

NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Nocton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Nocton on Tuesday, 11 April, 2017 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Ian Goldsworthy (Chair)

Cllr G Jones
Cllr Jane Kania
Cllr Michael Kaye

Cllr E Murray
Cllr MaryAnn Williams
Cllr Neil Faulkner

In Attendance: Ruth Keillar, Clerk, and Mr Ben Wills (Beeswax Dyson Farming).

Eight members of the public were also present.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Rob Kendrick, North Kesteven District Council (NKDC) and Cllr John Money, NKDC.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chair introduced the new Clerk, Ruth Keillar and Mr Ben Wills of Beeswax Dyson Farming. The Chair informed the public that item 1 would be moved to follow item 4.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

This was moved to item 4.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Declarations of interest were made by Cllrs Jones, Kania and Goldsworthy with regard to item 14.

3 MINUTES – 14 March, 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Jones and it was resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 March, 2017 were taken as read and signed as correct.

4 BEESWAX DYSON FARMING

(a) Mr Ben Wills gave an informative and comprehensive overview of the Beeswax Dyson Farming (BDF) organisation.

(b) Public question time – members of the public asked Mr Wills a number of questions regarding the operation of BDF and expressed their appreciation of the efforts they were making to improve and protect the local

environment.

Cllr Goldsworthy thanked Mr Wills.

5 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Local Police

The Clerk reported that she had been informed by the Police that there had been no reported crimes in the village since its last meeting. However, it was noted that anti-social behaviour was continuing to occur at Nocton Hall.

(b) Village Hall Management Committee

The Chair gave a report of the meeting held on 21st March.

(c) Village Keeper/Dog Warden

The Parish Council noted the Village Keeper's report, which had been circulated previously, summarising his activities over the past month.

Cllr Jones agreed to ask Mr Smith to spray yellow paint onto the roots of those trees which are situated on the school site but which are causing damage to the village green – see item 8.

(d) Parish Clerk

The Parish Council noted the Clerk's report, which had been circulated previously.

The Clerk reported that funding opportunities are open for Tesco 'Bags of Help and Ringrose Law Group 'Grand Idea'. It was agreed that the Clerk will complete these applications and that all new opportunities for funding are filtered via Cllr Williams.

The Clerk reported that T J Bookkeeping will be taking on the payroll system for all employees.

(e) District Councillors R Kendrick/J Money

Neither Cllr Kendrick nor Money was present at the meeting.

(f) County Councillor M Overton

Cllr Overton was not present at the meeting.

6 NOCTON AND POTTERHANWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- (a) Cllr Murray gave a verbal report regarding the implications of the Examiner's amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan by his removal of the entire policy regarding the Nocton Hall and former RAF Hospital site and the result of a meeting held with NKDC, attended by Cllrs Murray and Goldsworthy.
- (b) It was proposed by Cllr Murray, seconded by Cllr Kaye and it was resolved that the Parish Council accept the amendments proposed by the Examiner to the Neighbourhood Plan and that it proceed to a local Referendum. A date for the Referendum will be reported when known.

Cllr Goldsworthy thanked Cllr Murray.

7 NOCTON VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT – NEXT STEPS – PART 1

The Parish Council:

- (a) noted the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Village Hall Rebuilding Sub-Committee held on 21 March, 2017;
- (b) considered the amended internal layout plans;

It was proposed by Cllr Kaye, seconded by Cllr Williams and it was resolved that the amended plans, as attached as an Appendix to the Minutes, be approved and confirmed to Simons for proceeding to planning application;

- (c) agreed to request A3 plans x3 copies from Simons for display in the Village Hall and on the external Notice Board;
- (d) agreed to receive a detailed financial appraisal at the next meeting on the project now that final costings had been received; and
- (e) agreed to contact Mr Clarke to progress arrangements for the site office/storage yard following his recent offer and conversation with the former Parish Clerk.

8 NOCTON VILLAGE GREEN

- (a) The Parish Council received a verbal report from Cllr Kania on the current position regarding the maintenance of trees within the grounds of Nocton School and the damage being done to the footpath on the Village Green. The Parish Council noted the position.

The Parish Council agreed:

- i. To spray yellow paint on the roots of the trees in order to highlight the potential trip risk. Cllr Jones will ask Mr Colin Smith to carry out this work.

- ii. That the Clerk contact the Parish Council's Insurers to outline the issue and request advice
- iii. That the Clerk investigate the process of applying for the trees to be felled
- iv. That Cllr Kania ask the School to re-address the issue with LCC, in line with NKDC's Tree Officer's recommendations that the trees in question be felled
- v. That the Parish Council and School be kept informed of all actions regarding the issue given that the trees are presenting a potential trip hazard.

(b) Nocton Picnic on the Green 2017

It was agreed to approve the request for the event to take place, 4th June, between 1.00 and 5.00 pm

A risk assessment will be carried out and LCC Highways has been informed.

9 **MAIN STREET NOCTON – PARKING BY BUS STOP**

Cllr Goldsworthy delivered a verbal report regarding the parking issue at the bus stop. PC P Hanson has been informed and police patrols will be observing. A request will be made to LCC Highways for road markings to be applied to the road; this would enable the police to take action against motorists who park in the marked area.

It was agreed to add this to the list of issues for LCC Highways to address.

10 **ROAD CLOSURES FOR RESURFACING WORK – NOCTON PARK**

Disruption to residents' parking during resurfacing work was noted by the Parish Council. It was confirmed that the Parish Council has no powers to intervene.

11 **HIGHWAYS ISSUES IN NOCTON**

Cllr Williams delivered a verbal report regarding the various Highways issues currently affecting the Parish. It was agreed that a list of issues be composed and held by the Clerk in order that progress be monitored.

12 **VILLAGE GREEN – RELOCATION OF RED TELEPHONE BOX**

Cllr Williams delivered a verbal report on her proposal for the relocation of the red telephone box from Wasps Nest to the site of the current one on the Green, following its removal by BT.

Cllr Jones raised concerns regarding the ongoing maintenance costs.

A resident from Wasps Nest also expressed concerns that the removal of the box would not be welcomed by residents in that area as it provided a useful “sign post” for visitors and delivery vehicles, etc.

At the Chair’s suggestion, it was agreed that a full report addressing all costs, logistics and community opinion be compiled in order for the issue to be considered further at a future meeting.

13 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ISSUES**

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications:

Application PL/0044/17 [Extension to Dunston Quarry, B1188, Dunston](#)

Application 17/0410/TCA – Tree works [Pine Lodge, The Avenue, Nocton](#)

Application 17/0347/FUL [Keepers Cottage, Wasps Nest](#)

Application 17/0352/HOUS [Nocton house, Fen Lane, Nocton](#)

Application 17/0483/TPO – Tree works [1 Woodland Drive, Nocton](#)

Application 17/0495/TCA – Tree works [The Shieling, The Green, Nocton](#)

The Parish Council had no comments.

Decisions received

Application 17/0189/HOUS - 5 Lincoln Road, Nocton - Approved

14 **APPLICATION FROM OPEN GARDENS GROUP TO THE 200 CLUB**

Cllr Kania reported on an application for a 200 Club grant from the Nocton Open Gardens Group. It was proposed by Cllr Kaye, seconded by Cllr Murray and it was resolved that a grant of £99.48 be awarded for printing costs.

15 **PROGRESS REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Kania reported:

- i. That there were items which had been utilised by the Youth Club which are now redundant and suggested that these be donated to the school; this was agreed.
- ii. She will be taking over production of the Nocton Newsletter in May

and requested that the Parish Clerk inform all contributors to send their copy direct to her as soon as it is available rather to wait until the last day of the month.

Cllr Jones reported:

- i. Signs for Nocton Hall, stating that the land is 'Private Property' have been ordered by LEDA Properties, however he will request that they be placed at more convenient height than appears to have been proposed
- ii. Further incursions have been noticed at the Hall and he will inform LEDA and the local Police
- iii. On behalf of the Parish Council, he had attended a performance of Guys and Dolls, at Branston Community Academy on 23rd March; the Clerk will write to express congratulations on an excellent and professional performance.
- iv. The Art Trail opening on 1st April was well attended. Sleaford and North Hykeham MP Dr Caroline Johnson attended. Flyers of the Art Trail are available and will be included in village Welcome Packs.

Cllr Murray reported:

- i. Recent incursions at Nocton Hall involved around 20 people. It was suggested that the police should be informed that the issue comes under anti-social behaviour. It was suggested that any car registration details noticed at the site could be reported to aid police action. Cllr Jones offered to liaise with the police re this issue (ii above).

Cllr Williams reported:

- i. Cllr Dr Caroline Johnson expressed an interest in the village Hall funding and Cllr Williams' efforts to apply for funding opportunities. It was agreed that the Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Dr Johnson for attending the Art Trail opening and to seek her support in obtaining funding for the new Hall.

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NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL – DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 9 May, 2017.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 25 May, at 7pm. It was agreed to accept an offer from the NHS, for a representative to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to deliver a talk about decision-making in the NHS.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 25 May 2017, at 8pm, following the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Parish Council agreed to adjourn to allow members of the public to

ask questions on matters relating to items discussed at the meeting.

Further comments relating to the informative presentation delivered by Mr Ben Wills and the potential to involve Beeswax Dyson Farming in possible plans for Nocton Hall were voiced.

(The meeting ended at 8.43 pm)

CHAIR