



Minutes No:
2023/64

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.00 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

Parish Councillors (8) present:

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

Additional attendees:

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

Date: Monday 9th October 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1.To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Mark Jennings

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 11th September 2023

Proposed by Councillor Hayton, seconded by Councillor Bateman 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 Catlin informed the Council she has contacted NCC regarding the street lights in Kingfisher Drive and the streets off. These lights are not adopted by the PC and should switch off in the small hours in line with NCC's lighting policy. It would appear that when the lamps were switched out to LED the timers were removed. Not only do they not turn off but the lamps are extremely bright. NCC have confirmed they will adjust the brightness of the lamps but she is still awaiting a response from them regarding the reinstatement of the timers.

Councillor Curtis confirmed that following the recently held Community Speedwatch event two residents have agreed to volunteer and support the scheme and partake in sessions.

Councillor Hayton informed the Council he is currently refurbishing the Ivy Todd, Holme Hale and Necton signs

Councillor Sisto confirmed he would arrange the purchase of the Remembrance wreath on behalf of the Parish Council as per previous years.

6.To approve Bills made, to be made and approve late payments as necessary: To receive financial update and monthly reconciliation for consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Hicks, seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously.

7.To receive the minutes of the NRCC meeting held on 2nd October 2023

Noted as received

8.To receive a summary of the Breckland preview meeting of the Local Plan attended by Councillors Bateman, Hayton and Spain

Councillors Spain, Hayton and Bateman confirmed they attended this interactive session where they were invited to give feedback on subjects such as social housing ahead of the draft Local Plan. They thoroughly supported Breckland Council's initiative to engage local councils ahead of the publication of the draft local plan but felt the event could have been better arranged as there was not much opportunity to provide extensive feedback as the meeting was very well attended – thus not conducive to in depth discussions.

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

REFERENCE	3PL/2023/0813
PROPOSAL	Proposed single storey rear extension with proposed mezzanine floor on first floor to be used as loft space
LOCATION	52 Hale Road
APPLICANT	Mr B Tucker

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
AMENDMENT	Roof height reduced - plans corrected

No objections

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

The proposed bench on Hale Road still needs to have the exact location confirmed. Once this has been agreed the Clerk will submit applications to NCC to gain permission to install the benches.

Councillor Catlin proposed that village gates were purchased and installed under the Parish Partnership scheme. These would be at the Tuns Road/ A47 entrance to Necton, on North Pickenham Road close to the speed limit sign and on Hale Road near Ramms Lane, again near the speed limit sign. The Clerk to submit an application under the Parish Partnership scheme. Noting if these are agreed the funding and works would be in the next financial year. Seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously.

11.To discuss and decide on CCTV or similar equipment being installed in the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Wood and to decide whether to approve named members of Necton Area Trust to be appointed as Data Processors and thereafter to approve the amended GDPR policy reflecting this

Councillor Hayton proposed CCTV or similar camera equipment was purchased, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

Chair Bass proposed the amended GDPR policy was approved, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

Chair Bass proposed nominated Necton Area Trust members were made data controllers, seconded by Councillor Hayton and agreed unanimously.

12.To discuss and decide on whether a security camera should be purchased for a resident in order for them to monitor activity at the phone box owned by the Parish Council

Councillor Bateman proposed a camera or similar equipment was purchased up to a maximum of £200 to be installed to monitor the telephone box. Seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

13.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

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

Noted

15.To approve a motion to exclude the press and public for the next item as their presence would be prejudicial to public interest due to the confidential nature. In accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2)

Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councilor Bateman and agreed unanimously

The meeting closed at 8.12pm

16.To discuss annual appraisal and consider annual salary review for the caretaker

Chair Bass proposed an increase of 4 SCP for the caretaker, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously

17.To discuss annual appraisal and consider annual salary review for the Clerk

Councillor Bateman proposed an increase of 4 SCP for the Clerk, seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously