

# NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
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 - Mr Mike May  
Parish Clerk - Mrs Pauline Stoddart

Prior to the commencement of the meeting: 10 minutes Public Forum, no members of the public were present.

The meeting was adjourned between items 2 and 3 for Borough and County Councillor Terry Clements to present his report. Mrs Karen Soons, Conservative candidate standing in the County Council Elections taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup> May arrived during Councillor Clements's report and stayed for the duration of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillor Green.

2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.

Councillor and Borough Councillor Terry Clements presented his report, which included updating the Parish Council on:

1. The Suffolk Fostering and Adoption Service that was launching the Mockingbird Family Model of foster care in Suffolk, in partnership with The Fostering Network.
2. Bury St Edmunds to receive £2.8 million for sustainable transport schemes whereby a significant transport investment scheme to improve facilities for walking and cycling in B.S.E. was being announced.
3. Community Fire Volunteers needed by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service to share safety messages and improve lives by sharing fire safety advice in their area, visiting elderly and vulnerable people in their homes, fitting smoke alarms if required and offering fire safety advice.
4. Links to travel in time – online. Suffolk Record Office now offered online resources to help search for a particular person or piece of information.
5. Public Health Suffolk - a consultation has been launched to help shape the future of pharmacy services across Suffolk.

Councillor Clements reported that planning permission had been granted, on appeal, for the Nowton nursing home.

Before Councillor Clements left the meeting, the Chairman took the opportunity of thanking him, on behalf of Nowton Parish Council, for all his hard work, help and support given as County Councillor.

Open discussion followed concerning the cricket club, the 1600 houses being built at Rushbrooke, and the appalling conditions of some of the roads in Nowton. Mrs Soons offered to send the Chairman the criteria for the scheduling of road repairs.

3. **Approval of the draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> March** – draft copies of the Minutes had been previously circulated and were taken as read. Proposed by Councillor Forrow, seconded by Councillor Flatt, as a true and accurate record, duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting –**

- 4.1 (4.1) Councillors were unsure whether the fan, which was one of the conditions of planning approval, had yet been fitted in the bakery.
- 4.2 (5) The Chairman confirmed that the bank balances, not given at the last meeting, had been sent by the Clerk.
- 4.3 (7) Many potholes still remained, despite the Chairman's requests to the Highways Department. Mrs. Soons suggested posting the link, whereby SEBC can be notified online, on the village notice board.
- 4.4 (7.2) The Clerk confirmed no correspondence had been received from the Cricket Club.

**5. Finance – Current Account £1,143.44; Deposit Account £3,827.25. Total: £4,970.69**

5.1 The Chairman advised that the new fire doors in the Village Hall had been fitted and the invoice received. Councillors had previously agreed (11 January 2017 meeting, Item 5.2) that up to £800 would be contributed towards the cost of the fire doors; a cheque would be issued for this at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**6. Planning – DC/17/0744/HH, Briar House, Bury Road, Nowton, B.S.E., Suffolk IP29 5NB – construction of pool house. Councillors had **no objections** to this planning application.**

**7. Road Safety/Crime/Public Nuisances –** Councillor Flatt advised that he had attended the open day at the new Nursery and considered that parking and volume of traffic would be a problem when the Nursery was in operation. Councillor May reported that fly tipping was a problem, but praised SEBC for their quick response in collection. Councillor Forrow reported a broken window in the Village Hall. Mrs. Soons recommended taking graphic photographs of potholes as the authorities would take action if the size and depth of the pothole can be proven.

**9. Correspondence – to include any correspondence to hand at the time of the Meeting –** a reminder concerning declarations of interests had been received by the Clerk and she would check that Councillors declarations were accurate. **Action: Clerk**

**10. Dates of Next Meeting – 24 May Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 7.30 p.m.  
24 May Annual Assembly of the Parish, 8.15 pm.**

Further 2017 meetings: 5 July; 20 September; 25 October; 6 December.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.05 p.m.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....