



Minutes No:
2023/58

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 17th April 2023 at 7.00 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

Parish Councillors (8) present:

Chair Bass, Councillors Genine Curtis, Alice Spain, Joe Sisto, Fraser Bateman, 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 - 4

Date: Monday 17th April 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1.To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Turner

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.

Councillor Sisto confirmed he would not take part in discussions pertaining to the planning application in agenda item 14 (3PL/2023/0265/F) due to his involvement with Necton Sports and Social Club

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

Proposed by Councillor Bateman, 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 Clerks report is attached to the minutes

Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris-

Councillor Kiddle- Morris confirmed that the leader of the council (NCC) had been taken seriously ill and at the upcoming AGM of the Conservative group a new leader will be elected. This leader will then become the leader of the Council. He further confirmed that he will be able to attend the opening of the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood on 3rd June

Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin

Nothing to report

Chair

Following the presentation and subsequent public consultation meeting held by Statkraft concerning the proposed battery storage at the National Grid site, the work party [Councillors Bateman, Spain and Chair Bass] were concerned about the location.

Accordingly, the work party have requested the Clerk to find out the costs of using the services of a Solicitor who specialises in Energy work.

Councillors

Councillor Jennings raised further concerns regarding dog poo and the fact the bins seem to be full. A possible requirement is to review those we have and consider using bigger bins where applicable. This will be discussed and considered at a future meeting

Councillor Hicks noted the lights in the car park need the time they are going off to be investigated. The Clerk will look into this.

Councillor Bateman confirmed that the trod on Hale Road had finally be cleared but the standard of work by NCC seemed very poor. The Clerk to take forward with NCC.

Councillor Curtis attended a SNAP meeting on 6th April, noting there was nothing to report for Necton. She confirmed Swaffham are soon introducing 20mph limits throughout the town and are commencing a Speedwatch initiative as well. The next SNAP meeting will be on 4th July at 7.00pm to be held at Ashill community centre.

The police will be holding a surgery at the next coffee morning in the community centre (1st June)

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 Catlin, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously

7. To receive the end of financial year accounts summary prepared by the Clerk and RFO

Received and noted by all

8. To receive the approved minutes of the NRCC meetings held on 20th February 2023 and 3rd April 2023- All Councillors

Noted and received by all

9. To consider a grant request from Necton Rural Community Centre- All councillors

Councillor Catlin explained NRCC are currently updating the premises and the next phase will be work to improve the kitchen. This will include new ovens and white goods as well as a possible reconfiguration of the area to maximise space. The budget agreed for this work is £10,000. The PC has received a grant request under the PC grant request procedure requesting £2,000 to be considered to assist with these works. Chair Bass proposed the request was agreed, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously. The Clerk to arrange the payment.

10. To receive an update from the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood working party - All Councillors

Chair Bass confirmed all works to ensure the area would be ready to be opened to the public were on track and further confirmed that George Freeman MP would be undertaking the official opening on 3rd June at 11.30am

11. To receive an update from the Coronation event working party - All Councillors

Councillor Curtis confirmed the project was within the agreed budget. The tug of war competition would now not feature. More uptake of the competitions was required and encouraged the Council to continue to promote the baking competition as well as the scarecrow competition. She further confirmed that there are currently 20 stallholders taking part and they will soon be receiving letters regarding the event. The last meeting of the working party will be held on 26th April

12. To discuss and consider a litter pick strategy for Necton – All Councillors

Councillor Hicks confirmed a couple of Brownies from Necton Brownies were undertaking a litter pick as part of their badge scheme and in conjunction with King Charles' Big Help Out' initiative. The litter pick would be on Monday 8th July between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Information would be in the Link and on the Facebook page letting residents know they can come along and volunteer to support this. She continued by requesting a budget of £20 be considered so the PC can purchase grabbers and bin liners to support this. Thereafter Chair Bass proposed this request for £20.00 be agreed, seconded by Councillor Catlin and agreed unanimously.

13. To consider and approve the renewal of the following policies- All Councillors

- Risk management

It was agreed to defer the approval of renewing this policy as further information needs to be added regarding the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood

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

REFERENCE	3PL/2023/0301/HOU
PROPOSAL	Proposed 2 storey rear extension
LOCATION	Bees Pit Cottage 33 Mill Street
APPLICANT	Mr & Mrs D Plunkett

No comments

REFERENCE **3PL/2023/0365/VAR**
PROPOSAL Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) on 3PL/2022/0484/VAR
- Plot 3 garage increased in width
LOCATION Town Farm Cars, Chantry Lane
APPLICANT Mr Jeremy Storer

No comments

REFERENCE **3PL/2023/0265/F**
PROPOSAL Change of use & conversion of a metal lorry container into a
static kitchen for use of take away and food deliveries
LOCATION Playing Fields, Pavilion Tuns Road
APPLICANT Mr David Whitehair

Supported by the PC

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

A resident raised a query regarding the 30 mph speed sign on the right side of Tuns Road as you enter from the A47- the Clerk to look into this.

16. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.00pm- noting this will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting will be held after this meeting closes.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm