

NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 1st March 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 Jonathan Green
Parish Clerk - Mrs Pauline Stoddart

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

Present for the majority of the meeting - Mrs Karen Soons, Conservative Candidate standing in the County Council Elections taking place on the 4th May. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Soons and invited discussion prior to the start of the meeting. Mrs Soons introduced herself and gave Councillors an insight into the reasons she was standing for the position of County Councillor for West Suffolk, stating her keen interest in rural issues. The Chairman and Councillor Flatt outlined some of the issues of particular concern to Nowton village.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillor May.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. **Approval of the draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 11th January** – draft copies of the Minutes had been previously circulated and were taken as read. Proposed by Councillor Flatt, seconded by Councillor Forrow, as a true and accurate record, duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting** –
 - 4.1 (4.1) The Chairman reported that one of the conditions of planning approval for The Barn (Bakery) was that a fan should be installed; Councillor Flatt understood that an application would need to be submitted for the installation of the fan.
 - 4.2 Letters of thanks had been received from the Village Hall Chairman (5.2); the Parochial Church Council and the St. Edmund Way Benefice Newsletter (5).
5. **Finance** – the Clerk reported that she had not yet received a response to the Council's letter to the bank of the 11th January and she had also been unable to obtain the balances of accounts that day by the usual method; she would be visiting the bank in person concerning this. The Chairman requested the figures to be confirmed to her, when known.
Action: Clerk
6. **Planning** – none to hand. The Chairman advised that the Nursery, having re-drawn its parking plan, had no conditions attached to the planning approval and would be opening in the Spring.
 - 6.1 The Chairman distributed information concerning the public consultation about Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan, she urged Councillors to spread the word to ensure everyone's views about the plan were made known and taken into account.
7. **Road Safety/Crime/Public Nuisances** – Councillor Flatt commented on the potholes in Cooper Lane; the Chairman advised that she had again spoken to the Highways Department

concerning the road condition of Fox and Pin Lane that now, in addition to the potholes, also had mud and branches from the recent storms.

7.1 Councillor Green advised that with regards to the recent break-in at his property, this had now been passed to a wider national Police operation, as it was thought that several other break-ins at the time might be linked.

7.2 Councillor Flatt queried whether funds might be available to help the Cricket Club, whose club house and equipment had suffered damage in the recent storms. The Chairman advised that any request should be put in writing, but warned that no additional funds had been allocated in the Precept for such an event.

9. Correspondence – to include any correspondence to hand at the time of the Meeting –
Correspondence received had already been reported (4.2) and in addition the Clerk advised that Suffolk County Council would be investigating the possibility of a Bus Stop sign, as discussed during the 10 Minute Public Forum at the last meeting.

10. Dates of Next Meeting – Wednesday 12th April 7.30 p.m.
Dates for 2017 meetings: 24 May (Annual Parish Meeting); 5 July; 20 September;
25 October; 6 December.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 7.50 p.m.

Chairman: Date: