

NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 27th February 2018
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 - two members of the public were present who spoke informally with Councillors regarding land presently for sale within the village.

- **Apologies for Absence** – Councillor Green.
- **Declarations of Interest** – none.
- **Approval of the draft Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 10th January 2018** – approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Forrow, Seconded by Councillor May and duly signed by the Chairman.
- **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 10th January not already included on the Agenda.**

4.1 No update had been received concerning the 'Children Crossing' road signs.

4.2 Letters of thanks had been received re donations to the St Edmunds Way Newsletter and St Peter's Church for upkeep of the churchyard.

4.3 The Chairman reported some potholes had been filled and others inspected; the Highways Department had also advised that lanes subject to flooding would be too expensive to repair, taking into consideration their limited use.

4.4 The Chairman had contacted the Highways Department to arrange a meeting in respect of the grassed area around the village sign, which had been ruined by vehicles, particularly lorries, driving over it. The Chairman thought that a curb might be a deterrent and advice from the Highways Department would be sought as to the feasibility and cost.

4.5 The Clerk reported that Hawstead Parish Council had relayed details of the suggested community project to mark the 100 years since the end of the First World War to the Parochial Church Council.

- **Finance** – Current Account: £303.06; Savings Account: £3,827.92 = £4,130.98

5.1 Two cheques were approved for payment and signed:

100316	Clerk, Jan-March salary	260.00
100317	HMRC, tax re above	60.00

- **Planning** – Agreed between meetings:

DC/17/2637/HH Old Gardeners Cottage, Cooper Lane, Nowton – Detached carport with living space above. The Parish Council supported this application.

- **Road Safety Crime/Public Nuisance** – Councillor May reported a collision that morning between two cars on the icy roads. Councillor Flatt reported the closure of the road between the Village Hall and Low Green to enable BT to cut overhanging trees. Councillor May advised a parishioner had offered to do some litter picking, which would be undertaken and that the Borough Council had collected rubbish from around the Pump Station.

- **Correspondence** –

8.1 Clerks & Councils Direct magazine – to be circulated to Councillors to read at their leisure.

8.2 Request for a donation from Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association (SNWA) – Councillor May to examine the request and report back at the next meeting.

8.3 The Clerk produced a printed a copy of the GDPR Toolkit for Local Councils, as provided by SALC, and requested that it be circulated to each Councillor in order for everyone to gain an understanding into the route and decisions to be taken in achieving compliance with the law that would come into effect 25th May 2018.

- **Next Meeting – Wednesday 11th April 2018, 7.30 p.m.**

Future 2018 meetings: 23 May (Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish meeting);
11 July; 19 September; 24 October; 5 December. *All meetings are subject to change.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed Date