

NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Nocton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Nocton on Tuesday, 8 September, 2015 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Ian Goldsworthy (Chair)

Cllr Neil Faulkner
Cllr Graham Jones
Cllr Jane Kania

Cllr Michael Kaye
Cllr MaryAnn Williams

In Attendance: Steve Altridge, Clerk, and Cllr Marianne Overton ((Lincolnshire County Council) (LCC)).

Four members of the public were also present.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Elisabeth Murray, Cllr Rob Kendrick ((North Kesteven District Council) (NKDC)) and Cllr John Money (NKDC).

1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Agenda Item 11(a) (1) – Wellhead Lane, Nocton

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

3 MINUTES – 14 July 2015 and 28 July 2015

The Minutes of (a) the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 July, 2015 and (b) the Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28 July, 2015 were taken as read and signed as correct.

4 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Local Police

PC Hanson informed the Parish Council that there had been two reported crimes in the village since its last meeting. A suspect had been arrested following an attempted burglary at Bottom Lodge, The Bridleway, Nocton, although no charges had been brought and criminal damage had occurred to a motor vehicle at Wegberg Road, Nocton.

(b) Village Hall Management Committee

The Parish Council noted that the VHMC had met on 24 August, 2015. The annual electrical testing programme had been completed satisfactorily,

and the broken light in the hall had been replaced. The Parish Council would be asked to arrange for the payment of the invoice for it in due course. Plans for the Lincolnshire Day event on 3 October, 2015 were well advanced. The VHMC was hoping to obtain additional chippings for the car park.

Cllr Kaye agreed to represent the Parish Council at the next meeting of the VHMC on 28 September, 2015.

The Parish Council noted the report.

(c) **Dog Warden**

The Parish Council received Mr Cummin's report, which had been circulated previously. Following the end of his contract, the Parish Council placed on record its thanks to Mr Cummins for his services and diligence shown in the village in his role as the Dog Warden in the past, and to wish him well for the future. The Clerk undertook to write to Mr Cummins to express those sentiments.

The Parish Council noted the Dog Warden's report.

(d) **Village Keeper**

The Parish Council received the Village Keeper's report, which had been circulated previously. Reinforced strimmer cord would be purchased in due course.

The Parish Council noted the Village Keeper's report.

(e) **Clerk**

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

- 1 to thank the Canal and Rivers Trust for its interest in working with the Parish Council to manage local waterways, but to decline the opportunity at this time because of its other priorities locally.
- 2 to request the Clerk to consult the NKDC Tree Officer about whether trees in Main Street, Nocton were subject to Tree Preservation Orders, and, if appropriate, to write to residents requesting that several trees were tidied, particularly where they were overhanging the highway and/or pavement.
- 3 to request the Clerk to arrange for Cllr Kaye to attend a NKDC Chairman's Local Plan Briefing event.
- 4 to donate a bottle of champagne to a value of a maximum of £25.00 as a raffle prize for the Lincolnshire Day event on 3 October, 2015. Cllr Jones

Goldsworthy agreed to purchase it.

The Parish Council noted the Clerk's report.

(f) **District Councillors**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Kendrick and Cllr Money.

(g) **County Councillor M Overton**

Cllr Overton updated the Parish Council about the draft Lincolnshire Local Plan. The Parish Council noted that Cllr Overton had offered to outline the major points for consideration at a public meeting in the Village Hall. Cllr Overton also emphasised that all adults assessed as requiring social care should receive it irrespective of budget constraints, and asked that she be informed of any issues.

5 **VATTENFALL WIND POWER LTD – PROPOSED WIND FARM AT NOCTON FEN**

The Parish Council noted that Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd had withdrawn its proposal to build a wind farm at Nocton Fen.

6 **BUDGET MONITORING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Parish Council noted the Budget Monitoring and Financial Matters Report – Month 6. It was agreed to transfer the balance of unspent provision in the budget for Dog Warden Service to that for the Village Keeper.

7 **HIGHWAYS**

The Parish Council considered a report from the Lincolnshire Highways Authority regarding the possible options for signage at the Nocton village entrances.

Cllr Williams agreed to consider further the costings, etc, of the options, including the provision of white fencing at the entrances, and to submit a report to a future Parish Council meeting.

8 **NOCTON AND POTTERHANWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND CENTRAL LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN**

The Parish Council received a verbal report from the Chair regarding the above plans.

Cllr Goldsworthy explained that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had prepared a questionnaire which would be delivered soon to every household in the parish to obtain residents' views as the first stage in

preparing the Plan. Villagers would have just over two weeks to respond, and the first draft Plan would then be produced on the basis of the feedback received.

Cllr Goldsworthy also reported that together with Cllrs Murray and Jones, he had attended a meeting with LEDA Properties at NKDC on the morning of this Parish Council meeting. It would appear that LEDA had employed planning consultants to draw up another plan for the hospital site.

The Parish Council noted that LEDA Properties would be invited to present their latest proposals at the Parish Council meeting on 10 November, 2015.

9 **COMMUNITY POLICE PANEL**

The Parish Council considered a request from Mr Nick Byatt, Chair, B1188 Community Police Panel, for the Parish Council to contribute £20.00 per annum towards the costs of holding Panel meetings in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council approved the request, with the proviso that any Village Hall hire payments would be made directly to the VHMC rather than by contribution to the Panel.

The Clerk undertook to inform Mr Byatt accordingly.

10 **NOCTON PARK – DOG WASTE BIN**

The Parish Council agreed to purchase an additional 'Fido 25' Dog Waste Bin in red, at a total cost of £123.00 plus VAT to be located at Nocton Park.

11 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ISSUES**

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

1 *Wellhead Lane, Nocton – Outline Application for Residential Development Comprising of Erection of 7 Dwellings (Resubmission of 14/0986/OUT)*

The Parish Council reaffirmed its objections to this application, as stated in its letter of 3 August, 2015 to NKDC.

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

1 *26 Parklands Avenue, 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 applications:

- 1 Plots 66-70, Nocton Park, Nocton.
- 2 47 Wellhead Lane, Nocton.
- 3 23 Parklands Avenue, Nocton.

12 **PROGRESS REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Kania reported that the Youth Club had reopened on 3 September, following the summer break. A meeting with the new Headteacher of Nocton Community School would be arranged for later in the autumn term.

Cllr Williams agreed to send the Parish Council's best wishes to former parish councillor Mrs Jilly Burr following her recent hospitalisation. The Parish Council also approved a request to hold the Picnic on the Green on the Village Green on 12 June, 2016.

Cllr Kaye drew attention to an outline planning application for the development of the Battles Farmyard on Station Road.

Cllr Faulkner explained that the latest development at Nocton Park continued apace.

Cllr Jones explained that the Speed Indicator Device was currently deployed in Ashby de La Launde, and that it would be located in Dunston in October. A number of Welcome Packs had been distributed to new residents of the village.

Cllr Goldsworthy reported that recent poor mobile telephone coverage in the village had been caused by a faulty mast. It had been repaired, and 4G coverage was now available to those able to use it. The Parish Council agreed to consider ways in which details of village events could be publicised more regularly at a future meeting.

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

- (a) The Parish Council noted that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 13 October, 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 provision of superfast broadband in the village, the Chair explained that LCC expected to have received the final costings for it from BT during this autumn, and undertook to raise the matter again.

In response to a question from a villager about the responsibility for maintaining the beck in Nocton Park, the Chair undertook to provide information about the position. Cllr Faulkner also agreed to raise the matter with Mr Sowerby.

Following a comment from a villager about the location of the '30mph' signs at the entrances to Dunston, the Parish Council confirmed that it would not wish to see them moved.

14 **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 any individual.

15 **NOCTON VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT**

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

(The meeting ended at 8.40 pm)

CHAIR