



Minutes No:
2024/73

Necton Parish Council

Minutes Parish Council Meeting held

Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.00 pm held at Necton Rural Community Centre

Parish Councillors (5) present:

Councillors Fraser Bateman, Genine Curtis, Alice Spain, Phil Hayton and Mark Jennings

Additional attendees:

Justine Luckhurst- Parish Clerk,
Nigel Wilkin – Breckland Councillor
Members of the public – 1

Date: Monday 10th June 2024

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Necton Rural Community Centre

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Chair Bass, Councillors Sisto, Hicks and Fejer. Apologies also received from NCC Councillor Mark Kiddle- Morris

The meeting was chaired by Vice Chair Fraser Bateman

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 20th May 2024

Proposed as accepted by Councillor Curtis, 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

Norfolk County Council, Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris

No report

Breckland Council, Cllr Nigel Wilkin

No report

Chair

No report

Councillors

Councillor Curtis stated she had received some criticism of the Parish Council from residents for not organising an event or putting out flags etc. to celebrate the anniversary of D - Day

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 Hayton, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously

7. To receive the minutes of the NRCC meeting held 3rd June 2024

Received and noted

8. To approve the following reviewed policies for the forthcoming year- All Councillors

Freedom of Information - proposed by Councillor Jennings, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

Equality and Diversity - proposed by Councillor Spain, seconded by Councillor Hayton and agreed unanimously.

Health and Safety - proposed by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

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

REFERENCE **3PL/2024/0455/HOU**

PROPOSAL Two storey side extension incorporating ground floor annexe & covered balcony at first floor to the rear & juliet balcony first floor front

LOCATION 5 Bells Meadow

APPLICANT Mr. Wilson

The Parish Council supports this application

10. To discuss and decide on next steps in regards to a second de-fibrillator in Necton - All Councillors

Councillor Jennings proposed a second de-fib should be taken forward and installed in the centre of the village (preferably at the shops), seconded by Councillor Hayton and agreed

unanimously. It was agreed Councillor Bateman would speak to the Premier shop to ascertain if they would be agreeable to have this installed on the outside of their premises. At this point Breckland Councillor Wilkin offered his shop premises in Mill Street as an alternative location, the Council thanked him for his offer. The Clerk confirmed there could be grants available for the purchase of the equipment but would wait until a location is secured before proceeding with any grant applications. To be discussed at the next meeting to receive updates.

11. To discuss and decide if the PC wishes to comment on the draft Breckland Local Plan as part of their Regulation 18 Consultation and, if agreed to decide on what comments should be submitted- All Councillors

Councillor Bateman proposed this agenda item and any decision was deferred until the next meeting in July as this would allow Councillor Spain to provide a report following a workshop she is attending at the end of June in regards to this matter. Seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

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

Councillor Bateman firstly thanked Councillor Spain for preparing the Excel workbook which will track all projects and progress made.

Councillor Spain proposed that the bench in Masons Drive remained in its current position but the bin next to it was removed and the other bin at this area was replaced with a new and larger multipurpose bin. Seconded by Councillor Bateman 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

A member of the public stated the recent grass cutting undertaken by NCC was of a poor standard, noting this was very evident around the area outside the church. The Clerk to report this to NCC.

14. To confirm date and time of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 8th July 2024 @ 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 Councillor Bateman, seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously

16. To discuss the end of the probationary period of the caretaker and consider and agree pay scales

The Clerk confirmed as line manager that a review had been held with the caretaker. Thereafter Councillor Jennings proposed the caretaker successful in passing the probationary period and an increase to SCP 9. Seconded by Councillor Spain and agreed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 19.52 pm