



Minutes No:
2022/53

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 14th November at 7.30 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

Parish Councillors (9) present:

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

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk
Members of the public - 4

Date: Monday 14th November 2022

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1.To receive apologies for absence

None received

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, but Councillor Spain confirmed she would abstain from discussing planning application **3PL/2022/1121/HOU** as this neighbours her property.

3.To approve minutes of Council meeting of 10th October 2022

Proposed by Councillor Hicks, seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed by Councillors Hicks, Curtis and Spain (those present at the previous 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.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding a pump track in the Marlpit. Stating that he had concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, access for emergency services and the fact this area was originally set by as a nature area. He continued by stating he also had concerns on agenda item 17 by stating the access area would be on the boundary of where the road is a 60 mph limit and this could cause safety issues with children and the public leaving from this proposed access point.

5.Reports from:

Parish Clerk –

The report 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 Curtis confirmed she had met with Speedwatch last week and 3 possible areas have been identified as possible locations. Training will commence in the New year for the volunteers

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, proposed by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

7.To receive an update and consider any next steps for Necton in Bloom including the planting of 8-10 apple trees at the allotments/ dog walking area

Thanks was given to Councillor Catlin and the caretaker for the work completed on the planters at the shops. Councillor Hicks proposed the fruit trees were purchased and planted, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously. Councillors Spain and Catlin to take forward the purchase of the trees and the planting thereafter.

8.To consider advertising Riparian Rights by way of posters and flyers-

Discussions were held regarding the layout of the leaflet and size of leaflet to be used. Councillor Curtis proposed the content of the leaflet was agreed, seconded by Councillor Jennings and agreed unanimously. The Flood working party will decide on the final layout but the content is approved.

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

Councillors Bateman, Curtis, Hicks and Catlin and Chair Bass volunteered to join this working party, the Clerk will advertise this working group in the Link to invite members of the public to join

10.To consider the poplar tree at the entrance to Costa Coffee noting it may be causing visibility issues-

Chair Bass proposed that any decisions on the tree be delayed until after the junction improvements as this may change the layout of the road and the visibility. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

11.To receive an update on current position regarding the switching off of street lighting during the night and to consider next steps and if Necton are to proceed with this

Discussions were held regarding the leaflet and inviting the public to provide their views. Councillor Curtis proposed the leaflet should be amended to include a tear off slip residents can complete confirming whether they are for or against the night time switch off, any comments and the street they reside. Seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously. Councillor Catlin and the Clerk to amend the leaflet accordingly. Noting the leaflets can be returned at the shop- The Clerk to ask to place a box at the shop for these to be collected in.

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

Councillor Bateman provided the following update.

We received a copy of the official report by the Independent Design Review Panel from Vattenfall on the 16th of September, 4 weeks after the panel hearing.

The full written report confirmed all comments the panel made at the hearing as reported to NPC at the September PC meeting.

The IDR Panel strongly supported the points that we had raised through our consultant Carly Tinkler, but these are only recommendations, and the Panel have no powers to enforce their suggestions.

However, Breckland DC have to agree to discharge the conditions that the Secretary of State imposed, so we wanted a meeting with Simon Wood to determine their intentions.

We contacted our Barrister and had a Zoom meeting with him on 14th October so he could guide us some of the legal issues before we met with Breckland.

The meeting with BDC was scheduled for October 28th and Carly Tinkler agreed to attend by ZOOM on a pro-bono basis.

We asked “how did VF respond to the IDR Panel Report?” he commented VF had been caught off guard, not expecting the thorough and professional presentations Carly Tinkler made on our behalf and were therefore ill prepared. Already their consultants Royal Haskoning DHV have put a more senior Landscape Architect on the project.

We asked Simon Wood which of the points raised by the IDR Panel he considered to be non-negotiable He stated he was waiting for a further meeting with VF the following week to clarify how they intended to proceed and he did not want to pre-judge their response.

We reiterated our position on the layout of the buildings and equipment on the project site and SW said VF had legal opinion that this could not be changed. We disputed this and have written to SW explaining that as VF have already changed the number, size, layout and orientation of the building from what was submitted to the Secretary of State, they have already accepted that these factors can change and could therefore be changed again.

There was also a discussion about the Planning Application submitted by National Grid for an additional extension to the Boreas substation to “balance grid loads”. Breckland had not been consulted about the main Boreas and Vanguard extensions as they had been consented by the secretary of State as part of the two DCOs. However, this new extension is outside the DCO boundary and thus needs to be approved.

National Grid maintain that all the extensions are outside of the scope of the Design Review.

We made the point that without Boreas and Vaguard the extensions would not be needed and therefore to comply with the SoS requirement a Design Review must include the **whole scheme in a strategic way** to mitigate the cumulative and in-combination effects on the landscape. We are currently awaiting further advice to counter the National Grid argument.

We also asked SW for an update on the further meeting BDC had with VF and await his response.

Councillor Curtis had to leave the meeting at 8.30pm

13.To continue discussions and consider community projects including the play area and pump track

The Chair asked each councillor their views on a pump track being constructed at the Marlpit, noting that feedback has been seen on the Necton Village Facebook page from residents. Noting their comments Chair Bass proposed that a pump track should not be built at the Marlpit seconded by Councillor Turner. Thereafter a show of hands confirmed 7 for this proposal, 1 against and 1 abstained. Therefore, motion passed.

14.To re-consider a suggested name for the development on the site of the old school and the school field following the decision by the District Council not to use the word 'school' in the new names

Discussions were held and Councillor Jennings proposed the names Hawthorn Drive and Academy Close be suggested to the developers. Seconded by Chair Bass. A vote by show of hands confirmed 4 votes for and 4 votes against, thereafter the Chair used her casting vote in favour of these names- motion passed.

15.To ratify the decision to place a banner at the community centre to promote the children's Hallowe'en party-

Following agreement from all Councillors this motion was agreed

16. To consider grant request received from All Saints Church (Necton PCC) to assist with grass cutting and pruning costs

Chair Bass proposed the grant requested in the sum of £400 be awarded, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

17.To consider and decide on access from the Marlpit onto St Andrews Lane-

Councillor Bateman proposed the agenda item wording was amended to state consider the information on the circulated email regarding work to be undertaken at the Marlpit to facilitate a potential access. Seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

Thereafter Chair Bass proposed that the proposals in the circulated mail was taken forwarded. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed by all. The Clerk to draft and send a letter to the resident neighbouring the Marlpit.

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

REFERENCE	3PL/2022/1121/HOU
PROPOSAL	Flat roofed extension to rear of property including internal alterations.

LOCATION 5 Larwood Close
APPLICANT Mr and Mrs Morton
No objections

REFERENCE **3PL/2022/0974/HOU**
PROPOSAL First floor rear extension above lounge & single storey rear extension to replace conservatory. Single storey front extension & detached shed to rear.

LOCATION 47 Hale Road
APPLICANT Mr and Mrs Sayers
AMENDMENT: Amendment - Front extension amended and cladding Removed

The original comments from the PC still stand and some councillors feel the front extension still extends in front of the building line but are pleased the cladding is to be removed.

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 and discharge of conditions 3,4,5,6 & 7

LOCATION Town Farm Cars, Chantry Lane
APPLICANT Mr I Thompson
AMENDMENT: Amended Plans

No objections

REFERENCE **3PL/2022/1091/F**
PROPOSAL Conversion of existing barn into 1no. self-build dwelling
LOCATION Land at Watery Lane Ivy Todd
APPLICANT Linda White

No objections

REFERENCE **3PL/2022/1173/HOU**
PROPOSAL Proposed Loft Conversion including Dormer Construction to Front and Rear and Velux roof lights to Front
LOCATION 16 Jubilee Way
APPLICANT Mr and Mrs S Nunn

Some councillors feel the dormer windows at the rear are overlooking the neighbour's gardens and could cause privacy issues.

19.To consider the appointment of Jo Boxall as internal auditor for this financial year-

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

20.To start discussions regarding precept and budget for 2023-2024-

The Clerk discussed the draft budget confirming that costs are rising and the need to cover these, noting that if an increase is not made in the precept then there will be a lack of funds to undertake community projects. Discussions continued regarding the impact on precept paid by residents. The Clerk will provide a breakdown to all Councillors of the implications on the precept paid at various increments so further discussions can be held at the next meeting.

21.Adjournment for public participation (5 mins)

A resident suggested a skate park or pump track should be considered in stead of the tennis court at the playing field.

This provides the opportunity for the public to raise awareness of an issue for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting

22. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 12th December 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed 9.35 pm