



Minutes No:
2023/61

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.00 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

Parish Councillors (5) present:

Councillors Jean Bass, Joe Sisto, Fraser Bateman, Alice Spain and Sue Catlin

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk,
Nigel Wilkin – Breckland District Councillor
Members of the public – 0

Date: Monday 10th July 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1.To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor's Curtis, Jennings, Hicks and from NCC Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris

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.

Chair Bass declared an interest in agenda item 8 and will not take part in discussions or voting

3.To approve minutes of Council meeting of 12th June 2023

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

Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin

Councillor Wilkin confirmed that Breckland District Council are in the process of becoming a registered housing provider and will enter the social housing market again as some housing associations are having issues with funding. It will be a long process but in the future Breckland District Council may be able to secure some affordable housing. He continued by confirming that the grass verges that are the responsibility of Breckland District Council have been cut. The remaining grass verges are the responsibility of NCC. He finished by saying congratulations of a successful Festival held on the Saturday and thanked all those involved in organising.

Chair

Nothing to report

Councillors

Councillor Bateman thanked everyone for the help provided for the Festival, he confirmed 494 tickets purchased. There were 8 live acts and £691 was taken on the raffle – thanks to Chair Bass for running this. Councillor Bateman confirmed over £5,000 has been raised for the nominated charities.

Councillor Spain had a resident inform her that she was stopped by the police for using the entry and exit at Costa/ Co-Op as a short cut to join the A47. The resident does not want to engage with the police on this matter and asked Councillor Spain to ascertain if this was correct. The Clerk will ask Councillor Curtis to check with her SNAP police colleagues if this is correct so residents can be made aware if this is this case.

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 Bateman and agreed unanimously

7. To consider and decide on a possible gift to non-Councillors who worked on the Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Bateman proposed a certificate and £100 voucher was presented to the two individuals at the next Annual Parish Council meeting, seconded by councilor Spain. A vote by show of hands was 4 votes for and 1 against – motion carried.

8.To consider and decide on the donation request from Silver Threads

Chair Bass did not participate in this motion. Councillor Bateman proposed this request was approved, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

9.To consider and decide on re-siting the tile collage artwork from Necton First School (closed) in the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood and thereafter, if agreed, to consider and decide on the grant request from Necton Area Trust

Chair Bass proposed that the collage is moved from the old school site to the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously. Thereafter Chair Bass proposed that instead of offering a grant to NAT to contribute towards the cost of moving the collage the cost is covered by the PC completely and it becomes a PC project with NAT undertaking the work. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

10.To note receipt of the quarterly report from Necton Area Trust regarding the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood (received June 2023)

Noted

11.To receive confirmation that the internal quarterly check has been undertaken for quarter one

Noted

12.To consider and decide if the Council wishes to make any comments on the proposed changes at Necton VA School as a Consultee (establishing a 10 place Specialist Resource Base at Necton VA Primary School)

Chair Bass proposed that no comments were registered, seconded by Councillor Catlin and agreed unanimously

13.To consider and approve the renewal of the following policies

- **Code of Conduct**

Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously (the Clerk to arrange some Councillor training regarding the new Code of Conduct)

- **Training & Development**

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

- **Email & Social Media**

Proposed by Councillor Spain, seconded by Councillor Sisto and agreed unanimously

- **Freedom of Information**

Proposed by Councillor Sisto, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously

- **Expenses**

Proposed by Councillor Catlin, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously

14.To discuss the action plan working document in conjunction with the quotes from Fenland Leisure for replacement and possible new equipment and the Parish Partnership Scheme invitation and thereafter decide on projects in order of priority and next steps (dependent on financial position)

Discussions were held regarding projects and which to commence first. Thereafter Councillor Bateman proposed that the Council instruct Fenland Leisure to replace the broken roundabout with a like for like model, including the work to make good the surface around it. Also to complete the remedial work in the goalmouth of the MUGA. Seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously. Thereafter Councillor Spain proposed a working party to be formed to undertake background work including research, obtaining quotes and other necessary work to explore the other projects on the previously agreed action plan. Seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed by all. Noting the members of the working party at present to be Councillors, Sisto, Bateman, Spain and Catlin

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

No public present

16.To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 14th August 2023 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 9.00pm