

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting held

Monday 20th June 2022 at 7.30 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

Parish Councillors (7) present:

Councillors Jean Bass, Genine Curtis, Fraser Bateman, Annie Turner, Alice Spain, Thirza Hicks and Sue Catlin

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk

Members of the public - 1

Date: Monday 20th June 2022

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor's Joe Sisto and Mark Jennings.

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 consider fee proposals received from consultants and to consider instructing a consultant to represent Necton Parish Council at the Design Review Panel to be held on 26th July 2022 with Breckland DC and Vattenfall.

Councillor Bateman confirmed that discussions had been held with numerous consultants and following these discussions a shortlist of three potentials was drawn up. Councillor Bateman thereafter discussed the merits and drawbacks of these as well as their fees. Councillor Bateman thereafter recommended that the Council consider appointing Carly Tinkler, noting she was recommended by Simon Wood at Breckland, she has good availability and extremely sound knowledge of the subject already. She is prepared to offer a lower hourly rate of £55.00 per hour for good causes such as this and has set a price cap of £7,000 as a maximum (noting it this were to be exceeded it would be with prior agreement). Seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

4. To consider recommendations from the Clerk and RFO in regards to budget alterations if agenda item 3 is approved

The Clerk confirmed sufficient funds are held to cover the cost of the consultant and recommended that the budget allocated for the Neighbourhood Plan be reduced from £5,000 to £1,000 as we have now been successful in receiving a grant to assist with the Plan and to reduce the allocated sum of £20,000 for community spend to be reduced to £17,0000. Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm