

NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Nocton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Nocton on Tuesday, 12 July, 2016 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Ian Goldsworthy (Chair)

Cllr Neil Faulkner
Cllr Graham Jones
Cllr Jane Kania

Cllr Elisabeth Murray
Cllr MaryAnn Williams

In Attendance: Steve Altridge, Clerk.

Eleven members of the public were also present.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Michael Kaye.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were asked by the members of the public present.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Agenda Item 14(c) – Crickets Cottage, 7 Main Street, Nocton

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

3 MINUTES – 14 June 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 June, 2016 were taken as read and signed as correct.

4 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Local Police

The Police were not present at the meeting.

(b) Village Hall Management Committee

The Parish Council noted a report submitted by Cllr Williams on behalf of Cllr Kaye, who had attended the VHMC meeting held on 27 June, 2016 in her absence.

The Parish Council confirmed that it had agreed previously to the Village Keeper cutting the Village Hall grass, and the costs being recharged to the VHMC accordingly.

(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.

The Parish Council agreed to review Mr Smith's contractual position as part of the staffing review at its meeting on 13 September, 2016.

(d) **Clerk**

The Parish Council noted the Clerk's report, which had been circulated previously, and agreed to a request from Nocton Community School to hold the School Picnic on the Village Green on 20 July, 2016.

The Clerk undertook to arrange training in the use of the new Village Hall defibrillator for interested villagers, and to remind Nick Jones, ArtsNK, that a response to the Parish Council's concerns about the poor condition of the village entrance signs was awaited.

(e) **District Councillors R Kendrick/ J Money**

Neither Cllr Kendrick or Cllr Money were present at the meeting

County Councillor M Overton

(f) Cllr Overton was not present at the meeting.

5 **NOCTON YOUTH CLUB**

Cllr Kania informed the Parish Council that Miss Stephanie Jackson had resigned from the post of Youth Club Leader with effect from 28 July, 2016.

The Parish Council noted that Miss Jackson had indicated that it was extremely difficult to manage the Youth Club without more support from the village in terms of parents and others willing to volunteer their services. Without that support, the Club would need to close.

The Parish Council agreed to hold a meeting in the autumn of all residents who wished to see the Youth Club continue in the village. If sufficient voluntary support was forthcoming, it was hoped that the Youth Club would begin meeting again after the Autumn half-term.

The Parish Council noted the position with considerable disappointment.

6 NOCTON VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT – NEXT STEPS

The Parish Council received a progress report from Cllr Williams about the proposed Village Hall rebuild.

The Parish Council noted that an advisor from both the Social Club and the VHMC had been appointed to the Village Hall Rebuilding Sub-Committee, which met with Simons (the successful contractor) on 4 July, 2016 to consider the plans in detail. A second draft of the design of the new Hall had been submitted to the Sub-Committee and consultations would continue.

In response to a question from a villager, Councillors explained the reasons behind the decision to rebuild rather than refurbish the Hall. In order to clarify the position further, the Parish Council agreed to deliver a letter to all households in the village with the next edition of the Nocton News explaining the current position and why a new Hall needed to be built. The letter would also explain the next steps and how it was proposed to fund the new Hall.

7 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 Plan had not yet been reviewed by NKDC, prior to the Strategic Environmental Assessment being carried out. The current draft Plan was available to view on the Parish Council website.

8 NOCTON PARK

The Parish Council agreed, in view of the various issues raised by residents of Nocton Park, to invite the Chairman of Nocton Park Management Ltd to its meeting on 13 September, 2016 to discuss matters of mutual concern and interest, and to look at ways of improving communication, etc between the two bodies.

9 SCHEME FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MAYORAL COMBINED AUTHORITY FOR GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE

The Parish Council agreed to request the Clerk to indicate that it did not support the proposal to establish a Mayoral Combined Authority for Greater Lincolnshire.

10 NORTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL – TREE INSPECTIONS

The Parish Council considered the report from the NKDC Tree Officer regarding his recent inspection of the trees owned by it.

The Parish Council agreed to ask the Clerk to contact Nocton Community School to obtain the details of the contractor it had engaged to undertake its tree work, and to obtain a quote for its own work accordingly.

11 **AMENITY GRASS CUTTING**

The Parish Council noted that Lincolnshire County Council had informed the Clerk that it would no longer provide an amenity grass cutting service in Wellhead Lane, Nocton with effect from 31 March, 2017.

The Parish Council agreed to ask the Village Keeper and Dog Warden to cut that grass as part of his duties from 1 April, 2017.

12 **LITTER PICKING AND DOG WARDEN PARISH FUNDING FOR 2017/18**

The Parish Council noted a letter from NKDC regarding the Service Level Agreement for Parish Funding Litter Picking and Dog Warden Grants in 2017/18.

The Clerk undertook to inform the Village Keeper and Dog Warden that he would be required to collect dog faeces as waste in order to comply with the litter picking funding agreement.

13 **NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL – ‘FACEBOOK’ ACCOUNT**

The Parish Council agreed that it would not open a ‘Facebook’ account at this time.

14 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ISSUES**

- (a) The Parish Council considered the following planning application:

Land Adjacent to Nocton Wood House, Nocton Wood, Nocton

The Parish Council indicated its support for the application.

- (b) *British Sugar Site, Bardney*

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on the application, but to suggest to West Lindsey DC that a traffic management scheme to alleviate additional heavy goods vehicle traffic in Nocton should be put in place if the application was approved.

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

Crickets Cottage, 7 Main Street, Nocton

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on the application.

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

The Shieling, The Green, Nocton

15 PROGRESS REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Faulkner updated the Parish Council on the current position regarding building work at Nocton Park. It was anticipated that the Nocton Park development would be completed by December, 2016.

Cllr Kania informed the Parish Council that a most productive meeting had been held with Nocton Community School. The Nocton Newsletter would be published in August, despite it falling within the school holidays.

Cllr Jones reported that the new Nocton Hall barrier had been installed. LEDA Properties had agreed to discuss the proposed location of the new warning signs in due course.

(The Parish Council agreed to pass a resolution under Standing Order 1(y) to extend the duration of the meeting by up to thirty minutes).

16 NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL – DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- (a) The Parish Council noted that its next meeting would be held on 9 August (provisional), or 13 September, 2016.
- (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 from a villager, the Parish Council agreed to ask the Clerk to contact Ai 500 to ascertain who would be representing it at the proposed Airsoft Event public meeting on 17 July, 2016.

17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Parish Council agreed to pass a resolution under Standing Order 1(d), that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting, and they be instructed to withdraw.

If the press and public were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure to them of exempt information of

the following description:-

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

18 NOCTON VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT – NEXT STEPS

- (a) The Chair informed the Parish Council that Mr Nick Grace (Mr Paul Clarke's planning consultant) had again been in touch regarding Mr Clarke's proposal to apply for planning permission to build on the tennis court behind the Village Hall. The Parish Council agreed to ask Cllrs Kaye and Jones, and the Clerk to meet Mr Grace to learn more about the proposal and to report back.
- (b) The Parish Council noted a progress report from Cllr Williams, which had been circulated previously, and discussed the arrangements for the publication of a letter to be delivered to all households in the village with the next edition of the Nocton News. Cllr Jones agreed to amend the draft letter accordingly.

(The meeting ended at 9.50 pm)

CHAIR