



Minutes No:
2023/66

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

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

Parish Councillors (6) present:

Councillors Jean Bass, Genine Curtis, Fraser Bateman, Alice Spain Phil Hayton and Sue Catlin

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk,
Members of the public – 0

Date: Monday 11th December 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1.To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Mark Jennings, Councillor Thirza Hicks and Councillor Joe Sisto

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 disclosed an interest in agenda item 9 and confirmed she would not take part in any discussions or voting.

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

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

4. To receive the minutes of the NRCC meeting held on 4th December 2023

Noted

5. 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.

No public present

6.Reports from:

Parish Clerk –

The Clerks report is attached to the minutes

Mark Kiddle- Morris NCC –

His report is attached to the minutes

Chair

Nothing to report

Councillors

Councillor Bateman informed the Council he was approached by a member of the public complaining about the mud and debris on the road near the new housing development in School Road. He went to investigate and could see that the workmen were already hosing the road down to clear it.

Councillor Curtis confirmed that Ramms Lane was quite flooded on Saturday and that some farm vehicles seemed to be leaking diesel. She also noted a large number of potholes along the Lane – the Clerk to report these to Highways.

Councillor Catlin updated the Council on the ongoing issues with the streetlights in and around Kingfisher Drive. When the street lights were changed approx. 18 months ago from low pressure sodium to LED - Amey not only fitted the wrong intensity LED lights, by their own admission, but they also failed to put in the timers. So the LED now are ultra-bright from dusk to dawn. This causes serious light trespass issues for a number of residences. Mark Kiddle-Morris is fully aware of the situation and is taking this forward. He is also in direct contact with one resident who is experiencing light trespass. She continued by wanting it noted by the Council that the quiz evenings run by Thirza Hicks are really creating a community feel and are raising funds for a number of community groups based in Necton.

7.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 Bateman, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

8.To consider the appointment of Jo Boxall as internal auditor for this financial year

Proposed by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Hayton and agreed unanimously.

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

The Clerk read the letter received from Silver Threads requesting a donation of £70 towards their Christmas party. Thereafter Councillor Curtis proposed the donation approved, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

10.To consider the correspondence received from Clarke Telecom pertaining to the proposed upgrade to the existing radio base station installation at CTIL 20606123 Hall Farm, off of the A47 and decide on any response

Chair Bass proposed the following comments were made

Whilst the Parish Council welcome the upgrade to bring 5G to Necton we would like Clarke Telecom to consider alternative colours for the antennae. The Parish Council feels a colour

more in keeping with the surroundings would be better than white as this can be very reflective in sunlight.

Thereafter seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously.

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

REFERENCE	3PL/2023/1154/HOU
PROPOSAL	Erection of a detached three bay garage with home office over and the erection of a garden room extension to the dwelling house
LOCATION	Nutts Barn Ivy Todd Road
APPLICANT	Mr and Mrs Tomkins

The council felt this was a very sympathetic and well thought out addition and support the application.

12.To discuss and agree the draft budget for 2024-2025 and thereafter discuss and decide on the precept to be set for the next financial year

The Clerk discussed the draft budget and the proposed expenditure for the new financial year. Thereafter Chair Bass proposed the draft budget was approved by Council. Seconded by Councillor Catlin and agreed unanimously. Noting the Necton in Bloom expenditure to be amended to £350 for the forthcoming year.

Thereafter discussions were held about the amount of precept to be requested from Breckland DC. The Clerk informing everyone that due to the number of new properties in Necton this year if we asked for an increase of 4% from Breckland (making next year's precept amount £82160) this would not have any financial impact on the residents of Necton and the amount of precept they pay as part of their council tax would remain unchanged. This would mean that the Parish Council could continue to support the village whilst not increasing any financial burden on the residents and the new properties would support the increased amount we receive. Thereafter Chair Bass proposed the new amount of £82160 was requested as the precept amount from Breckland, seconded by Councillor Hayton and agreed unanimously.

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

Councillor Spain proposed brass plaques were purchased and put on the 3 new benches. Proposing they should be engraved with " Provided by Necton Parish Council for your use, please enjoy. 2023". Seconded by Councillor Curtis and agreed unanimously.

14.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

15.To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 19.42 pm