



Minutes No:
2023/63

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.00 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

Parish Councillors (8) present:

Councillors Jean Bass, Genine Curtis, Fraser Bateman, Mark Jennings, Thirza Hicks, Phil Hayton and Sue Catlin

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk,
Members of the public – 2

Date: Monday 11th September 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1.To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Spain and 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.

None received

3.To approve minutes of Council meeting of 14th August 2023

Proposed by Councillor Jennings, seconded by Councillor Hayton 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

Chair

Nothing to report

Councillors

Councillor Jennings informed Council that a resident had stated that there is a gap in the fencing at the dog walking area which is allowing smaller dogs to escape the enclosed area. This is to be looked at.

Councillor Bateman stated that the trod near Ramms Lane was very overgrown, the Clerk will report this. He informed Council that there had been a small number of incidents at the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood of anti-social behavior and low level vandalism. One approach to helping to resolve this would be installation of CCTV and/or other security measures. This will be an agenda item at next month's meeting

Councillor Curtis wanted to have thanks noted for David Catlin for making some replacement wooden boxes to replace those which may have been taken from the community centre. Councillor Curtis also noted that 2 bottles of wine also appear to have been taken.

Breckland Councillor Nigel Wilkin confirmed the resurfacing works in Mill Street was now completed but the street markings had not been re- painted – the Clerk to take forward.

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 approve the updated Emergency Plan- All Councillors

A few amendments were noted (including the addition of additional contact groups) and thereafter these amendments and the Plan were proposed as approved by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

8.To receive the minutes of the NRCC meeting held on 7th August 2023

Noted

9.To consider an additional defibrillator in Necton in conjunction with Government grant monies being made available and to decide on a possible location and whether to register an interest (first step as part of this scheme

Discussions were held regarding this grant and thereafter a suitable location. It was noted the best location would be in the centre of the village near the shops and doctor's surgery Thereafter Chair Bass proposed the Council register an interest for this grant, seconded by Councillor Catlin. A vote by show of hands provided 5 votes in favour and 3 votes to abstain. Motion carried.

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

REFERENCE **3PL/2023/0808/HOU**

PROPOSAL Demolish existing garden room and construct single storey rear extension

LOCATION 36 Tuns Road

APPLICANT Mr & Mrs J Marenghi

No objections

REFERENCE **3PL/2023/0874/VAR**
PROPOSAL Variation of Condition No 2 on 3PL/2022/1091/F - Design alterations
LOCATION Land at Watery Lane
APPLICANT Linda White

No objections

REFERENCE **3PL/2023/0793/F**
PROPOSAL Proposed conversion and all associated works of existing outbuilding known as the 'engine room' to a self-contained two-bedroom unit of holiday let accommodation for short term stays, Installation of 13No roof sited solar panels.
LOCATION Redgates Access Road to Corbetts Lane
APPLICANT Mr. Carl Dawson

No objections

REFERENCE **3PL/2023/0848/F**
PROPOSAL Construction and operation of a Greener Grid Park, comprising Synchronous compensators, transformers, ancillary plant, underground electricity ducting and cabling to connect to the existing substation, formation of temporary construction access and associated hard and soft landscaping
LOCATION Land south of Necton Substation
APPLICANT Statkraft UK Ltd

Necton Parish Council consulted Breckland on a draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP) in early 2023 backed up by robust evidence including a professional independent Landscape Appraisal prepared in support of the NP. This can be found on <https://nectonparishcouncil.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/files/2023/03/Necton-Landscape-Appraisal.pdf> See page 39

This planning application does not follow the recommendation of the independent Landscape Assessment for the chosen location.

Chair Bass proposed the meeting was suspended at 7.49pm to allow Councillor Wilkin to speak about how Planning Committee meetings are decided and agreed unanimously.

Meeting resumed at 7.52pm

11.To receive any updates and proposals from action plan working party and decide on next steps

The first meeting was held to last week and the action plan was updated with possible actions to take forward and progress thus far. Thereafter discussions were held on projects, noting some would qualify under the Parish Partnership scheme. Thereafter it was proposed the first project should be the purchase of 3 benches- proposed by Councillor Hicks, seconded by Councillor Hayton and agreed unanimously. Thereafter the location of these was discussed and Councillor Curtis proposed these locations should be the church (by the village sign), opposite North Pickenham Road junction on a grass verge and Ramms Lane – subject to agreement from the relevant authority. Seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously. The Clerk to take this forward and to also update the plan accordingly

12.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

**13.To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 9th October
2023 at 7.00pm**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm