

## **NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Nocton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Nocton on Tuesday, 1 April, 2014 at 7.00 pm.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Kate Tyler (in the Chair)

Cllr Jilly Burr  
Cllr Neil Faulkner

Cllr Neil Summers

**In Attendance:** Steve Altridge, Clerk, and Cllr Rob Kendrick, North Kesteven District Council (NKDC).

Seven members of the public were also present.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Ian Goldsworthy, Cllr Graham Jones, Cllr MaryAnn Williams, Cllr John Money (NKDC) and Cllr Marianne Overton (Lincolnshire CC).

#### **1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

##### **Agenda Item 12 (b) 2 – Embsay House, Main Street, Nocton**

Cllr Tyler declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in the above mentioned agenda item, and indicated that she would take no part in the proceedings when the item was discussed.

#### **3 MINUTES – 4 March 2014**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 4 March, 2014 were taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **4 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

##### **(a) Local Police**

No police representatives were present at the meeting. The Parish Council noted that lights had been stolen from a vehicle parked on Metheringham Heath and diesel had been stolen from Nocton Rise Farm.

##### **(b) Nocton Community School**

The Parish Council received a progress report from Mark Cunningham and

Cara Watson on activities at Nocton School. The Parish Council was pleased to learn that parents and pupils alike viewed the School's activities very positively, and noted that the School's overall SATS results last year were skewed by such a small cohort of pupils taking them.

(c) **Village Hall Management Committee**

The Parish Council noted the Minutes of the meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) held on 26 February, 2014.

Cllr Summers agreed to ask the VHMC to confirm that it would be meeting the Report Timetable requirements that had been circulated to it previously, and to ask the Clerk to the VHMC to provide the Parish Clerk with the VHMC agenda and minutes for each meeting.

The Clerk undertook to:

- 1 remind Tony Deakin that the peeling paint on the Village Hall door required further treatment.
- 2 ask Paul Hutson to investigate issues with the recent repairs to the Village Hall Ladies' Toilets.
- 3 inform the VHMC that the Parish Council had appointed Cllrs Summers and Williams to represent it on the Village Hall Working Group.

(d) **Dog Warden**

The Parish Council noted Mr Cummins' report, which had been circulated previously.

The Clerk undertook to ask Mr Cummins to patrol Rostrop Road, Nocton Park as part of his duties.

(e) **Village Keeper**

The Parish Council noted the Village Keeper's activities during the past month, and authorised Mr Fisher to purchase a new broom and gloves, at a maximum cost of £20.00, for his use whilst undertaking his duties.

(f) **Clerk**

- (1) The Parish Council received the Clerk's report, which had been circulated previously. The Clerk undertook to:
  - (a) request the Village Keeper to repair and varnish the Village Green Notice Board. The Parish Council agreed to increase the Village Keeper's working time by a maximum of two hours to allow for it to be done.

(b) purchase three red Planter Bicycle Racks to be located outside the Village Hall at a cost of £450.00 plus VAT. The Parish Council agreed not to submit an application to the Lincolnshire County Council Access Lincs Sustainable Travel Grant scheme because it was not in a position to meet the necessary conditions.

2 The Parish Council agreed to purchase an Easter Egg to a maximum value of £20.00 as a raffle prize for the VHMC Easter Fayre.

(g) **District Councillor R Kendrick**

Cllr Kendrick confirmed that the Metheringham Depot was being relocated to a site near to Metheringham Railway Station. Cllr Kendrick also agreed to investigate the delay in Cllr Faulkner being issued with his NKDC garden waste bin sticker for 2014/15.

(h) **County Councillor M Overton**

Cllr Overton was not present at the meeting.

5 **NOCTON VILLAGE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT TEAM**

The Parish Council considered a report from Cllr Goldsworthy regarding the proposed Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Nocton Village Hall Refurbishment Project Team.

The Parish Council:

1 approved the Team's Constitution and Terms of Reference.

2 appointed Cllrs Tyler and Burr to serve on the Team.

3 requested the Clerk to invite Nocton Social Club and the VHMC to each appoint a representative to it.

6 **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION AND ANNUAL VILLAGE LITTER PICK**

Cllr Burr reported that the Best Kept Village application form had been received. The cost of entry in 2014 was £15.00

The Parish Council agreed to:

1 ask Cllr Burr to complete the application form and to forward it to the Clerk for submission.

2 meet the entry cost of £15.00 from its budget.

3 request the Clerk to write to Mr Sowerby to ask him if he would be in a

position to replace the concrete bollards on his development with something more aesthetically pleasing.

The Parish Council noted that the annual litter pick would be held on 24 May. Jenny Bailey, NKDC, had agreed to provide some of the equipment needed for it.

Mr Cunningham agreed to ascertain the position regarding the proposed removal of the school hedge opposite the Village Hall, and the All Saints Church PCC would be asked to co-ordinate its grass cutting activities with the litter pick if possible.

## **7 NOCTON VILLAGE GREEN – TREES**

The Chair informed the Parish Council that the Clerk had been contacted by a resident of The Green who had in turn been informed that the horse chestnut tree on the Village Green was in a potentially dangerous condition.

The Parish Council noted that NKDC was not in a position to offer advice about the tree's condition. Cllr Kendrick agreed to enquire about why that was the case.

The Parish Council requested the Clerk to obtain advice about whether any work was needed on the Horse Chestnut tree on the Village Green to make it safe, and, if so, authorised him, in consultation with the Chair and/or Vice-Chair, to approve a quote of up to £500.00 plus VAT for the work to be done, if needed, as a matter of urgency.

## **8 NOCTON WELCOME PACK**

The Parish Council received a verbal report from Cllr Burr outlining her suggestions about the contents of the Nocton Welcome Pack.

The Parish Council agreed to:

- 1 ask Cllr Burr to produce an A5 'tick box' questionnaire which would be circulated with the Nocton Doodle to all residents asking their views about the possible contents of the Welcome Pack.
- 2 agreed to meet the £12.00 cost of producing the questionnaire from its budget.
- 3 in addition, make the questionnaire available for completion at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 April, 2014.

9           **NOCTON VILLAGE PLANTERS**

The Parish Council agreed to ask Cllr Williams to oversee the summer planting of the village planters.

10           **NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL – LOGO AND NAME BADGES**

The Parish Council agreed to

1           ask villagers for their views on the options for the new Parish Council logo at the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 April, 2014.

2           ask Cllr Burr to provide Councillor name badges for the Annual Parish Meeting.

11           **VATTENFALL WIND POWER LTD – VISIT TO THE LUTTERWORTH WIND FARM SITE – 17 MAY, 2014**

The Parish Council noted the programme for the visit to the Lutterworth Wind Farm site on 17 May, 2014.

12           **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ISSUES**

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

1           *Hallsyard House, The Green, Nocton*

The Parish Council agreed that it did not wish to comment on the application.

2           *7 Bridleway Close, Nocton*

The Parish Council agreed that it did not wish to comment on the application.

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

1           *Abbot's Grange, The Green, Nocton*

The Parish Council agreed that it did not wish to comment on the application.

2           *Embsay House, Main Street, Nocton*

The Parish Council agreed that it did not wish to comment on the application.

- (c) The Parish Council noted a decision by NKDC to consent to works on trees located at Coachman's Cottage, Nocton Hall, Nocton.

13 **NOCTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2014**

The Parish Council noted that the Nocton Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 15 April, 2014 at 7.00 pm. Light refreshments would be served at it.

14 **NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014**

The Parish Council noted that the Annual General Meeting would be held on 6 May, 2014 at 7.00 pm. An ordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held on its rising.

15 **PROGRESS REPORTS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Faulkner reported that there had been no complaints received about the ongoing building work at Nocton Park. The tennis courts were being refurbished and the trees treated.

Cllr Burr reported that fly tipping on Grange Lane had been cleared by NKDC, and agreed to put up signs that had been provided by NKDC warning against fly tipping in the village.

Cllr Burr also reported that Nocton School would be participating in the Water Vole survey in either May or June, 2014.

The Clerk undertook to remind Network Rail about the need to plant replacement hedging next to the B1202 bridge.

16 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Parish Council agreed to adjourn to allow members of the public to ask questions on matters relating to items discussed at the meeting.

A member of the public informed the Parish Council that branches on the horse chestnut tree on the Village Green had been lopped (possibly by Lincolnshire CC) in 2013.

(The meeting ended at 8.50 pm)

**CHAIR**