

## NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 3 April 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  
Parish Clerk - Mrs Pauline Stoddart

Prior to the meeting commencing, 10 Minute Public Forum – one member of the public was present who wished to speak informally about future building plans within the grounds of a property in Nowton that he was considering purchasing. The Chairman explained that Councillors were happy to listen but could not form or express any opinions until a Planning Application was submitted for formal consultation.

In attendance: County Cllr Karen Soons and District Cllr Terry Clements, who gave their reports prior to commencement of the meeting proper.

Cllr Soons: The April Newsletter sent to the Clerk by Cllr Soons had been circulated. Cllr Soons highlighted two points within the Newsletter; the recent Ofstead inspection reports for two local schools, both of which Cllr Soons advised had action plans in place, and news regarding the Bury Records Office which Cllr Soons advised would not be closing or moving, in fact more records would be available on line or in the 'The Hold' resulting in more access, in different places.

The Chairman was disappointed to see from Cllr Soons report that the recycling centre would be closing on Wednesdays, although it was noted that opening hours were being extended on other days.

Cllr Soons advised that she would be standing for St Olaves in the West Suffolk Council elections, assuring Councillors that this was an additional role which she hoped to undertake.

Cllr. Soons offered to make an appointment for a meeting with the Highway Delivery Centre, in order to challenge any cases where it was considered wrong decisions had been made concerning road repairs/pot holes; the Chairman responded that a number of pot holes had recently been filled and that at present a meeting would not be necessary.

Cllr. Clements reported that he was now a District Councillor, rather than a Borough Councillor. He updated on various aspects of current work, highlighting his concerns about the financing for various developments; political issues, particularly candidates standing on just one issue; changes within the Wards.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mike May.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – none.
- 3. Approval of the draft Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 27 February 2019** – approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Farrow, seconded by Councillor Green and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** – Councillors advised that they had all received acknowledgement letters concerning the Parish Council Elections.

**5. Finance** – Business Premium Account £3,988.12; Community Account £476.77  
Total £4,464.89

5.1 Budget Review – figures were tabled showing that actual spend 2018-2019 was under budget. The Chairman advised that additional funds to those budgeted would be required for repairs to the village sign.

5.2 It was agreed to use the £100 budgeted for local good causes for St Nicholas Hospice.

One cheque was approved and signed at the meeting:

100337	St Nicholas Hospice	£100.00
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**6. Planning** – two planning applications had been considered, to which the Council had no objections:

6.1 DC/19/0100/HH – Overway House, Bury Road – (i) single storey side extension, following demolition of existing conservatory) (ii) detached garage with first floor annexe.

6.2 DC/19/0280/HH – Rose Cottage, Bury Road – First floor side extension with hipped roof.

**7. Road Safety, Crime/Public Nuisance** – The Chairman advised that quite a few pot holes had been filled. The rubbish from two incidents of fly tipping had been quickly removed after being reported. Following the fire incident, there was now just one bottle bank, necessitating more frequent emptying.

**8. Correspondence** – Seafarers poster which would be put on the Noticeboard.

**9. Next meeting** – **Wednesday 22 May 2019, Annual Parish Council meeting, 7.30 p.m.**  
**Wednesday 22 May 2019, Annual Assembly of the Parish, 8.15 p.m.**

Further meetings dates for 2019: 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 8.15 p.m.

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Date