

## NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 24 October 2018

At 7.30 p.m. in Nowton Village Hall, Nowton

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

Prior to the commencement of the meeting: 10 minutes Public Forum –no Parishioners present. County Councillor Karen Soons together with invitees PC Paul Fox, Community Engagement Officer, and Andrew Tucker, BSE Area B Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, presented to Councillors prior to the meeting commencing.

The Chairman welcomed PC Paul Fox and Andrew Tucker to the meeting and thanked them for all the hard work they were undertaking. Mr Tucker explained that he and PC Fox had taken on the two new roles and briefed Councillors on his work as Area B NHW Coordinator, which involved sending alerts, currently reaching 669 local residents, producing and circulating monthly crime statistics, supporting local Scheme coordinators and promoting communication between villages.

PC Fox advised that he had 20 years' experience in Community Policing and outlined the changes within Suffolk Police and the Safer Neighbourhood Team, which included losing PCSOs, down from 11 to three. He outlined the work he undertook and said the biggest issue in SW Suffolk was anti-social behaviour, particularly within housing estates. The Safer Neighbourhood Team would be looking at ways of how they can help, not only now, but in the long term. PC Fox advised that he would try to attend at least one meeting of the Parish Council annually, but that he was always available if a problem arose and a visit was requested. The dates of next year's AGM and Parish Council meetings would be sent to PC Fox. **Action: Clerk**

Mr Tucker considered communication among the local community vitally important in the fight against crime and the detecting of crimes. The website [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) was considered an excellent example and he also wished to involve more people to join the register from which he emailed local police and neighbour alerts. To this end, it was agreed that a flyer informing Nowton residents of the social media alerts would be placed in the next Newsletter; Mr Tucker would send a draft A5 leaflet to the Clerk for printing. **Action: Clerk**

PC Fox and Mr Tucker left the meeting.

Councillor Soons presented her October report which included consultation on SCC Trading Standards' proposed updated Enforcement Policy; the window was now open to apply for primary and secondary school places; the search to find Suffolk's most active communities; a new approach agreed for the development of specialist education placements in Suffolk; new support for those bereaved by suicide; service and bravery recognised across Suffolk's fire service, and the 2018 Suffolk Care Home Olympics.

Councillor Flatt mentioned the nursery school sign and Councillor Soons advised that she was still awaiting an email from the nursery. The Chairman thanked Councillor Soons for all her work and support, particularly with regards to the work by Highways, which Councillors

considered was improving; Councillor Soons advised that the new Chairman responsible was doing a very good job. Councillor Soons left the meeting.

The meeting proper commenced at 8pm

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 19 September 2018** – approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor May, seconded by Councillor Forrow and duly signed by the Chairman.

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

4.1 Overgrown hedge - the Chairman would follow up together with lack of white road lines, as previously reported. It was noted that some pot holes had been marked with yellow spray.

4.2 DC/18/1796/OUT – the Chairman advised that a decision would be known on the 12 November.

4.3 Councillor Soons had kindly brought a remembrance poppy wreath that would be put on the village sign on the 11 November.

5. **Finance** – Business Premium Account £4,833.32; Community Account £1,181.84  
Total £6,015.17

Cheques approved and signed at the meeting:

100325	Clerk - stamps and envelopes, re emergency plan	£49.26
100326	Community Action Suffolk – website hosting	£60.00

5.1 Q2 budget was tabled and Councillors agreed it was on track for the period represented.

6. **Planning** – no planning applications had been received since the last meeting.
7. **Road Safety Crime/Public Nuisance** – nothing to report.
8. **Correspondence** – the Chairman advised that a new West Suffolk Housing Strategy had been published; paper copies were available or Councillors could study the report online.
9. **Next meeting – Wednesday 5 December, 7.30 p.m.**

All meeting dates are subject to change.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.25 p.m.

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Date