

## NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> November 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 Karen Soons was present and gave her report prior to the start of the meeting, after which she left the meeting.

Councillor Soons brought to the attention of the Council that posts for the fixing of VAC signs were presently being provided free by the County Council, she also suggested that funds from her Locality Budget could help with the purchase cost of VAC signs, if the Council wished to consider these, which she advised did make a difference to the speed of traffic, together with gathering useful and accurate data.

Councillor May suggested there should be warning signs near the entry to Nowton Park, where children from the nursery regularly cross the road to enter the Park. Councillor Soons would check to see if signs could be put there. **Action: KS**

Councillor Soons gave a brief report on the following:

- Flu vaccinations – health chiefs in Suffolk were reminding people to be vaccinated to ward off the worst effects of a potentially debilitating illness.
- GCSE/A Level results, which had now been published, showed a rise of 2% more students in Suffolk achieving expected standards.
- Suffolk Fostering Services recruitment campaigns – Councillor Soons offered to give further information to any parishioner who may be interested, commenting that all ages of fosterers were now considered.
- Reminder to check white goods, as Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service marks UK Home Safety Week.
- School Admissions Consultation, views on the proposed admissions policy for the 2019-2020 school year are being sought, the consultation ends 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Soons for her report and for her assistance with the problem of potholes in Nowton, some of which had recently been repaired.

**1. Apologies for Absence** – none, all present.

**2. Declarations of Interest** – none.

**3. Approval of the draft Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017** – approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor May, Seconded by Councillor Farrow and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> September, not already included on the Agenda.**

4.1 (7) Nowton has a full carriageway inspection scheduled, when the condition of the maintainable highway will be reviewed again.

**5. Finance** – the Clerk reported that she had been unable to obtain the balance figures for the accounts, as the bank had refused to acknowledge her authority to do so.

5.1 Two cheques were approved for payment and signed:

100307	Community Action Suffolk – hosting website	£60.00
100308	Business Services at CAS Ltd. – Insurance	£164.14

5.2 Q2 Budget Review – Councillors agreed that from the few payments that had been made, the six month figures were currently within budget.

5.3 A letter had been received from Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, the Clerk was instructed to respond advising that the request for funding would be considered at the Council's December meeting, at which the Precept would be discussed. **Action: Clerk**

**6. Planning** – no planning applications had been received between meetings or were to hand at the time of the meeting. Discussion followed re works to a barn which did not require planning permission; the Chairman had spoken to the Planning Department as concerns had been expressed about the height of the building.

**7. Road Safety, Crime/Public Nuisance** – No crimes reported, Councillor Green advised jail sentences had been given to those responsible for a burglary in Nowton and others in surrounding areas.

**8. Correspondence** – SALC had provided a response to the Precept Consultation that they were providing to Suffolk MPs. It was agreed that whilst Nowton Parish Council would not respond in detail to this consultation, it would add its support to the SALC response. **Action: Clerk**

**9. Next Meeting** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017, at 7.30 p.m.