

NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Nocton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Nocton on Tuesday, 2 December, 2014 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Ian Goldsworthy (in the Chair)

Cllr Neil Faulkner
Cllr Graham Jones

Cllr MaryAnn Williams

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

Thirty members of the public were also present.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr John Money (North Kesteven District Council).

The Vice-Chair received a cheque for £1,200 from Jim Eagle, Promoter of the Nocton 200 Club. Those funds would be part-used to meet the ongoing costs of employing the Youth Club Leader, and printing the Nocton Welcome Pack. The Vice-Chair thanked Jim Eagle for his hard work in organising the Club and for the excellent sum of money raised.

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interest were made.

3 MINUTES – 29 July 2014

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 October, 2014 were taken as read and signed as correct.

4 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES – PART 1

The Parish Council received the following reports:-

(a) Local Police

PCSO Flannigan informed the Parish Council that there had been one recorded crime of criminal damage in the village since the last meeting.

(b) **Nocton Community School**

The Parish Council received and noted a progress report from Mark Cunningham and Cara Watson on recent activities at Nocton School. In particular, the Parish Council was pleased to note that the recent Ofsted inspection had rated the School as 'Good', and had highlighted several examples of good practice. Fifty nine pupils would be on roll in January, 2015; an increase of twenty pupils over the past two years. The Christmas Fete had raised £457 and all would be welcome to attend the School Christmas Nativity on 15 and 16 December, 2014. Parking issues around the Village Green were also being addressed.

(The Parish Council agreed to consider agenda item 6 – Nocton Village Hall Project Refurbishment Team – as the next item of business).

5 NOCTON VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT PROJECT TEAM

The Parish Council received a verbal report from Cllr Williams, Chair of the Nocton Village Hall Project Refurbishment Team, on the work of the Team. Cllr Williams drew attention to the copies of the three Village Hall refurbishment options that had been made available prior to the meeting, and invited parishioners to submit their views on them by completing a short questionnaire.

The Parish Council noted that the Team was in the process of costing the three Village Hall refurbishment options that had been submitted by Mr Saunders, the Architect. Villagers were reminded that by signing up to the Co-op Community Champions Fund, they could request that their dividend contribution was put towards the Village Hall refurbishment fund.

The Chair of the Project Team explained that the Parish Council would consult parishioners formally before any scheme was put forward for grant aid and when more work had been carried out on costings, but invited their views in the meantime.

The Parish Council agreed to authorise MaryAnn Williams, Clodagh West and Lorraine Chapman to deal with the various day-to-day issues associated with the project (including the identification of funding and the preparation of grant applications), subject to them reporting to the Project Team and with any final decisions on such matters being made by the Parish Council.

(The meeting was adjourned at 7.20 pm and reconvened at 7.25 pm)

6 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES – PART 2

The Parish Council received the following reports:

(c) Village Hall Management Committee

- 1 The Parish Council received the revised Minutes of the meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) held on 29 September, 2014 and the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October, 2014. The Parish Council also received the draft Minutes of the VHMC meeting held on 24 November, 2014, which were tabled.
- 2 The Parish Council congratulated the VHMC for organising a most successful Christmas Fayre, which had raised £212 for the Village Hall refurbishment fund.

(d) Dog Warden

The Parish Council received Mr Cummins' report which had been circulated previously. It was noted that there had been two dog attacks in the village recently and that information was, in fact, available on the incidents. It was agreed that Mr Cummins be invited to comment further to a future meeting on the action he was able to take in such matters.

(e) Village Keeper

The Parish Council noted the Village Keeper's activities during the past month. Following a number of requests by the Vice-chair to NKDC, it had now cleared leaves from the village footpaths.

(f) Clerk

The Parish Council received the Clerk's report, which had been circulated previously, and agreed to reimburse Cllr Goldsworthy the sum of £21.99 for the purchase of a bottle of champagne on behalf of councillors as a raffle prize for the Christmas Fayre held on 29 November, 2014.

(Cllr Goldsworthy took no part in the discussion of this item and did not vote thereon).

The Clerk undertook to invite Alan Brown, LCC, to attend an early meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the proposal to install 'Please Drive Carefully' signs on Main Street, Wellhead Lane and Potterhanworth Road, Nocton.

The Parish Council noted the Clerk's report.

(g) **District Councillor R Kendrick**

Cllr Kendrick updated the Parish Council on developments in the NKDC area and indicated that a major refurbishment of the North Kesteven Sports Centre was being undertaken. Cllr Kendrick also asked Cllr Goldsworthy to provide him with details about the NKDC leaf clearing issues that had arisen (Minute (e) above).

(h) **County Councillor M Overton**

Cllr Overton updated the Parish Council regarding her ongoing concerns about planning issues locally and, in particular, about the Local Plan and its implications for housing and other development in the area.

Cllr Overton also highlighted that four major road projects would be taking place in Lincoln between January and June, 2015.

7 NOCTON YOUTH CLUB – PROGRESS REPORT

The Parish Council considered a progress report from the Vice-chair about the Nocton Youth Club.

The Parish Council noted that the Youth Club was progressing very well. It was attracting a core group of approximately twenty 8 to 11 year olds on a weekly basis, and Vicky Rowding, the Youth Club Leader, had drawn up a rota of volunteer helpers. Arrangements were being made for the necessary Disclosure and Barring Service checks to be made. The Parish Council thanked the Nocton 200 Club, the Social Club and the VHMC for their help in making the Youth Club such a success.

The Parish Council agreed to:

- (a) affiliate the Youth Club to the VHMC.
- (b) authorise the Youth Club Leader to spend up to £30.00 per week on Tuck Shop and other activity materials as necessary, and to reclaim those expenses as part of the monthly salary payment arrangements. Details of such purchases would be included on a monthly income and expenditure statement.

8 NOCTON WELCOME PACK

The Parish Council received a verbal report from Cllr Jones regarding the draft Nocton Welcome Pack, which had been circulated previously.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Jones for drafting the Welcome Pack, and agreed to ask him to arrange for fifty copies of it to be printed at Lincoln Print Centre at a cost of £50.50.

9 **NOCTON AND POTTERHANWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Vice-chair informed the Parish Council that Potterhanworth Parish Council had now submitted a joint Neighbourhood Plan support grant application to NKDC. A meeting would be held with the Potterhanworth Neighbourhood Plan representatives to take the matter forward.

The Parish Council noted the position.

10 **VATTENFALL WIND POWER LTD – COMMUNITY INVESTMENT WORKSHOP**

The Parish Council noted that following an invitation from Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd, Cllrs Goldsworthy and Jones would represent it at a Community Investment Workshop on 9 December, 2014.

The Parish Council also noted that advice had been received from the NKDC Monitoring Officer in respect of Parish Councillors attending the Workshop. That advice had concluded that it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to be represented at the Workshop, and suggested that a report was submitted to its next meeting for information.

11 **NOCTON GARDENING CLUB**

The Parish Council noted that a grant application from the Nocton Gardening Club had not yet been received.

12 **QUEEN'S CORONATION COACH AND HORSES - FUTURE STORAGE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Parish Council considered a verbal report from the Vice-Chair regarding the future storage arrangements for the Queen's Coronation Coach and Horses, which was currently stored in a parishioner's garage. The Coach and Horses were owned by Lincoln City Council.

Cllr Williams agreed to arrange for the Coach and Horses to be returned to Lincoln City Council and to liaise with the parishioner as appropriate.

13 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ISSUES**

- (a) The Parish Council considered the following application for works to trees within a conservation area:

4 to 8 Bridleway Close, Nocton

The Parish Council agreed not to comment on the application.

- (b) The Parish Council noted the decision by NKDC to consent to works on

trees located at The Retreat, Nocton Hall, Nocton.

14 **PROGRESS REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Faulkner reported that the second phase of the housing development at Nocton Park was nearing completion. Some existing Nocton Park road names had been changed by NKDC without any consultation, and Cllr Kendrick agreed to investigate the matter. Cllr Faulkner and Cllr Overton agreed to look into the continued unavailability of fibre optic broadband in the village.

Cllr Jones reported that the Speed Indicator Device had been returned to the Parish Council, and it would continue to be used in the village for the time being. The Road Safety Partnership had rejected the majority of proposed passive speed road signs sites on safety or ownership grounds. The signs would be displayed at the approved sites when they were received.

Cllr Williams reported that street light no 30 in Main Street, Nocton was not working. The Clerk undertook to look into the matter.

Cllr Williams also suggested that the Village Green trees owned by the Parish Council needed to be pruned/subjected to a “crown and lift”. Cllr Kendrick agreed to raise the matter with the NKDC Tree Officer.

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

- (a) The Parish Council noted that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 13 January, 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.

Bridlepath – Plastic Film in Hedgerow

The Clerk undertook to inform Winchester Growers that a considerable quantity of its plastic film used in the wrapping of flowers, etc had been noticed in the hedgerow adjacent to the Bridlepath from Nocton to Dunston with a request that it arrange for its clearance.

16 **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.

17 **NOCTON VILLAGE HALL – INSURANCE CLAIM**

In confidential session, the Clerk informed the Parish Council that a claim for damages had been made against it following an alleged incident in Nocton Village Hall. The claim had been submitted to the Council's insurers accordingly.

The Parish Council noted the position.

(The meeting ended at 9.00 pm)

CHAIR