



Minutes No:
2022/56

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.00 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

Parish Councillors (9) present:

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

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk,
Mark Kiddle - Morris- NCC Councillor
Nigel Wilkin, Breckland District Councillor
Members of the public - 2

Date: Monday 13th February 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1.To receive apologies for absence

None received- all present

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 noted

3.To approve minutes of Council meeting of 9th January 2023

Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Catlin 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 report is attached to the minutes

Councillor Nigel Wilkin – Breckland Council

Councillor Wilkin reminded everyone that household batteries can now be re-cycled via your usual household refuse collection. These can be placed in a clear bag and left on top of your bin and they will be taken away as part of the usual collection. He also confirmed that his Chair panel at Breckland Planning Offices is still in place, this panel of 3 overview all planning applications and determine the route each application should take. Whether that be handed directly to a planning officer or go to Committee for consideration.

Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris-

Councillor Kiddle- Morris confirmed that that NCC will be holding its Council Tax meeting on 21st February. The budget currently being set does not include any cuts to services but they are aware there will be shortfalls in funds in the upcoming years which need to be considered.

Chair

Nothing to report

Councillors

Councillor Jennings enquired as to the road closures. It was noted that North Pickenham road closure has over run and the hope is that this is opened soon. This over run to the works there will cause issues with access into Necton for a couple of days as works are scheduled in Holme Hale.

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 Bateman, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

7. To ratify the decision to approve the draft Neighbourhood Plan

The draft plan is not yet finalised and therefore this item has been deferred

8. To consider and approve the renewal of the following policies-

Lone Working- proposed by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

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

GDPR - proposed by Councillor Jennings, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

Compliments & Complaints - proposed by Councillor Hicks, seconded by Councillor Jennings and agreed unanimously.

Disciplinary policy - proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

Grievance Policy - proposed by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

Wi-Fi Public Access policy - proposed by Councillor Jennings, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

9. To receive any updates from the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood (Marlpit) working party

A further meeting of the working party is due to be held in the next week but Councillor Spain confirmed that the inspection by a health and safety Inspector has been arranged. He will visit, provide a report on findings and then return once these works are completed. This will ensure all requirements are met before the area is opened to the public. A conversation with the neighbouring farmer was held to discuss the hedge/ fence boundary between the neighbouring properties. The landowner is happy with the existing boundary and is happy not to consider the need for a new fence to be erected at present.

George Freeman MP has confirmed he will be able to attend the official opening of the site on Saturday 3rd June.

Mark Kiddle- Morris will plant the silver birch trees purchased as part of the Queen's Canopy once dates have been arranged.

10. To consider moving an existing grit bin to Mill Street

Discussions were held regarding the location of the existing grit bins and whether one should be moved. Councillor Bateman proposed that should be no change to the locations, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

11. To receive an update on the Speedwatch initiative and to consider increasing the stationery budget to allow for additional printing and to consider the purchase for one off items required

Councillor Curtis confirmed the first Speedwatch session was undertaken 2 weeks ago and 7 cars travelling over the speed limit were noted. Further sessions have been arranged. Councillor Curtis proposed a budget of £80 was made available to purchase binoculars and a storage box, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously. Councillor Curtis withdrew the request for an increased stationery budget as this is no longer required.

12. To consider the quote from Fenland Leisure to facilitate repairs on the play equipment and if agreed whether to utilise some funds held in reserves

Councillor Bateman proposed the quote to be approved and to instruct works to commence, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously. Thereafter Councillor Bateman proposed that £2500 be used from reserves to support the cost of the works needed, seconded by Councillor Turner. Show of hands showed 8 in favour, one against- motion carried.

13. To discuss and consider the PC nominating the Windmill Public House as an Assets of Community Value (ACV)

Councillor Bateman proposed that the PC should proceed and nominate the Windmill PH as an AVC, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

14. To receive an update from the Coronation working party and to consider the following

Consider the proposed plan for the event- Chair Bass proposed the plan be accepted, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

Consider the proposed budget for the event- Councillor Curtis proposed a budget of £1500, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

Consider a draft letter to be sent to request donations- the draft letter was proposed to be approved by Councillor Spain, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously. - noting that each letter to should have some personalisation include for each company sent to.

To consider advertising for the event- Chair Bass proposed the wording of the initial advert for the event to be accepted, noting contact details to be added. Seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

15. To receive and consider the report from the Clerk providing up to date costs for the tennis court and consider next steps and to receive an update from Councillor Hicks regarding fund raising for the same

All Councillors had received the report and had considered its content. Thereafter lengthy discussions were held and Councillor Spain proposed the next step should be a public consultation. This will provide feedback from residents and also provide valuable data for any grant applications. Seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously. The consultation process will be discussed at the next meeting

16.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

16. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 13th March 2023 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm