

# **Necton Parish Council**

# **Minutes Parish Council Meeting held**

# Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.30 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

## Parish Councillors (8) present:

Councillors Jean Bass, Genine Curtis, Fraser Bateman, Mark Jennings, Alice Spain, Thirza Hicks and Sue Catlin

#### Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk Mark Kiddle- Morris- NCC Councillor Nigel Wilkin- Breckland DC Councillor

Members of the public - 2

Date: Monday 13th June 2022

**Time:** 7.30 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

### 1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Joe Sisto.

# 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 meeting of 9th May 2022

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

## 4. 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

### 5.Reports from:

### Parish Clerk -

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

## Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris

NCC are continuing with negotiations with the Government as part of their 'levelling up' plans. Confirming that in order to receive monies to improve infrastructure NCC would need to appoint an additional elected leader to receive these funds. The hope is that all discussions will be resolved within the coming weeks after meetings are held. The Norfolk Assistance Scheme has funding to support those currently in need. Help is available for the elderly and carers as well as those on low incomes. Notices will be re- displayed in the notice boards and can be found on the NCC website.

## **Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin**

Councillor Wilkin confirmed the food vehicle that has been visiting has been well received and with more parishes requesting it to visit them it is likely to be expanded and extended.

### Chair

At the last coffee morning I am pleased to say we had 16 people attend. Our next one is on Thursday 7 July. I would like some help please and perhaps those of you who haven't been able to attend one yet - Councillors Turner, Jennings and Spain would like to help me? Let me know

My thanks to the Windmill for the excellent Jubilee celebrations and also to the Jubilee working group from the Parish Council.

I would like to record my thanks to the following Councillors for their hard work. To Councillor Catlin for planting up the tubs for the Jubilee and to Councillor Curtis for helping with the bunting and lucky dip at the Jubilee Street Party.

Myself and Councillors Curtis, Catlin and Spain attended the Church Jubilee Thanksgiving Service on 5 June. We were welcomed by Reverend Thorp who thanked the Parish Council again for their contribution to the clock repair. A plaque will be placed in the Church with the names of the donors to the repair costs.

#### Councillors

Councillor Bateman confirmed the Necton festival preparations are on track and further confirmed that at this point it will break even from a financial perspective. Therefore, all additional tickets sales will generate a profit from the event.

Councillor Catlin confirmed she had received even more complaints regarding the hedge at a property near the shops. The Clerk confirmed she had received reports also. As this hedge is privately owned the Clerk has reported this issue to NCC.

6.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 Hicks and agreed unanimously.

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

Councillors Catlin and Bateman confirmed they had costings calculated but felt the next steps would be to seek the views of the residents. Therefore, the next steps will be to combine with the Neighbourhood Plan consultation day in September.

8. To receive a report from the Necton in Bloom working party and to consider their recommendations

Councillor Curtis passed on her thanks to Necton Allotment Association for the donation of the planters and to Councillor Catlin for her work in planting them. Chair Bass is to join the working party and the next meeting will be this week. They will discuss next steps now the jubilee has been celebrated and make recommendations to be presented for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

# 9. To receive updates and consider next steps in regards to the Design Review Panel and Vattenfall.

Councillor Spain confirmed that the Design Review Panel will meet on 26<sup>th</sup> July at Breckland offices. At the present time we are unsure if this is a closed meeting or open to the public, noting we have sought clarification on this. It is confirmed we can have representation on the panel and therefore we are seeking quotes from consultants. As all written submissions will need to be submitted 10 working days prior to the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> Councillor Bateman is currently speaking to consultants in order to obtain quotes/ scope of their work. Councillor Spain confirmed we are proposing to work with Holme Hale PC on this matter and one informal meeting has been held with another planned. Once suitable consultants are sourced and their fee proposal's received we may need to call an extraordinary meeting to agree to any financial decisions noting the timescales involved.

# 10. To consider the transfer of land ownership to National Highways to support the proposed junction improvements at Tuns road with the A47

The Council considered the previously distributed concept plan for the widening of the junction onto the A47 from Tuns Road. Noting in order for National Highways to take forward any plans they would need some of the land currently owned by the PC as part of the project. Councillor Bateman proposed the PC gift sufficient land to National Highways to make improvements at the junction. Seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

### 11. To review and consider the reviewing and updating of signatories on Unity Bank

Chair Bass proposed Councillor Catlin was added as a signatory and Councillor Jennings removed. Seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

# 12. To consider regular meetings between the Parish Council (namely councillors Curtis and Hicks) and Necton School

Chair Bass proposed that Councillors Curtis and Hicks should meet with the school at least 3 times per year. Noting their recent visit was very successful and the pupils found the presentation on how a Parish Council works very informative. It was noted this could be a good link between the PC and the local school children and give them an opportunity to put forward ideas about the future of Necton. Seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

# 13. To consider suggestions and submission to Breckland DC a recommended name for the new development at Erne Farm

After discussions Councillor Curtis proposed the recommendation to Breckland for the development to be named Erne Farm Close, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

#### 14. To consider re- naming the Marlpit to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee

After discussions Chair Bass proposed the name was changed prior the area being officially opened, seconded by Councillor Jennings and agreed unanimously. It was agreed to defer

next steps until the August meeting at which the Council can consider ideas on consulting the residents and gaining their input on a suitable name.

# 15.To consider and approve reviewed and updated policies

Freedom of Information- proposed by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

Health and Safety - proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

SAM II - proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

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

REFERENCE 3PL/2022/0516/HOU

PROPOSAL Proposed Two Storey (East) and Single Storey (West) Side

Extensions to Existing Cottage

LOCATION Keepers Cottage Hall Farm

APPLICANT Mr J E Spratt

No objections

REFERENCE 3PL/2022/0484/VAR

PROPOSAL Variation of condition 2 on 3PL/2017/1449/D - To amend the

design of the dwellings to the newly submitted drawing

references

LOCATION Town Farm Cars, Chantry Lane

APPLICANT Mr I Thompson

No objections- noting the Councillors received correspondence from a resident in regards to this application with concerns regarding the technicalities of the planning application. These comments are for consideration by Breckland DC.

REFERENCE 3PL/2022/0561/HOU

PROPOSAL Single storey side extension - Revised application following

3PL/2022/0263/HOU to include pitched roof and amendment

to floor plan

LOCATION 1 Burnside APPLICANT Mr A Smith

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

Nothing raised.

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

The meeting closed 8.43 pm