to the NRCC Committee- Councillors Hicks, Bateman, Sisto, Spain, Catlin and Curtis and Chair Bass. Noting absent Councillors can request to be appointed if they require.

5.To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillors Jennings and Turner. Also received from Councillor Nigel Wilkin and Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris

6.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

7.To approve minutes of Council meeting of 11th April 2022

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

8.To receive the approved minutes of the NRCC meeting held on 28th February 2022

The Clerk confirmed these have been received

9.Adjournment for public participation (10 mins)

This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda before the Council make decisions.

None

10.Reports from:

Parish Clerk –

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

Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris

The Clerk distributed the report from Councillor Kiddle-Morris in his absence to all Councillors.

Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin

Councillor Wilkin was not present at the meeting

Chair

Nothing to report

Councillors

Councillor Curtis confirmed she had received reports of a suspicious white van driving around Necton. The number plate was captured and this has been report to the Police.

11.To approve Bills made, to be made and approve late payments as necessary: To receive financial update and monthly reconciliation for consideration.

See separate payments list

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

12.To approve the annual governance statement 2021/2022

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

To approve the accounting statement for 2021/2022.

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

To confirm the process by which electors may exercise their rights of inspection of Annual Return

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

13.To continue discussions and findings in regards to turning off some street lights during the night and to consider next steps

Councillor Catlin provided some information confirming studies have been undertaken and evidence therein confirms there to be positive impact on the environment, reduction in energy usage and evidence showing improved mental health in residents when lights are switched off. The largest study was a National Study in 2015 which concluded that switching off lights in the small hours posed no significant risks. Further investigations and research is required on this subject as well as consulting residents. The next Neighbourhood Plan open day event is to be held in September and this would be an opportunity to seek some initial feedback from those who attend. Meanwhile Councillors Bateman and Catlin will work together to research costs of switches for the lights and possible energy saving costs. Councillor Spain will liaise with Vattenfall to see if this could be a possible consideration for them to fund from their Community Fund scheme. Updates to be provided at the next meeting.

14.To consider donation request from Necton Sports and Social Club to fund cost of bouncy castle hire for children's use at their Jubilee celebration

The Clerk confirmed there was sufficient budget to support this. A donation of £205 was proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously. Noting the condition of this donation was to ensure a reputable company was used to hire these bouncy castles and they would erect and provide sufficient indemnity insurance cover.

15.Queen's Platinum Jubilee - to receive an update regarding the beacon lighting and to consider other events including financial contributions or other events celebrating the Jubilee

It was confirmed the beacon has been ordered. Noting the cost of this was £490.00 plus VAT. It was thereafter noted that the gas canister is still to be purchased. The Clerk confirmed there would be approximately £200 of the agreed budget remaining for other items to celebrate the event. Councillor Hicks proposed £100 was used to purchase a tree and plaque (Councillors Spain and Bateman to source) to be planted in the Marlpit and the remaining £100 to be used for children's prizes at the events being held at the street party. Seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously.

16.To retrospectively agree the amended price for the street lighting contract following the price increase implemented between quotes received and paperwork returned and for the budget to be amended accordingly

Proposed by Councillor Spain, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

17.To consider setting up a direct debit to pay BT for the mobile phone each month

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

18.To discuss the newly formed Design Review Panel between Breckland DC and Vattenfall and consider next steps

Councillor Spain confirmed this panel is to be set up in order for Breckland and Vattenfall to discuss the design/ colour of the substation. Councillors Spain, Bass and Bateman met with Simon Wood, Director of Planning at Breckland on 29th April 2022. Necton wish to be involved on this panel to have some input into the design of the building and Simon has no objections to this. It would appear that Vattenfall are keen to keep the panel limited to just Breckland council. Councillor Spain thereafter spent hours researching all reports as Simon was keen to explore the legal stance as to whether Necton PC can be part of the Panel.

The DCO states only that a design review is required but does not stipulate who is to be involved. The Examining Authority Report clearly states we should be involved and the Design and Access Statement does not make any reference to this matter.

She confirmed it states all parties must behave in a reasonable manner in dealing with the Independent Design Review (IDR) and therefore, as the Examining Authority Report states we should be involved the Secretary of State would be expected to consider the recommendations therein. Councillor Spain confirmed she would provide all of the information she researched to Simon Wood as this would give him a basis to consider our involvement on the Panel as this would be considered reasonable as per the Examining Authority Report.

As agreed at a previous meeting we may wish to instruct a consultant to represent us and also seek legal guidance and the barrister who worked with Ray Pearce at the recent Judicial Review may provide his services pro- bono.

Next steps agreed were for Councillor Bateman to contact the QC via ELF (Environment Law Foundation). The Clerk to continue to liaise with Holme Hale PC to see if they wish to work with us on this matter (and possible sharing of costs) and to contact Simon Wood to confirm Necton PC wish to be part of the Panel and to arrange another meeting with him. Costings for a landscape consultant to be provided at the next meeting

The Chair passed on her thanks and that of the PC to Councillor Spain for all of the hard work she had undertaken and the numbers of hours of her time to undertake this

19.To consider planters outside the Hall and position for planters within Necton as part of Necton in Bloom and consider next steps

Councillor Bateman proposed the planters to be purchased, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

A working party consisting of Councillors Spain, Curtis and Catlin to be formed (noting residents and non-Councillors can join) was proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

20.To consider and approve reviewed and updated policies

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

Co-option Policy- Proposed by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

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

REFERENCE	3PL/2022/0328/HOU
PROPOSAL	Proposed Two Storey Side & Rear Extensions with Juliet Balcony and associated internal alterations (Revised scheme
LOCATION	Necton Cottage Tuns Road
APPLICANT	Miss S Rouanet

No objections

22.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 raised an issue regarding an overgrown hedge. The Clerk confirmed this can be reported at any time directly to the Clerk. Details were taken and the Clerk to report to NCC

23.To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.30pm

24.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 Curtis and agreed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

25.To consider the details regarding the sliding scale of the fencing costs for the land to be leased at the Marlpit- All Councillors

The draft lease and proposed sliding scales were agreed. Proposed by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

26.To discuss Clerks salary increase following successful completion of CiLCA qualification.

The Clerks salary was agreed to be increased to SCP 24. Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman. Voting was 6 for and 1 against.

The meeting closed 9.15pm