



Minutes No:
2022/52

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 10th October at 7.30 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

Parish Councillors (3) present:

Councillors Genine Curtis, Alice Spain and Thirza Hicks (Vice Chair Curtis chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair Bass)

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk
Members of the public - 1

Date: Monday 10th October 2022

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillors Bass, Bateman, Catlin, Jennings, Sisto, Turner and Mark Kiddle- Morris- NCC Councillor

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 12th September 2022

Councillor Hicks proposed these were approved, seconded by Councillor Spain 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.

Nothing raised

5.Reports from:

Parish Clerk –

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

Councillors

Councillor Spain reported some play equipment needs some minor attention. The Clerk will take this forward. Further raising the issue of visibility near the Costa Coffee entrance due to the poplar trees- this was agreed to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

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 Spain, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

7. To receive an update and consider any next steps for Necton in Bloom-Councillors

The Clerk confirmed the licence has been approved from Breckland to allow spring bulbs to be planted on the areas in the village that belong to them. Councillor Curtis confirmed that three residents have already volunteered to support this ongoing project and that we are just awaiting written confirmation from the shop owners to place tubs there. A further meeting of the working group will be arranged once all Councillors are well enough to take part.

8. To receive an update on current position regarding the switching off of street lighting during the night and to consider next steps

The Clerk will contact NCC Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris to ascertain next steps regarding a public consultation and what is required so this can be considered at the next meeting. Noting further information is required before making any final decisions.

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

Councillor Spain confirmed there has been a lack of communication from Vattenfall but we are aware that Breckland DC have a meeting with Vattenfall on Friday 14th October together with their own technical advisor and they will update us and arrange a meeting with ourselves following this meeting.

10. To consider grant request from NRCC for Necton Festival 2023

Councillor Bateman had circulated a breakdown of monies spent for this year's festival and confirmed the amount raised from the event. This confirmed a profit was made that will be equally shared between the 3 charities nominated as beneficiaries. The request for the usual £3000.00 was made noting these funds are required to proceed with arrangements for the festival next year as deposits need to be made and funds held to provide financial stability in order to plan for the event. Councillor Curtis proposed the grant was approved, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

11.To continue discussions and consider community projects

The site visit to the Marlpit to facilitate consideration for a pump track has not yet taken place so there was nothing to report on this at this meeting. Discussions were held regarding the play area and it was noted there may not be sufficient space for any additional equipment for older children, although Councillors Spain and Curtis did comment that the play area could

be extended. It was therefore agreed to defer any decisions to the next meeting as hopefully the site visit to the Marlpit would have taken place and the Council could consider updating and refreshing the play area. The Clerk in the meantime will discuss with the caretaker the condition of the play equipment and whether some pieces of equipment should be replaced. Councillor Hicks confirmed that a Hallowe'en and a Christmas event have been booked at the hall as part of the Picnic in the Park events for the local children.

12.To discuss and consider the formation of a working party for the Coronation celebrations in 2023

Councillor Curtis stated a working party should be formed in advance of the Coronation which is due to take place next year and this should start to formulate ideas early on, noting the Jubilee celebrations were somewhat understated this year from the PC. The Clerk confirmed that non councillors can join a working party but that no financial decision can be made by a working group. Councillor Hicks confirmed she would be happy to join and I was agreed to have this as an agenda item again next month due to the absence of Councillors at this meeting- this will enable them to consider joining the group.

13.To consider a street name to be considered by the developers of the reserved matters approved application at the former school field, School Road

Councillor Hicks proposed the names Old Field Road and School View should be submitted to the developers for consideration. Seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously.

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

REFERENCE	3PL/2022/0985/F
PROPOSAL	Conversion of boot/utility room to salon
LOCATION	1 Burnside
APPLICANT	Miss Hannah Sowinski

No objections

REFERENCE	3PL/2022/1015/HOU
PROPOSAL	Proposed Infill Extension on Front Elevation
LOCATION	The Bungalow Black Drift
APPLICANT	Mr T Saunders

No objections

REFERENCE	3PL/2022/1003/F
PROPOSAL	Proposed extension to the eastern end of the existing Necton 400KVsubstation (installation of a new bus coupler (Bus Coupler 3). The need for proposed substation extension is to ensure the network remains secure, resilient and reliable with the increase in generation in the wider region ensuring compliance with the Security and Quality of Supply Standard.
LOCATION	National Grid Necton 400kV Substation Off Norwich Road (A47)
APPLICANT	National Grid Electricity Tran

Necton Parish Council have not seen a planning application for the National Grid Boreas and Vanguard extensions and there isn't one on the Breckland Planning Portal. The Vattenfall Boreas and Vanguard substations are in the process of an Independent Design Review that has concluded that the current design and mitigation proposed does not meet regulation 16 of the Development Consent Order. In addition, it concluded that the National Grid extensions have not been properly considered in combination with the Vattenfall substations, and should have been. Therefore, the mitigation in its current form, which this application states has been consented, has in fact not been consented by the Secretary of State or approved by Breckland until the design review process has been completed.

The Independent Design Review for Boreas and Vanguard calls for an improved design, particularly in terms of mitigation which also applies to the National Grid extension. This NG application makes many statements and assumptions that are not correct in terms of the landscape and visual assessment. The National Grid statements cannot be adequately considered or assessed until the Vanguard / Boreas substation application has been agreed with Breckland.

Necton Parish Council do not believe that the environmental statement for this application should only consider noise as is currently the case. This application states that there will be no significant change to the landscape as a result of this project in light of the measures that have been approved for Vanguard and Boreas. If that mitigation is substantially altered by the conclusion of the Independent Design Review, then the assessment of the impact of this project could be significantly compromised.

Until the planning application for the Vattenfall Boreas and Vanguard substations has been approved and the National Grid planning application for their substations has been submitted, this planning application cannot be shown to contain accurate data. Necton Parish Council ask that any decision is delayed until all the data is available for proper consideration.

REFERENCE	3PL/2022/1074/VAR
PROPOSAL	Variation of Condition No 2 (Approved Plans) on 3PL/2021/1397/F- minor change to alignment and route of the access allowing it to connect to School Road slightly further east than currently Approved
LOCATION	Land south of School Road
APPLICANT	Cherry Tree Developments

No objections

21.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.

22.To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 14th November 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 8.30 pm