

## NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Nocton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Nocton on Tuesday, 13 October, 2015 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, and Cllr John Money ((North Kesteven District Council) (NKDC)).

Four members of the public were also present.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Rob Kendrick (NKDC)).

#### 1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

#### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

*Agenda Item 12(a)(1) – Wellhead Lane, Nocton*

Cllrs Kaye and Kania each declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item of business.

#### 3 MINUTES – 8 September 2015

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 September, 2015 were taken as read and signed as correct, subject to the amendment of a typographical error.

#### 4 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

##### (a) Local Police

PCSO Flannigan informed the Parish Council that there had been one reported crime in the village since its last meeting:

Attempted burglary at a property at Main Street, Nocton.

##### (b) District Councillor J Money

Cllr Money briefly outlined the potential impact of the Local Plan on Nocton, but emphasised that any housing development in the village would be market-led. He also confirmed that the Metheringham Waste Deport

would be moved to the Metheringham Industrial Estate, and the existing site redeveloped for council housing.

(c) **Nocton Community School**

Mrs Hannah Bunting, Leader Teacher, Nocton School, updated the Parish Council about recent school activities. The 'soft' federation was working well and 60 pupils were on roll. All villagers would be welcome to attend the Remembrance Service at the All Saints' Church on 11 November, 2015.

The Parish Council noted that the Chair and Cllr Kania were meeting Mr Andrew Boyall, the Head Teacher of the "federation" on 14 November, to discuss matters of mutual interest.

(d) **Village Hall Management Committee**

Cllr Kaye updated the Parish Council about the business discussed at the meeting of the VHMC held on 28 September, 2015. The VHMC had asked the Parish Council to consider the introduction of the Hallmaster Booking System, which would be considered elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

(e) **Village Keeper/Dog Warden**

The Parish Council received the Village Keeper's report, which had been circulated previously. A hard disc had now been purchased for the strimmer which would allow more dense undergrowth to be cut. A supply of plastic waste bags had also been obtained.

The Parish Council was pleased to learn that several favourable comments about the Village Keeper's work had been received by Cllr Jones.

The Clerk undertook to clarify the position regarding the provision of a brown garden waste bin at the Village Hall for the Village Keeper's use with NKDC, and to remind NKDC again that it had previously agreed to provide Mr Smith with Dog Warden training.

The Parish Council noted the Village Keeper's report.

(f) **Clerk**

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

(g) **County Councillor M Overton**

County Councillor Overton was not present at the meeting.

**5 HIGHWAYS**

The Parish Council received a verbal report from Cllr Williams regarding the options for signage at the Nocton Village entry points. Cllr Williams also provided a series of photographs, which had been circulated previously, showing the proposed locations for the signs.

The Parish Council agreed to ask Cllr Williams to investigate the costs of providing signage in Wellhead Lane in the first instance and to report back to a future meeting.

**6 NOCTON AND POTTERHANWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Parish Council received a verbal report from Cllr Murray outlining the response to the first Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. Approximately 100 questionnaires from Nocton residents had been returned by the deadline of 12 October, although late returns would be accepted. This amounted to an excellent response rate of approximately 30%, with a good age range represented and thoughtful comments expressed.

The Parish Council noted that a more detailed report regarding the feedback would be presented to its next meeting and thanked all those who had been involved in the questionnaire distribution.

**7 CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN**

The Parish Council received a verbal report from the Chair regarding the Local Plan. The Plan had been issued for public consultation, which would end on 25 November, 2015.

The Parish Council agreed to authorise the Chair, Vice-Chair, and the Planning Portfolio holder to draft a suggested response to the consultation for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**8 NOCTON YOUTH CLUB**

The Parish Council received a verbal report from Cllr Kania about the Youth Club.

The Parish Council noted that Miss Sarah Logan, Youth Leader, had tendered her resignation following her appointment to a full time post elsewhere. The post had been advertised, and it was intended that interviews would be held shortly. The Parish Council agreed to appoint Cllrs Kania, Murray and Kaye to the Interview Panel.

The number of young people attending the Youth Club had increased again following the restart after the summer break. The Youth Club would close again over the autumn half term break, and meet next on 12 November, 2015.

9 **SLEAFORD AND DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

The Parish Council considered a request from the Sleaford and District Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) for financial assistance.

The Parish Council agreed to ask the Clerk to ascertain the number of Nocton villagers receiving support from the CAB prior to making a decision on the request.

10 **HALLMASTER BOOKING SYSTEM**

The Parish Council considered a request from the VHMC that it investigate the possible introduction of “Hallmaster”, a computerised system for managing bookings and invoicing, etc for both the Hall and the Social Club. The cost of using the website would be approximately was approximately £160.00 per annum.

The Parish Council noted that the VHMC would wish the Parish Council to be the lead “user” of the system, although the day-to-day management of the bookings would continue to be dealt with by the VHMC. The Parish Council felt that as most of the bookings tended to be regular ones, it was not readily apparent how the new system would be cost effective. It also wondered whether expertise was available in the village to set up a simple electronic on-line diary for the Hall bookings, and queried how the system would work in practice.

The Parish Council agreed, however, that the VHMC be asked to provide further clarification of the intended benefits, etc of the system in which case it would consider the matter further.

11 **VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT**

The Parish Council received a verbal report from Cllr Williams on the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

The Parish Council noted that the Village Hall Refurbishment Project Team would meet soon to finalise the project brief as the first step in the process of obtaining planning permission.

The Parish Council agreed to meet the costs involved in obtaining planning permission, etc.

12 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ISSUES**

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

1 *Wellhead Lane, Nocton – Outline Application Amendment for a reduction in*

*Dwellings from 7 to 6 (Resubmission of 14/0986/OUT)*

The Parish Council reaffirmed its objections to this application, as stated in its letter of 3 August, 2015 and by email on 9 September, 2015 to NKDC.

2 *14 Lincoln Road, Nocton*

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on this application.

- (b) The Parish Council noted the decision by NKDC to consent to works on trees located at 26 Parklands Avenue and Nocton Park Road, Nocton.

13 **PROGRESS REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Williams reported that the Village Hall Christmas tree had been ordered from Fillingham Trees. The Village Keeper would be available to assist with its installation prior to the Christmas Fair on 28 November, 2015.

Cllr Kania updated the Parish Council on the proposal to produce the 'Grapevine', an A4 folded sheet providing details of activities in the village. It was estimated that the cost of providing 300 copies was between £36.00 and £42.00, depending on whether it was printed on white or coloured paper. The Parish Council emphasised that the document, which would be produced by volunteers, was simply intended to provide a list of dates of village events, and not in any way be a replacement for the 'Nocton Doodle'.

The Clerk undertook to contact the Nocton Doodle Editor to inform her of the proposal, and to reassure her of the intentions. The proposal would be included on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting as well.

Cllr Faulkner informed the Parish Council that the park bench base had now been installed and that the play park litter bin had been received. The two new dog waste bins would be fitted in due course. He also undertook to clarify the position regarding the dyke maintenance with Mr Peter Sowerby.

Cllr Jones reported that the Speed Indicator Device was currently deployed in Dunston, and it would be located in Metherringham during November, before it returned to Nocton in December, 2015. The next meeting of the Police Community Panel would be held in the Village Hall on 19 October, 2015 and all would be welcome to attend.

The Clerk undertook to inform NKDC that the Village Green had again been mown by its contractor again despite it no longer being included in the NKDC contract.

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

- (a) The Parish Council noted that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 10 November, 2015 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 refurbishment of the Village Hall, Cllr Williams confirmed that Mr Paul Clarke had given his consent to the tennis court to the rear of the site being used as a site office and store.

The Parish Council noted that a Pumpkin Carving Session would be held in the Social Club on 27 October, 2015 at 5.00 pm.

15 **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:-

Agenda Item 16 - Information relating to any individual.

Agenda Item 17 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information).

16 **NOCTON VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT**

In confidential session, the Parish Council received a verbal progress report from the Clerk regarding proposals for the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

17 **NOCTON HALL – PROPOSED SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS**

In confidential session, the Parish Council considered a Supplemental Agenda in respect of the proposed security arrangements at Nocton Hall. The Parish Council noted the proposals that LEDA Properties were proposing to put in place at the Hall.

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(The meeting ended at 9.00 pm)

**CHAIR**