

## **NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Nocton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Nocton on Tuesday, 8 March, 2016 at 7.00 pm.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Ian Goldsworthy (Chair)

Cllr Neil Faulkner  
Cllr Graham Jones  
Cllr Jane Kania

Cllr Michael Kaye  
Cllr Elisabeth Murray  
Cllr MaryAnn Williams

**In Attendance:** Steve Altridge, Clerk.

Ten members of the public were also present.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr R Kendrick (North Kesteven District Council (NKDC)) and Cllr J Money (NKDC).

### **1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

### **2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

*Agenda Item 15 (a)(1) – Wellhead Lane, Nocton*

Cllr Kaye declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item of business .

### **3 MINUTES – 9 February 2016**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 February, 2016 were taken as read and signed as correct.

### **4 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **(a) Local Police**

PCSO Kennedy reported that there had been no reported crimes in the village since the last meeting.

PCSO Kennedy undertook to raise the Parish Council's concerns regarding the B1188 road safety issues with the appropriate authorities and to ascertain if any measures would be taken in light of the three recent fatalities on the stretch of this road near Nocton.

(b) **Village Hall Management Committee**

The Parish Council received a report from Cllr Williams, which had been circulated previously.

The Parish Council noted that the Chair and Cllr Williams would meet the Chairs of the VHMC and Social Club (plus one representative from each organisation) to discuss recent Village Hall security issues and other matters.

(c) **Village Keeper and Dog Warden**

The Parish Council noted the Village Keeper's report, which had been circulated previously, summarising his activities over the past month. Mr Smith had attended a Dog Warden training session arranged by NKDC on 15 February, 2016, although he had been undertaking those duties on an informal basis since September, 2015.

The Clerk undertook to ask NKDC to clarify the extent of the Dog Warden's powers and duties.

(d) **Clerk**

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

- 1 requested the Clerk to inform the proprietors of a mobile fish and chip van that, in principle, it was supportive of their proposal to provide their services on one week a night in Nocton. It was suggested, however, that the proprietors should liaise with the VHMC if they were intending to use the Village Hall Car Park and that they may also wish to arrange their visit so that it coincided with a time when the Social Club was open.
- 2 requested the Clerk to publicise in the Nocton Newsletter the availability of a commemorative medal that had been produced to celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 21 April, 2016.

(e) **District Councillors**

Neither Cllr Money nor Cllr Kendrick was present at the meeting.

(f) **County Councillor M Overton**

Cllr Overton was not present at the meeting.

5 **B1188 – ROAD SAFETY**

The Parish Council agreed that in light of the number of tragic deaths in recent years on the B1188 in the vicinity of Nocton, and most recently at the junction with Wellhead Lane, the Highways Authority and the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership be asked to inform it on what action would be taken to improve road safety along this stretch of carriageway.

The Parish Council agreed to write to the Highways Authority and the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership accordingly. Cllr Jones also agreed to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Police and Community Panel.

## 6 **NOCTON YOUTH CLUB**

The Parish Council received a verbal report from Cllr Kania regarding the Youth Club. The Parish Council noted that Mr Watkins had resigned as the Youth Club Leader and that the post had been re-advertised. The parents of children attending the Youth Club had been made aware of the position.

The Parish Council joined the Chair in thanking Maddie Parker and Lesley Stoneham, the Youth Club volunteers, for their kind offer to run the Club until the Easter holiday break.

The Parish Council agreed to reduce the Youth Leader's contractual employment from 44 to 40 weeks per year to coincide with the time that the Youth Club was open.

## 7 **NOCTON VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT – NEXT STEPS**

The Parish Council received a progress report from Cllr Williams on the Village Hall redevelopment, together with the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Village Hall Rebuilding Sub-Committee held on 22 February, 2016.

The Parish Council noted that the refurbishment tender documents had been uploaded to the 'Contracts Finder' dedicated public sector website. A meeting with the recommended VAT consultants had also been held and a meeting with a legal specialist had been arranged.

The Parish Council:

- 1 agreed to appoint Cllr Murray, Kania and Faulkner to substitute as necessary at meetings of the Village Hall Rebuilding Sub-Committee.
- 2 agreed ~~in-prin~~to appoint Elysian Associates to oversee the VAT element work of the Village Hall redevelopment.

## 8 **NOCTON AND POTTERHANWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Parish Council received a verbal report from the Vice-Chair regarding the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council noted that the first version of the Plan was now in draft form and was currently being considered by the Nocton and Potterhanworth Community Groups and, thereafter, the Steering Group. Nine policy areas were being developed to help inform the future development of the two villages. Following that, the draft Plan would be submitted to NKDC for a Strategic Environmental Assessment, prior to it being reviewed informally by an independent Planning Inspector. There would then be a six week formal public consultation period, followed by an independent inspection by a Planning Inspector. The Plan would then proceed to a Village Referendum. It was noted that The Steering Group was anxious that the Neighbourhood Plan be adopted as quickly as possible and, as such was making considerable efforts to ensure that, without compromising its integrity, any delays in the preparation process were kept to an absolute minimum.

The Parish Council noted the position.

**9 CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN WEEKEND – 4 AND 5 JUNE 2016**

The Parish Council agreed to hold a 'Clean for the Queen' event over the weekend of 4 and 5 June, 2016, prior to the 'Picnic on the Green' on 12 June, 2016. Participants in the event would be covered under the Council's insurance policy, and a risk assessment of the proposed activities would be undertaken.

**10 NOCTON HALL – CURRENT ISSUES**

The Chair and Cllr Jones updated the Parish Council on the outcome of their recent meeting with senior officers at NKDC regarding the latest position relating to the proposed Nocton Hall planning application by LEDA Properties.

The Parish Council noted that confidential pre-planning discussions had been held by NKDC and LEDA Properties. A bat survey had been undertaken recently and from a response made on the draft Local Plan by Kemp and Kemp, Planning Consultants, it appeared that the planning application was now expected to be for approximately 170 properties.

The Parish Council agreed to invite Mr Sensecall of Kemp and Kemp to make a presentation on the latest proposals at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held later in the year.

The Parish Council also noted that despite its previous requests to LEDA Properties, there appeared to be no noticeable progress to improving the security at Nocton Hall although a new section of fencing had been installed at the former Hospital site.

**11 NOCTON PARK HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

The Chair read out an email that he had received from the Head of Development, Economic and Cultural Services at NKDC summarising recent conversations between NKDC and Mr Sowerby regarding the Nocton Park development. The current programme anticipated that all work would be completed by the summer. The Parish Council noted that NKDC would continue to monitor the position.

The Parish Council agreed to print a further 50 copies of the Nocton Welcome Pack for distribution to new village residents. The 200 Club Promoter had agreed that the printing costs would be met from the 200 Club funds.

12 **NOCTON VILLAGE ENTRANCES - SIGNAGE**

Cllr Williams informed the Parish Council that the two white picket panels at the entrance to the village on Wellhead Lane would be installed in the near future.

13 **NKDC – TREE INSPECTIONS**

The Parish Council agreed to subscribe to the Tree Inspection service provided by NKDC. The initial inspection of the eight trees owned by the Parish Council in the village would cost £28.00, and their re-inspection on a three yearly basis would cost £22.00. NKDC would also be asked to inspect tree roots for any potential damage that they may cause.

The Clerk undertook to inform NKDC accordingly.

14 **LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – MEMBERSHIP 2016/17**

The Parish Council agreed to renew its membership of the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC) and the LALC training programme for 2016/17 at a cost of £191.10 and £80.00, respectively.

The Clerk undertook to renew the two LALC subscriptions accordingly.

15 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ISSUES**

(a) The Parish Council considered the following planning applications:

1 *Wellhead Lane, Nocton*

The Parish Council agreed to comment on the application in the following terms:

*'This application was considered at the meeting of the Parish Council on 8 March 2016. Members agreed unanimously to ask for the following*

*guarantees to be sought if planning consent is to be granted.*

*In its letter of 3 August 2015 concerning the outline Planning submission 15/0908/OUT, the Parish Council expressed concern at the nature of the junction of the site access road and Wellhead Lane. The Parish Council considered that a visibility splay 'Y' distance of 50m would be necessary to accommodate the large and increasing numbers of delivery vehicles using Wellhead Lane for access to the village. In the event, it was deemed that the junction would be satisfactory with a standard 2.4 x 43m splay at the entrance. To achieve even this it will be necessary to clear the considerable amounts of ivy clinging to the trees adjacent to the site entrance. The Parish Council is concerned that before the development is complete, robust measures are put in place to ensure that the visibility splay at the entrance remains unobstructed by vegetation in the future.*

*The spring water beck that runs just inside the southern boundary of the development has been cleared and if planning permission be granted would be re-routed so as to straighten its course and reduce erosion of the banks. The beck and adjacent land south and east of the proposed site access road are part of the site but not part of any of the individual plots for sale. The Parish Council is concerned that similar robust measures are introduced for the continued maintenance of the areas of land south and east of the site access road and for clearance of the water course on a regular basis'.*

2 *Plot 71, Nocton Park Road, Nocton*

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on the application.

3 *Nocton County Community School*

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on the application.

- (b) The Parish Council considered the following application for work to a tree in a conservation area:

*The Shieling, the Green, Nocton*

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on the application.

- (c) The Parish Council noted the decision by NKDC to grant planning permission in respect of the following application:

*31 Wegberg Road, Nocton*

16 **PROGRESS REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Jones informed the Parish Council that '30 MPH' wheelie bin stickers were available to purchase for villagers to display on their bins. The cost of

providing stickers for properties in Main Street and Wellhead Lane, Nocton would be approximately £180.00. The Parish Council agreed not to proceed with the proposal at this time.

Cllr Kania reported that a productive meeting had recently been held between herself and the Chair and the Headteacher of Nocton School. The Clerk undertook to ascertain who was responsible for the maintenance of the laurel hedge adjacent to the footpath leading to the school's side entrance.

The Parish Council agreed to arrange for 350 copies of the Nocton Newsletter to be printed at a cost of £78.75. The printing costs would be met for the first six editions from the Nocton 200 Club funds.

17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- (a) The Parish Council noted that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 12 April, 2016 at 7.00 pm. The Parish Council also agreed to hold its Annual General Meeting on 10 May, 2016 at 7.00 pm, and the Annual Parish Meeting on 17 May, 2016 at 7.00 pm.
- (b) The Parish Council agreed to adjourn to allow members of the public to ask questions on matters relating to items discussed at the meeting.

In response to a question about the Newsletter, the Parish Council confirmed that the possibility of it becoming self-funding through the selling of advertising would be considered as the newsletter evolved.

(The meeting ended at 8.40 pm)

**CHAIR**