

NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9th December 2015
at 7.30 p.m. in Nowton Village Hall, Nowton

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

1. **Apologies for absence** – None, all present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 28th October 2015** – a draft copy of the Minutes had been previously circulated and were 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 28th October, not already on the Agenda -**
 - 4.1 (4.4) As no response had been received, the Clerk was instructed to write again to the Highways Department in respect of the repairs to road surfaces in Cooper Lane, Fox and Pin Lane and the road from The Pound towards Sudbury Road.
 - 4.2 (6) The Chairman advised Councillors of the responses lodged with SEBC concerning planning application DC/15/1794/FUL re Nowton Court Residential Home, the outcome of which would be known after the 17th December.
5. **Vacancy for Parish Councillor** – the Chairman reported that parishioner Mr Jon Green had written requesting to be considered for the vacant position of a Parish Councillor. After discussion, it was agreed unanimously that Mr Green had the attributes to contribute to the Parish Council as a Parish Councillor and that he should be co-opted. The Clerk would inform Mr Green and invite him to attend the next meeting.
6. **Finance** – Deposit Account: £3,824.92 Current Account: £2,149.83 Total: £5,974.75
 - 6.1 3rd Quarter Budget Review - a paper showing I&E to 9th December 2015 was tabled; Councillors were content that income and expenditure was on budget.
 - 6.2 5 x cheques were authorized and signed for payment, totalling **£794.21**

100268 Clerks quarterly salary, Sept-Dec.	£240.00
100269 HMRC payment, re salary above	£60.00
100270 Community Action Suffolk, Insurance	£148.25
100271 Nowton Village Hall, hire for meetings	£64.00
100272 Nowton Village Hall, recycling	£281.96
7. **Planning** – none received between meetings.

8. Road Safety/Crime/Public Nuisances –

- 8.1 Councillor May reported that the white road markings/stop sign had still not been repainted.
- 8.2 No crimes in Nowton had been reported.
- 8.3 Councillor Flatt queried the status of a property in the village which he understood to be condemned; the Clerk would look into this.
- 8.4 Councillor Flatt also reported a hedge had fallen over in the recent high winds beside a road; the Chairman felt the homeowner would swiftly deal with this, but if not further action would be taken.

9. Correspondence – None other than some email circulation correspondence which the Clerk had copied to the Chairman and was of no consequence.

10. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 13th January 2016 7.30 p.m.

Further meetings 2016 – 2 March; 13 April; 25 May (APM); 6 July; 21 September; 26 October; 7 December.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 7.55 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: