

NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 5th July 2017
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 Jon Green
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. County Councillor Mrs Karen Soons was present and the Chairman invited her to present her report prior to the meeting commencing.

Councillor Soons highlighted points from her report, which included advising that SCC's CEO would be taking up a new role as CEO for the West Midlands Combined Authority; a list of the new portfolio holders and Suffolk's Better Broadband Programme had achieved 90% coverage of superfast broadband in the country. Councillor Soons would email her full report to the Clerk and Chairman.

1. **Apologies for absence** – None, all present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. **Approval of the draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held 24th May 2017**
draft copies of the Minutes had been previously circulated and were taken as read. Proposed by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor May, as a true and accurate record, duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting** –
 - 4.1 Councillor Flatt reported that the fan was being installed at the bakery.
 - 4.2 The Chairman reported that the inspection by Highways and Councillor Soons of roads had been postponed and that a future date would be set for the inspection. No potholes had been filled, as they were not deemed to be at intervention level.
 - 4.3 The Village Hall Committee thanked the Parish Council for its contribution of £800 towards the cost of the new fire doors.
5. **Approval of the draft Minutes from the Annual Assembly of Nowton Parish held on the 24th May 2017** - draft copies of the Minutes had been previously circulated and were taken as read. Proposed by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Flatt.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Nowton Parish** – none.
7. **Finance** – Current Account £1,1681.20; Deposit Account £3,827.25. Total: £5,508.45
 - 7.1 The Chairman reported a clean audit from the Internal Auditor of the year-end accounts; copies of the accounts were available for scrutiny by the public from the 3rd July to the 11th August at the home of the Chairman by prior notification. The Clerk would send the Annual Return to the Auditors, BDO.
8. **Planning** – DC/17/1135/HH and DC17/1135/LB – Nowton Cottage, Nowton Court, Nowton, Suffolk – Relocation of entrance gates. Councillors had **no objections** to this planning application.

9. **Road Safety/Crime/Public Nuisances** – Councillors highlighted the lack of white road markings and the Chairman would report this again.
10. **Correspondence – to include any correspondence to hand at the time of the Meeting –**
- 10.1 Clerks & Councils magazine, for circulation.
 - 10.2 Correspondence from the Merchant Navy concerning flying the red ensign on Merchant Navy Day, 3rd September.
 - 10.3 Correspondence concerning a new single Council for West Suffolk by merging Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough Councils. Councillors were of the opinion that the change would be inevitable, but broadly supported the proposal; they hoped and expected that services would remain the same, or better than, at present.
11. **Dates of Next Meeting – Wednesday 20th September, 7.30 p.m.**

Further 2017 meetings: 25 October; 6 December.

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

Chairman:

Date: