

NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 15th April 2015
at 7.30 p.m. in Nowton Village Hall, Nowton

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

No members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies for absence** – None, all present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 4th March 2015** – a draft copy of the Minutes had been previously circulated. Proposed by Councillor May, seconded by Councillor Forrow as a true and accurate record, duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **Approval of the Summary of the Parish Council meeting** - a summary of the main points from the meeting of the 4th March had been previously circulated. These were approved and the Chairman would display a copy on the Parish Council Notice Board.
 - 4.1 Councillor Masters pointed out that his name had been omitted from the Summary of the meeting; the Chairman would amend the copy to be posted on the notice board.
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4th March, not already on the Agenda**
 - 5.1 (3) It was noted that litter collecting beside the A14 was ongoing.
 - 5.2 (6) The Chairman announced that all Councillors had retained their seats on the Parish Council, the elections being uncontested.
 - 5.3 (9) The Chairman advised that the pot holes in Cooper Lane had been repaired.
6. **Finance** – Deposit Account: £5,823 Current Account: £886.83 Total: £6,709.83
 - 6.1 The Clerk advised that Nowton Parish Council had been randomly selected by the auditors BDO for an Intermediate Review.
7. **Planning** – no planning applications had been received between meetings.
8. **Litter Picking** – The Chairman read a letter received from a resident in Plovers Way who was offering to litter pick and asked for the support of the Parish Council with regards to permission from landowners and the provision of litter picking equipment. Councillors were appreciative of the kind offer of help, but were reluctant to enter into any form of responsibility or support, other than to offer the use of litter picking equipment. The Clerk would draft a response, for the Chairman's approval.

- 9. Road Safety/Crime/Public Nuisances** – A car had come off the road and was in the woods beside Fox and Pin Lane, the Chairman had reported this to the Police. A wall and road sign had been damaged, which the Chairman also reported to the Highways department.
- 9.1 Councillor Forrow advised that the sign in Fox and Pin Lane was too high and that tree branches were hanging over it; the Chairman would report this.
- 9.2 Councillor Flatt advised that where water had been running down the road at Low Green towards the Sudbury road the edges of the highway had been badly eroded away.
- 9.3 The Clerk was instructed to write to Guy Smith of SEBC and copied to Borough Councillor Clements, advising that the following works were still outstanding in Nowton:
- Fox and Pin Lane, resurfacing – update required
 - White lines at the end of the private road, adjacent to village sign/bus stop
 - White lines at junction A134/Low Green – worn and need repainting
 - Low Green towards Sudbury Road – edges of road eroded
 - Sign opposite nursery entrance to Nowton Park (restrictive parking) has fallen over
- 10. Correspondence – to include any correspondence to hand at the time of the Meeting –.**
The Clerk reported that there was no correspondence of interest that had not already been discussed. The Chairman had responded to correspondence from St Edmundsbury Rural Youth Work concerning facilities available for young people.
- 11. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 20th May 7.30 p.m. Annual Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 20th May 8.15 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting**

Further dates for 2015: July 8th; September 9th; October 28th; December 9th. These dates are subject to alteration.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8 p.m.