

NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7th December 2016
at 7.30 p.m. in Nowton Village Hall, Nowton

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

1. **Apologies for absence** – none, all present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Discussions regarding Village Hall – the Chairman and Councillor Farrow.
3. **Approval of the draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 26th October 2016** – draft copies of the Minutes had been previously circulated and were taken as read. Proposed by Councillor May, seconded by Councillor Farrow, as a true and accurate record, duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting** –
 - 4.1 (10) The Clerk relayed advice received from the Environmental Health Department at SEBC; complainants were advised to keep a record, for at least two weeks, of the dates and times when they felt that noise was excessive and contact the Environment Health Department with the evidence, the Department would then make independent enquiries if appropriate.
 - 4.2 (4.1) The Chairman reported that the Highways Department did not consider the reported pot holes to be large enough for intervention level; the depth for intervention had been changed and the Chairman was also advised that priority would be given to roads with a 60 MPH speed limit and A and B roads.
 - 4.3 (4.2) The Chairman advised that the Nursery had put forward a new travel plan; Highways and Public Health had been asked to examine the application again in light of this.
 - 4.4 (8.1) The Barn, Low Green – The Chairman reported that the application had been examined by the Delegation Panel and was now being referred to the Development Control Committee which would include a site visit.
5. **Finance – including balances of Accounts and approval of any invoices for payment** -
Current Account: £594.80 Deposit Account: £5,827.25 = £6,422.05.
 - 5.1 Four cheques were approved for payment and signed:

100287 Community Action Suffolk, website (replacement chq.)	£60.00
100288 HMRC, Tax re Clerks quarterly salary	£60.00
100289 Clerk, quarterly salary Oct – Dec.	£240.00
100290 (Spoilt cheque)	
100291 Nowton Village Hall, recycling re-payment	£252.36
 - 5.2 A request for funding had been received from Suffolk Accident Rescue; whilst Councillors did not wish to make a donation, it was agreed that mention would be made of the service in the Newsletter.

6. Planning –

- 6.1 DC/16/2174/HH – Single storey rear extension, Nowton Cottage, Nowton Court.
DC/16/2175/LB – Listed Building Application, Nowton Cottage, Nowton Court – single storey rear elevation and replacement ground floor window to breakfast room.
Councillors had **No Objections** to either application.
- 6.2 DC/15/1794/FUL APP/E3525/W/16/3158680 – Planning Application – 60 bedroom nursing home with parking as amended by plans received on 11th February partially reducing the height of the building and amending the external appearance.
Councillors agreed that they did not wish to withdraw or modify comments made in respect of the original application.

7. Future village projects/ expenditure, for discussion – Councillors were aware that the levels of reserves held by the Parish Council were higher than ideal.

Whilst some of the reserves could be used against the Precept required in future years, Councillors also discussed possible projects where funds could be utilised. These included improvements to the car parking area of the Village Hall; re-gravelling of the car parking area of the Village Hall; disabled/wheelchair ramp beside the Bus Stop; fire doors for the Village Hall; purchase of a Defibrillator. A list with costing of all the suggestions would be presented at the next meeting, when the Precept would also be set. Councillor Green would investigate the most appropriate Defibrillator, should the decision be to purchase one.

The Chairman would contact the Nowton Park ranger who had in the past assisted with the maintenance of the new footpath.

9. Road Safety/Crime/Public Nuisances – Councillor May reported that the grit bins contained sufficient salt; white road markings were in a poor state in places; there had been 26 crimes in the area, one of which had been in Nowton; there had been some fly tipping, but this had been quickly removed by SEBC.

10. Correspondence – to include any correspondence to hand at the time of the Meeting – Correspondence/emails received had been discussed as appropriate to each item above.

10.1 Councillor Terry Clements had emailed his report and the Chairman highlighted several issues within it, including devolution, budget savings, and the opening of the Eastern relief road.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 11th January 7.30 p.m.

Dates for 2017 meetings: 11 January; 1 March; 12 April; 24 May (APM); 5 July; 20 September; 25 October; 6 December. (These dates are subject to change).

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: