



Minutes No:  
2022/49

# Necton Parish Council

## Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

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

### **Parish Councillors (9) present:**

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

### **Additional attendees:**

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk  
Mark Kiddle- Morris- NCC Councillor  
Members of the public - 5

**Date:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Place:** Necton Rural Community Centre

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

Apologies received from Councillor Nigel Wilkin.

### **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.*

Chair Bass expressed an interest in agenda item 7 and confirmed she would not take part in discussions or voting.

### **3. To approve minutes of Council meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (EGM) and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (EGM)**

13<sup>th</sup> June -Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously. Councillor Sisto did not vote as he was not present at the meeting.

20<sup>th</sup> June – Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Catlin and agreed unanimously. Councillor Sisto did not vote as he was not present at the meeting.

27<sup>th</sup> June- Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously. Councillors Sisto, Hicks, Jennings and Turner did not vote as they were not present at the meeting.

### **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**

The report is attached to the minutes

### **Chair**

Nothing to report.

### **Councillors**

Councillor Hicks confirmed that she has recently contacted Breckland in regards to the grass cutting at the area behind Elizabeth Drive noting the recent cut seems to have been only half completed- it would appear that some grass has been cut while other areas have been overlooked. She is currently awaiting a response.

Councillor Jennings received a telephone call from a resident in regards to fly tipping and general litter issues on her property near the Dunham Road area of Necton. The resident has spoken to the Police and Breckland Council in this regard. It was confirmed the caretaker empties the bins at the bus stops in this area but apart from that there is no action this PC can take and the actions already taken by the resident are the correct one. He further confirmed that it appears the dog fouling issues at the Kingfisher Drive area seem to have improved and the signs put up by residents on their properties does seem to have helped with the previous issues there.

Councillor Bateman confirmed that Necton school have recently undertaken 3 separate visits to the Marlpit with pupils from different year groups and that Ashill school have also booked a visit there. This has given the school children the opportunity to learn about nature, the environment and to provide invaluable insight on green spaces and the need to maintain and preserve these areas.

Councillor Turner confirmed the manhole cover outside 36 School Road has been repaired but there is now a problem with the one outside number 38. Councillor Turner will report this to Anglia Water. There are a number of pot holes in Mill Street that need repairing and information on these will be given to the Clerk to report 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 Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

## **7. To consider request of a donation from Silver Threads- All councillors**

A donation towards the Silver Threads coach trip of £50 was proposed by Councillor Hicks, seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously- noting Chair Bass abstained from voting

**8. To receive the repair costs for the SAM II and consider whether to repair or replace.**

Councillor Bateman proposed the existing SAM 11 should be repaired and a second one should be considered as part of the Parish Partnership Grant Scheme later in the year. Seconded by Councillor Curtis. Voting by a show of hands was 5 for, 3 against and one abstained. Therefore, motion carried.

**9. To receive the approved minutes of the NRCC meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022- All councillors**

Noted

**10. To elect further members for the NRCC Committee**

No names were put forward and therefore no additional members were chosen.

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

The previously circulated report was discussed at length and thereafter Councillor Curtis proposed that the tub and flower beds locations identified within the report prepared by the working party should be taken forward in more detail, including a detailed map to be provided to the Clerk in order to apply for the licences/ discuss with other landowners. Seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

**12. To consider Breckland Council's Mindful Villages initiative and if approved who will attend training and be point of contact**

Chair Bass proposed any decisions regarding the PC endorsing or becoming actively supporting of this initiative to be deferred until the September meeting. This will allow for Councillors who have expressed an interest in this subject to attend a training session being held in September and thereafter be able to provide further insight. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

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

Councillors Bateman and Spain provided the following report:

A lot has happened since our two EGM meetings, here is a brief update.

Firstly, we are very impressed with the landscape consultant, Carly Tinkler, who the PC appointed to represent us at the Independent Design Review. She has made a great start and already we have a good exchange of information.

Holme Hale fully understand and accept the decision NPC made regarding the appointment of a consultant and have approached her directly. Carly Tinkler is content that their expectations are in line with ours and that there would not be extra work incurred to represent both parishes. As part of assessing the true impact of the substations she would consider views from all around the vicinity and not just Necton. In her opinion adding Holme Hale to the representation will make the case for better mitigation stronger as we can show more people will be affected. Holme Hale have been fully engaged in the process and have made positive contributions.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June Cllr Spain and myself managed to secure a 90-minute pro bono meeting Michael Brendan Brett on ZOOM through the Environmental Law Foundation. Carly attended and we were able to focus on the legal aspects of an Independent Design Review and generated a list of points that we could raise at the kick off meeting with Breckland and Vattenfall. This was exceptionally useful and helped prepare us for the kick off meeting with Breckland/Vattenfall.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July Carly travelled to Norfolk and had a private drive round the area to better understand the landscape character of the area. Following that we had a meeting with her at Costa Coffee and Cllrs. Scarlett and McNeil from Holme Hale joined us. We also invited Colin King as not only is he the nearest landowner to the site but was also a significant contributor to the examination process. Between us all we marked out on a large scale map the significant viewpoints. At 2pm Carly had an escorted visit to the actual substation site with Simon Wood and a representative from Vattenfall. Then at 4pm the two Holme Hale and two Necton representatives went to Dereham for the kick off meeting with Breckland and Vattenfall. Nigel Wilkin was also in attendance.

There was a presentation of the IDR process that is set out by the Design Council which was very informative followed by questions. We learnt that the Design Review Panel hearing has been pushed back to the 17<sup>th</sup> of August. This is reassuring as the previous date of the 26<sup>th</sup> of July would not have allowed enough time to produce the material required. A number of action points were put on Vattenfall including to supply the latest Design Guides and all drawings/reports as soon as possible so that our consultant could study them. We will be monitoring this closely.

Carly has switched the 26<sup>th</sup> July date in her diary for a further visit to Norfolk where we will take her to the selected viewpoints we think should be considered.

We have a ZOOM meeting with Carly on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm to pull together everything we have learnt so far and plan our next steps.

#### **14. To discuss speed reduction on St Andrews Lane and consider next steps.**

The Clerk confirmed everyone was sent a copy of the Norfolk Speed Strategy. Thereafter it was noted that a request to NCC can be made from the PC to reduce the speed limit without the need to provide justification in the first instance but thereafter no doubt NCC will want to have sight of the same. The cost in consultations, legal notices and such like is in excess of £10k and so, for NCC to be able to justify this cost along with a speed reduction there would need to be evidence to support this change. Such evidence would be accident reports, possible speeding statistics and such like, Councillor Spain proposed the PC endorse a speed limit reduction on the first part of St Andrews lane (from Tuns Road) to 30 mph. Seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously. The Clerk to take forward.

#### **15. To consider entries for the Wickes community competition and decide on the best entry**

No entries received on behalf of the Parish Council

#### **16. To consider and approve reviewed and updated policies**

Code of Conduct- proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

Email & Social Media- proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

Expenses -proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

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

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2022/0706/O</b>
PROPOSAL	Outline planning for a 4 bed bungalow
LOCATION	24 Ketts Hill
APPLICANT	Messrs and Miss Clifton

No objections

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2022/0762/HOU</b>
PROPOSAL	Proposed Change of Use from Integral Garage to Annexe including alterations to Front Elevation and Single Storey Rear Extension
LOCATION	14 Brackenwoods
APPLICANT	Mr C Greenway

No objections

#### **18. To hold initial discussions on community projects**

Councillor Hicks led initial discussions regarding community projects that could benefit the teenagers in Necton, noting she felt this age group was not be catered for and was missing out. Suggestions to consider included a skate park, bump track, additional play equipment such as monkey bars and a gaming café. Councillor Hicks suggested some thought was given to these ideas and any other possible suggestion and further discussions could be held at the next meeting. Thereafter, any ideas that seem worthy of further investigation could then be taken forward in more detail and costings and such like obtained. It was agreed to discuss again at the next meeting.

#### **19. 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.

#### **20. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed 9.20 pm