

NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10 July 2019
At 7.30 p.m. in Nowton Village Hall, Nowton

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

Prior to the meeting commencing, 10 Minute Public Forum – no members of the public were present.

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

Cllr. Clements began his report by advising that he has sponsored a course 'Suffolk Needs Met' which will be run by Suffolk Mind. This Wellbeing Course will take place at Gt Whelnetham School, on July 18th from 6pm-9.30pm, the course was ideally for up to 16 people and Cllr. Clements welcomed interest from anyone considering attending.

Cllr. Clements reported that West Suffolk Council had set up a rural task force that would report to Cabinet; he had been appointed to this task force whose remit was wide ranging and not, as yet, firmly established. Cllr. Clements expressed some reservations advising that results were expected in September and, whilst he believed in the concept, he did not believe it could be achieved within the timescale.

The final point in Cllr. Clements' report concerned the housing allocations and type and suitability for local residents. He reported that having been taken off the Development Control Committee and appointed to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, housing would be one of the first items to be looked at and he would be asking questions. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Clements for his report, who then left the meeting.

Cllr. Soons had sent the Clerk her monthly Newsletter for June, which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Soons highlighted aspects within her report, the first concerning the County Council seeking to run a number of bus services without public subsidy, following a reduction in the amount of public money available. The Chairman raised the issue of a parishioner whose child had been refused a bus pass to travel to school in Bury St Edmunds, even though an elder sibling was granted one; the alternative to the school bus was the 375 service whose subsidy had been removed and may not be running in September. Cllr. Soons recommended that the parishioner challenges the decision through the appeal process, the route would then be walked with an independence assessor and an examiner, for a final decision.

Cllr. Soons spoke about SCC's Children's Service, advising that this was changing, not closing. One aspect which concerned Cllr. Soons was the rising number of children that were now being home schooled; she felt there was a danger these children may "fall below the radar." Councillors agreed, suggesting that children that were home schooled should be registered as such.

Potholes – Cllr. Soons felt that the position was much improved. The Chairman confirmed that some pot holes had been filled, but the promised resurfacing had not been done and neither had the grass been cut near the bus shelter, which the Chairman considered a danger for children crossing the road at that point. Councillor Flatt highlighted that some potholes had

been identified and marked, only for the markings to fade and disappear before repair. Cllr. Soons asked whether it would be advantageous for a meeting to be held with a Highways representative; the Chairman would liaise directly with Cllr. Soons concerning this.

Cllr. Soons would send the Community Self Help link, which she suggested may prove helpful, particularly with regards to insurance. Cllr. Soons concluded her report by highlighting the need for foster carers in Suffolk. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Soons for her report, who then left the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – None. Cllr. Green was absent.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none.
3. **Approval of the draft Minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 22 May 2019** – approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor May, seconded by Councillor Flatt and duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting** – no matters arising.
5. **Approval of the draft Minutes from the Annual Parish Assembly meeting held on 22 May 2019** – approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Forrow, seconded by Councillor May and duly signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly** – no matters arising.
7. **Finance** – Business Premium Account £5,490.40; Community Account £1,198.30
Total: £6,688.70 (Income since the last meeting £208.60, recycling SEBC).

Four cheques were approved for payment and signed:

100339	Clerk's salary Apr-June	£240.00
100340	HMRC, tax re above	60.00
100341	Clerk, repayment ICO sub.	40.00
100342	Nowton Village Hall, recycling	208.60

8. **Planning** – no planning applications had been received.
9. **Road Safety, Crime/Public Nuisance** – the Chairman mentioned that flooding had occurred again in Fox and Pin Lane.
10. **Correspondence** – Clerks & Councils Direct magazine, for circulation.
11. **Next meeting – Wednesday 18 September 2019, 7.30 p.m.**

Further meetings dates for 2019: 23 October; 4 December. All meeting dates are subject to change.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.12 p.m.

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