

NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Nocton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Nocton on Tuesday, 10 May, 2016 at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Ian Goldsworthy (Chair)

Cllr Graham Jones
Cllr Jane Kania

Cllr Michael Kaye
Cllr MaryAnn Williams

In Attendance: Steve Altridge, Clerk, Cllr Rob Kendrick, North Kesteven District Council (NKDC) and Cllr Marianne Overton, Lincolnshire County Council.

Nine members of the public were also present.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Neil Faulkner, Cllr Liz Murray and Cllr John Money, NKDC.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

3 MINUTES – 12 April, 2016 and 25 April, 2016

The Minutes of the meeting of (a) the Parish Council meeting held on 12 April, 2016, and (b) the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 25 April, 2016 were taken as read and signed as correct.

4 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Local Police

No report was received from the Police.

(b) Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Williams reported that the VHMC had moved to quarterly meetings which meant that it had not met since the last Parish Council meeting.

(c) The Parish Council thanked the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) for arranging for the installation of the public defibrillator on the outside wall adjacent to the notice board.

(d) **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 Clerk undertook to remind Mr Smith to refill the bridle path dog waste bag dispenser as necessary. (Steve – has this happened only I haven't seen any bags yet!)

(e) **Clerk**

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

The Parish Council agreed to donate a bottle of champagne (to a maximum value of £25.00) as a raffle prize for the Picnic on the Green on 12 June, 2016.

(f) **District Councillor Kendrick**

Cllr Kendrick updated the Parish Council on recent developments in the District and drew attention to NKDC's achievements over the past twelve months.

(g) **County Councillor M Overton**

5 **B1188 – ROAD SAFETY**

The Parish Council received a report from Cllr Jones regarding the B1188 road safety issues.

Cllr Jones reported that he had received a response from the Chief Constable and the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to the Parish Council's recent letter regarding road safety issues. The Parish Council noted that the Road Safety speed camera vans would not be deployed in the Nocton area because it did not fall within the top sixty Lincolnshire highways 'blackspots'. Neither were staff available to deploy the only serviceable hand-held speed gun.

Cllr Jones undertook to continue to raise the Parish Council concerns in the appropriate forums

6 **NOCTON VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT – NEXT STEPS**

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

Cllr Williams explained that the tenders received for the proposed Village Hall rebuild had been evaluated, and the Parish Council had agreed at its meeting on 25 April, 2016 to invite Simmons Group, Lincoln to enter into discussions to take the project forward. The outline proposals for the new village hall would be displayed, and comments invited, at the village Annual Parish Meeting on 17 May, 2016.

Cllr Williams also reminded villagers that the visit to nearby village halls would be taking place on Saturday, 14 May, 2016. Details of the visits were published in the May edition of the Nocton Newsletter.

7 **NOCTON HALL – CURRENT ISSUES**

Cllr Jones reminded the Parish Council that, together with the Chair, he had met representatives of LEDA Properties and NKDC on 9 May, 2016 to discuss the Nocton Hall development proposals.

The Parish Council noted that it had become apparent that a site meeting, to which it had not been invited, had been held in January, 2016. Ecological surveys would continue throughout the year. It had also been made clear that LEDA Properties proposed to obtain access to part of the site via Woodland Drive, and it had indicated that it would be contacting each individual household in that road to discuss matters further. An application for outline planning permission for the development could be submitted by the end of 2016, but given the complexity of the planning and other issues associated with the site, NKDC had said that it could be up to a twelve months before any application could be determined. The new security barrier at the Hospital site continued to be awaited.

The Chair informed the Parish Council that it had become apparent that LEDA Properties was intending to rent the site to Ai500 for a weekend airsoft event twice a year for the next five years. LEDA Properties had acknowledged that it intended to permit the use of the site by Ai500 in this way although only one event was currently planned to enable its success or otherwise to be evaluated. The Chair further reported that he had received a telephone call from the Managing Director of Ai500 earlier that afternoon regarding the proposals. Initially, a single event had been planned for the weekend of 15/16 October, 2016. Access to the site would be limited to 7.00 – 9.00 am on both days and the site would close at 5.00 pm. The event would be fully marshalled and a no drugs or alcohol policy strictly enforced. The organisers were also aware of the proximity of the event area to the Cottage Nursing Home and would do what they could to mitigate the effect on residents. The Managing Director had also offered to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the proposals with councillors and local residents. The Parish Council accordingly agreed to

invite him to attend its meeting on 12 July, 2016.

The Parish Council noted the position.

8 NOCTON YOUTH CLUB

Cllr Kania informed the Parish Council that the Youth Club was progressing well. Stephanie Jackson, the new Youth Leader, was in post and two new volunteers had started to work with the Club. The Youth Leader had been invited to judge the Nocton School 'Nocton's Got Talent' competition.

The Parish Council noted the position.

9 NOCTON AND POTTERHANWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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

The Parish Council noted that the draft Plan had been submitted to an independent Planning Officer for comment and suggestions for improvement, etc. Following further consideration by the Steering Group, the draft Plan would then be submitted to NKDC for it to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment. Once that had been completed, the Plan would be the subject of a formal six week consultation process with residents and other interested parties. It was hoped that this would commence during the summer.

The Parish Council noted the position.

10 NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL – INSURANCE POLICY

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that its insurance policy would expire on 31 May, 2016. Came & Co, Insurance Brokers, had provided quotations from three insurance companies and had recommended that the Parish Council accept the quotation from Ecclesiastical at an annual premium of £895.80. In addition, if the Parish Council entered into a three year binding agreement with Ecclesiastical, the annual premium would be reduced by 5%, giving a premium of £851.01.

The Parish Council agreed to enter into a three year binding agreement with Ecclesiastical on the terms indicated above.

11 NOCTON NEWS

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that he had been requested to ascertain from the printers of the newsletter whether they would entertain a very generous proposal from a villager to provide the paper for printing it in return for an acknowledgement of the position. Although a formal response to the proposal from the printers was awaited, on further

consideration the Parish Council felt that practical issues meant that the proposal was unfortunately not likely to be viable. However, it was suggested that the villager in question might, instead, be prepared to make a small donation to the newsletter printing costs in return for an acknowledgement of his support.

The Clerk undertook to investigate the position further.

12 DOG WARDEN – NOCTON PARK

The Parish Council noted that the Clerk had not yet received a reply to his email to Nocton Park Management Limited regarding the role of the Dog Warden.

13 NOCTON VILLAGE ENTRANCES

The Parish Council considered a proposal to erect similar fencing to that recently provided in Wellhead Lane at the remaining two entrances to the village.

The Parish Council agreed to install a single post on the Potterhanworth Road village entrance, at a maximum cost of £100.00 + VAT.

In addition, and due to their poor condition, the Parish Council agreed to request ArtsNK to refurbish the wooden surrounds of the two carved wooden village signs in Potterhanworth Road and Main Road, Nocton. Given that the Parish Council had paid for this work to be carried out only a relatively short time ago, it was felt that ArtsNK should be asked to carry out this work at no cost to the Parish Council.

14 NOCTON CRICKET CLUB – APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID

The Parish Council considered an application for grant aid from Nocton Cricket Club for the purchase of two picnic benches and parasols to be sited at the club's ground, at a total cost of £339.98.

The Parish Council approved a grant of £169.99, from 200 Club funds, for the purchase of one picnic bench and parasol. The 200 Club Promoter had agreed to the grant being made. Parish Council funds were not available to supplement the grant, although sports funding grants were available elsewhere.

15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ISSUES

The Parish Council considered the following planning application:

- (a) *18 and 19 Old Four Row, Main Street, Nocton*
The Parish Council indicated its support for the application.

- (b) The Parish Council considered the following applications for works to trees in a conservation area and subject to a TPO:

1 *The Shieling, The Green, Nocton*

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on the application.

2 *1 Woodlands Drive, Nocton*

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on the application.

- (c) The Parish Council noted the decisions by NKDC to grant planning permission in respect of the following applications

1 *Plot 71, Nocton Park, Nocton*

2 *Wellhead Lane, Nocton*

16 **PROGRESS REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Williams reported that a risk assessment would be undertaken prior to the Picnic on the Green being held and that she was due to meet the Nocton School Headteacher to discuss its participation in the event.

Cllr Kania reported that the publication of the Nocton Newsletter had been well received. It had been suggested that participation in village events had also increased, hopefully as a result of the Newsletter.

Cllr Jones reported that the Speed Indicator Device was currently deployed in Wellhead Lane. The cost of a replacement palmtop necessary to download data from the device was awaited.

In response to a question from a villager about the Nocton Hall site access, the Clerk undertook to provide her with LEDA Properties' contact details.

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**

In confidential session, the Parish Council:

- (a) Received a progress report from Cllr Williams about the village hall redevelopment. The Parish Council noted that the Simmons Group had agreed to clarify whether the demolition costs of the existing village hall were included in the tender quote. The overall costs of the replacement hall could be reduced by a reduction in its proposed size. A full asbestos survey would be required as part of the process and a detailed breakdown of costs was being prepared. The cost of the project could not be finalised, however, until building development approval, etc had been obtained.

The Parish Council agreed to invite the VHMC and the Social Club to each nominate a representative to join the Village Hall Rebuilding Sub-Committee in an advisory capacity to oversee the development of the hall. The Clerk undertook to inform the VHMC and the Social Club accordingly.

- (b) The Parish Council considered an email, which had been circulated previously, from GraceMachin Planning and Property on behalf of Mr Paul Clarke, in which his proposals for developing the field to the rear of the village hall were repeated.

The Parish Council confirmed that the covenants on the Village Hall site meant that the proposals which had been put forward and which involved moving the new village hall to a different part of the site could not proceed. Cllr Kaye undertook to draft a response to the email.

(The meeting ended at 8.50 pm)

CHAIR