



Minutes No:
2022/57

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 13th March 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
Members of the public - 2

Date: Monday 13th March 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1.To receive apologies for absence

Nigel Wilkin- Breckland 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 noted

3.To approve minutes of Council meeting of 13th February 2023

Proposed by Chair Bass, 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 report is attached to the minutes

Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris-

Councillor Kiddle- Morris started by passing on his thanks for being asked to plant the trees at the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood to commemorate the Jubilee. Stating he was very impressed by all of the work that had been carried out there and confirming he thought the area a great facility for the residents of necton. He confirmed that that devolution details and consultation for Norfolk are still available online on the NCC website.

Chair

Nothing to report

Councillors

Councillor Hicks stated some residents have had some damage caused to their property by the sub-contractors at the Erne Farm site and wondered if the PC could write to the developers on the resident's behalf. The Clerk confirmed we may not be in a position to do this but would check. She further confirmed that there was a lot of equipment such as sand bags and cones that had been left from when the road was closed. The Clerk would get this reported.

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 Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

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

The final draft plan was distributed to all Councillors and approval sought via email due to time constraints, noting it was agreed at the previous meeting to take forward in this matter and to ratify thereafter. Councillor Bateman proposed that final draft was agreed, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

8. To receive a report on the Statkraft consultation day

A number of the Councillors attended the consultation at various times during the consultation and discussed their experiences. The general feeling was that the questions posed to Statkraft were not answered fully and answers were either vague or not forthcoming at all. As their application is a normal one, insomuch as it will be submitted to Breckland DC and not the Secretary of State the Parish Council should ensure that as consultees a full response and comments are submitted to Breckland and that the PC should be represented and able to speak at committee. Obviously until we see the application and any supporting documents we cannot make any comments. A planning application from Statkraft is expected next month.

9. To consider and approve the updated Asset Register

Chair Bass proposed this was accepted, noting the location of the benches to be amended and the litter bins re-listed. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

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

Financial Regulations- proposed by Councillor Hicks, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

Internal Controls - proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

Grant awarding and application form- proposed by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously.

Dignity at Work - proposed by Councillor Catlin, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

11. To receive any updates from the Marlpit working party and to consider next steps regarding the opening of the Marlpit and ongoing work and maintenance once opened.

Councillors have received the latest quarterly update from Necton Area Trust. The working party are now working closely with NAT as we approach the open day of 3rd June. Councillor Curtis proposed the Council commission the local artist to undertake the work to create a sign including art work depicting scenes from the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood and the name of the area to be positioned on the entrance gates at Ketts Hill. Noting the cost of this to £300- £400. Seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously.

12. To consider a litter pick initiative and to consider the current bins in the village

Discussions were held regarding an ongoing litter programme and for this to involve the wider community and not just Councillors, it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting in order for some ideas to be put together in the meantime on how best to take this forward. Councillor Catlin confirmed that there seems to be a need for some additional rubbish and dog poo bins in the village and confirmed people are using rubbish bins to dispose of dog poo. Thereafter Chair Bass proposed that Clerk contact Breckland Council to request a litter bin for the Kingfisher Drive/ Hale Road junction, a litter bin at the entrance to the Erne Farm development (noting this may need to be when the development is completed and a pavement reinstated) and for one of the dog poo bins to be removed from the green area at Masons Drive and for this to be relocated at the Ketts Hill entrance to Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

13. To receive an update from the Coronation working party

Councillor Curtis confirmed plans were on track for the event to be held on Sunday 7th May. Costs are within budget and a risk assessment and first aiders for the day are being looked at. The Clerk to mention in the Link advert the opportunity for any local crafters, bakers, plant growers etc. that they are welcome to have a stall at the event free of charge. Posters depicting some of the competitions on the day have been circulated and Councillor Curtis proposed these were accepted so they can be printed off and displayed in the village and also included within the Link. Seconded by Councillor Catlin and agreed unanimously.

14. To continue discussions and consider next steps regarding the Tennis Court including a consultation with residents

Discussions were held regarding the tennis court and next steps involving a public consultation. Noting public support would be needed for any grant applications. Thereafter the wording was discussed and agreed and for this to include 3 questions. This would be an A5 flyer inserted within the next edition of the Link. Chair Bass proposed a flyer was created and this would include the questions

- Do you support the Parish Council spending money on a tennis court?
- Would you pay to hire the court on an hourly basis at say, £5.00 per hour?
- Would you be interested in joining a Necton tennis club?

These would then be returned to a box positioned in the shop and the results collected in afterwards.

Seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously.

15.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 17th April 2023 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm