

NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 23rd September 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. County and Borough Councillor Terry Clements was present between items 5 and 6 to present his reports.

1. **Apologies for absence** – None, all present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 8th July 2015** – a draft copy of the Minutes had been previously circulated and was taken as read. Proposed by Councillor May, seconded by Councillor Flatt as a true and accurate record, duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th July, not already on the Agenda**

4.1 (12) Councillor May reported that the fly tipping at the Pump Station had now been removed.

4.2 (12) Bark removed from listed Oak tree - the Chairman reported that it was hoped a gate or barrier would be erected by the landowner in order to stop vandals getting near to the listed Oak tree in the future.

4.3 (5.1) Road repairs – Councillors were advised that no response had been received from the Highways Department concerning the work required in Cooper Lane and Fox and Pin Lane, despite two reminders. The Clerk was instructed to write again to press for a response as to when this work might be started.

4.4 (9) The Chairman reported that the next meeting, for Parishes only, re the proposed new housing development would take place on October 6th.

5. **Finance** – Deposit Account: £4,824.42 Current Account: £1,382.87 Total: £6,207.20

5.1 The following cheques, totalling £515.00, were approved:

100263	P Stoddart (Clerk) quarterly salary July – Sept.	£240.00
100264	HMRC, taxation due on Clerk's salary above	60.00
100265	C A Perry, Internal Auditors gift voucher	15.00
100266	Parochial Church Council, graveyard upkeep	100.00
100267	St Edmunds Way Newsletter, donation	100.00

5.2 Half yearly review of Annual Budget against actual Income and Expenditure – the Clerk had previously circulated a paper and Councillors reviewed I&E figures against the Budget set and were content that the figures were on track and as expected.

The meeting was adjourned for County and Borough Councillor Terry Clements to present his reports, copies of which had been tabled by the Clerk. Councillor Clements highlighted various points within his reports including confirmation that an annual charge would be implemented for brown bin users in the Borough; the fee was expected to be in the region of £30-£50 per annum for those residents that wished to continue to use brown bins. This charge had been proposed instead of a Council Tax rise.

Councillor Clements advised that he could help with the funding of groups in relation to sport and fitness; Councillors Flatt and May highlighted the plights of both the Croquet and Cricket clubs, both of which were having difficulties with the renewal of leases. Councillor Clements would follow up both these issues and Councillor May would furnish Councillor Clements with the contact details for the Chairman of the Croquet Club.

6. Planning – no planning applications had been received between meetings. The Clerk had tabled a paper from the Borough Council and the Chairman explained that the Suffolk Public Sector Leaders' Group was calling on landowners and other interested parties to suggest sites that could be used for short stay temporary sites for the Gypsy and Traveller community. As Nowton Parish Council did not own any land, this paper was considered for information purposes only.

7. Community Governance Review – the Clerk had previously circulated copies of the Terms of Reference and Guide for Consultees. The Chairman set out exactly what Nowton Parish Council was being asked to consider and after discussion it was agreed that to accept the additional 500 houses within Nowton Parish would not provide an improved or cohesive community and Councillors felt there would be no community engagement with Nowton; the A143 was also considered a physical barrier. The Clerk would complete the on-line survey on behalf of the Parish Council accordingly. The Chairman would advertise the on-line survey website address in the Newsletter.

8. Road Safety/Crime/Public Nuisances – Councillor May reiterated that the white lines at junctions still needed repainting. The Chairman précised the provided Police report, which showed that whilst crime seemed to be on the increase, there had been no crimes reported in Nowton. The Borough Council had removed fly tipping in the Village Hall car park swiftly. There had been an Anglia Water leak opposite the village sign.

9. Correspondence – the Clerk reported that there had been little correspondence of note, other than that which had already been dealt with during the meeting (items 6, 7 and 8, above).

10. Resignation of Parish Councillor, due to moving from the area – Councillors were saddened to learn that, due to moving from the area, this would be the last meeting attended by Councillor Masters. The Chairman thanked Councillor Masters, on behalf of the whole Council, for all his hard work during his term of office.

10.1 The Clerk would inform the Monitoring Officer of Councillor Masters resignation and the Chairman would advertise the vacancy for a co-opted member in the Newsletter.

11. Date of next meeting - Wednesday October 28th 7.30 p.m.

Further dates for 2015: December 9th. Meeting dates are subject to alteration.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: