



Minutes No:  
2024/71

# Necton Parish Council

## Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.00 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre**

### **Parish Councillors (7) present:**

Councillors Jean Bass, Genine Curtis, Fraser Bateman, Zsolt Fejer, Joe Sisto Phil Hayton, and Thirza Hicks

### **Additional attendees:**

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk,  
Members of the public –8 including Councillor Nigel Wilkin and Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris

**Date:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Place:** Necton Rural Community Centre

### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Received from Councillors Jennings and Spain

### **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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

Proposed as approved by Councillor Bateman, seconded by Councillor Fejer 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 report from the Clerk is attached to the minutes

**Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris**

Councillor Kiddle- Morris confirmed there has been a report confirming that licences including back licences for work already completed may not be granted on the new western link road and so this new road is at threat of not continuing. This is due to Natural England placing a "favourable conservation status" on a species of bat. He also confirmed that a new government grant will be available in the summer and could provide funding up to £75,000 for community green spaces. More details will follow.

### **Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin**

Nothing to report

### **Chair**

The recent coffee morning was well attended and my thanks to Councillor Curtis for organising the speakers. Her coffee morning notes are attached. Following concerns raised by residents, the Clerk has contacted Anglian Water and they have confirmed they will be checking the piping in May when we have finer weather.

### **Councillors**

Councillor Sisto remarked that the hedge on the corner of Larwood Close was very overgrown and impacting on pedestrians using the path and that the street name sign on the other corner was damaged. The Clerk to report these. He confirmed that the newly formed Men's Shed group had spoken to him to enquire as to whether the PC had a copy of the Doomsday Book as they are led to believe Necton is mentioned within it. The Clerk confirmed we do not have a copy of it and it would possibly be available to view online.

Councillor Bateman confirmed that our consultant for the Neighbourhood Plan has received the report back from the Examiner and a few points have been raised. We cannot change these but can proof read for any errors. In approximately 2 weeks Breckland will advertise the Plan for 6 weeks and thereafter will hold a referendum. Therefore, it is anticipated it will be around July that residents can inspect and pass comment on the Plan

### **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 as approved by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously.

### **7. To receive confirmation that the quarterly financial checks for Q4 have been completed**

Noted

### **8. To receive the end of financial year accounts summary prepared by the Clerk and RFO**

Received and noted

### **9. To receive the minutes of the NRCC meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Received and noted

### **10. To approve the following reviewed policies for the forthcoming year**

## Risk Management

Proposed as accepted by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Bateman and agreed unanimously

### **11. To consider and decide on quotes received for the Parish Council Insurance due for renewal in May 2024**

Council Hayton proposed the quote provided by Clear Councils was approved and the insurance due in May to be provided by them. Seconded by Councillor Fajer and agreed unanimously.

### **12. To receive any updates and proposals from action plan working party and decide on next steps and in particular the bench and bins at Chantry Court and Masons Drive and the addition of Mindful Activities to the Action Plan**

Councillor Bateman proposed a large, round dual purpose bin was purchased for Chantry Court as well as another to replace the two older and smaller bins on School Road. And for the caretaker to investigate whether he can remove the old fixtures and put these in place at both locations. Seconded by Chair Bass and agreed unanimously. The caretaker to look at fixing the bench already in situ at Chantry Court as currently it is not fixed in position on the concrete pad. Discussions were held regarding the bench currently in Masons Drive and Chair Bass proposed that no action was taken to re – locate this at present as a question regarding benches in in the village questionnaire and it would be prudent to wait until the responses from the completed questionnaires was analysed. Seconded by Councillor Hicks and agreed unanimously. Mindful activities to be added to the Action Plan.

### **13. To consider a grant request from NRCC to cover the costs of remedial works required on the air conditioning units**

Chair Bass proposed the grant request for £1035.60 to cover the cost of these works was approved, seconded by Councillor Bateman. A vote by show of hands provided 5 votes in favour, 1 vote against and 1 abstained. Motion carried.

### **14. To consider amendment to the budget for 2024- 2025 now that final balances to be carried over from year 2023- 2024 are finalised**

The Clerk confirmed the minor amendments following the final reconciliation of the accounts for the year 2023/2024 and noting the balances carried forward. The amendments were to reflect this and also to increase the budget for grants, professional fees and community projects. Proposed as accepted by Chair Bass, seconded by Councillor Hayton and agreed unanimously.

### **15. To decide on content of correspondence to be sent to RWE requesting additional and wider sedimentary traps**

The agenda item was agreed to be deferred until the next meeting in order for Councillor Hayton to produce a draft response for Council to consider.

### **16. To discuss and decide if the PC should contact the Housing Association responsible for the area around the ditch at Chantry Court to ask them whether a fence could be erected between the ditch and the properties. If agreed to thereafter decide on the content of the correspondence**

Councillor Hicks proposed this was not taken forward, seconded by Councillor Hayton and agreed unanimously.

## 17. Planning matters – to note new planning applications and discuss.

REFERENCE	<b>3PL/2024/0243/VAR</b>
PROPOSAL	Proposed amendment to the wording of condition (15) on Application 3PL/2021/0587/F regarding no dig construction details, so as to allow for work to commencement on Plot 3 only
LOCATION	7 Ketts Hill
APPLICANT	Mr. Ryan Courtney

No objections

REFERENCE	<b>3 PL/2024/0161/D</b>
PROPOSAL	Reserved matters application for one dwelling following outline permission on 3PL/2021/0631/O
LOCATION	26 Hale Road
APPLICANT	Overton

The new application is for a much larger footprint and reduces the amenity space in the rear garden and fills the whole width of the site. It is also much closer to No. 24 and will reduce the light through their two windows facing South East It will also result in a crowded street scene. The loss of the turning head down the side of the house will mean cars reversing onto the road opposite the busy junction with Chantry Court. Highways commented on the original application as follows..."*Since the application is submitted in Outline with only Access included for current consideration, detailed drawings indicating parking **and turning** for both the existing and new dwelling will need to form part of any Reserved Matters application.*

## 18. 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 member of the public wanted to the subject of RWE and sedimentary issues to be discussed, the Clerk confirmed that as per agenda item 15 it is already going to be discussed.

A resident is looking to form a Neighbourhood Watch group and would like to have signs on the lamp posts- to be added to the agenda for next month.

A resident stated that the road condition was poor on Chapel Road due to large farm vehicles eroding the high banks, thus causing debris and spillage on the road. The Clerk confirmed this would be report to NCC Highways as they are responsible for the highways

## 19. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting will be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00pm and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 8.10pm