

## NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9 January 2019  
At 7.30 p.m. in Nowton Village Hall, Nowton

**Present:** Councillor - Mrs Carol Perry (Chairman)  
Councillor - Mr David Flatt  
Councillor - Mr Jon Green  
Councillor - Mrs Renee Farrow  
Councillor - Mr Mike May  
Parish Clerk - Mrs Pauline Stoddart

Prior to the meeting commencing, 10 Minute Public Forum – Borough Councillor Terry Clements and County Councillor Karen Soons attended (7.30–7.45pm and 7.50–8.02pm respectively) and presented their reports.

**1. Apologies for Absence** – none, all present.

**2. Declarations of Interest** – none.

Borough Councillor Terry Clements briefed Councillors on current issues discussed at recent meetings including Council Tax, parking in Bury St Edmunds, the new coat of arms, and a point raised by Councillor Clements concerning social housing in a village where no local residents had actually benefited from the homes.

**3. Approval of the draft Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 5 December 2018** – approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Farrow, seconded by Councillor Flatt and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** – there were no matters arising which were not already on the agenda.

**5. Finance** – Business Premium Account £4,835.73; Community Account £624.77  
Total £5,460.50

Two cheques were approved and signed at the meeting:

100329	Clerk, quarterly salary Oct-Dec 2018	£240.00
100330	HMRC, income tax re above	£60.00

**6. Planning** – no planning applications had been received since the last meeting.

**7. Road Safety, Crime/Public Nuisance** – Councillor May advised that before some re-surfacing was undertaken it was vital for the Highways Department to undertake an inspection of the tree roots under the road surface of Cooper Lane as they were very dangerous, particularly to cyclists. The Chairman advised that work was due to start on Monday week; Councillor May had received an email from the Highways Department and County Councillor Soons asked for a copy to be sent to her. **Action: Councillor May**

Councillor Farrow highlighted the danger to pedestrians, when the edges of the roads were in poor repair. County Councillor Soons said she would speak again with Councillor Evans regarding pot holes, road edges, etc. **Action: Councillor Soons**

County Councillor Soons had emailed her January newsletter to the Clerk that day, copies of which had been tabled. Councillor Soons went briefly through her report highlighting certain points including proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice Bureau grant funding, the consultation for which ends on the 23 January.

**8. Correspondence** – The Clerks & Councillors Direct magazine would be circulated for Councillors to read at their leisure.

The Chairman advised that she had received a request from a resident for a named road sign, where at present there was none. After enquiry with SEBC the Chairman had been advised that it was not the Council's practice to erect road signs where there were no houses.

**9. Next meeting – Wednesday 27 February 2019, 7.30 p.m.**

**Further meetings dates for 2019:** 10 April; 22 May (AGM); 10 July; 18 September; 23 October; 4 December. All meeting dates are subject to change.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.10 p.m.

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Date