

## NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
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 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.

- **Apologies for Absence** – Councillor Green was absent.
- **Declarations of Interest** – none.
- **Approval of the draft Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017** – approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Farrow, Seconded by Councillor Flatt and duly signed by the Chairman.
- **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December, not already included on the Agenda.**

4.1 County Councillor Karen Soons, who was looking into the 'Children Crossing' road signs for the Parish Council, had given her apologies for not being able to attend tonight's meeting; the Chairman asked that the issue of the signs be kept in mind.

- **Finance** – Current Account: £842.06; Savings Account: £3,827.92 = £4,669.98

5.1 Four cheques were approved for payment and signed:

100312	Nowton Village Hall, maintenance	250.00
100313	Nowton Village Hall, rental 8 x £8	64.00
100314	St Edmund Way Benefice Newsletter	125.00
100315	Parish Church of St Peter	100.00

- **Planning** – No planning applications to hand.
- **Road Safety Crime/Public Nuisance** – whilst a few potholes had been filled, road surfaces continued to be a problem in parts of Nowton. The Chairman advised that the grass, which a vehicle had marred, beside the village sign would be restored soon.
- **Correspondence** –

8.1 Letter from Jo Churchill MP regarding a community project that will run throughout the UK on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War, *Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute*. The Chairman advised that beacons and bonfires will be lit at 7 pm as part of *Beacons of Light* and at 7.05 pm churches would ring their church bells as part of *Ringling out for peace*. After discussion it was agreed that it was unlikely that the church bells could be rung, due to their condition. The

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Clerk was instructed to contact the Clerks of Hawstead and Great Whelnetham Parish Councils, to enquire as to whether those parishes were planning to be involved in the event and, if so, about the possibility of the parishes joining together to encourage the local community to participate in these two events.

**Action: Clerk**

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

8.3 County Councillor Karen Soons' December Newsletter had been circulated to the meeting. The Chairman highlighted points including the school travel consultation. Councillor Soons would be sending a survey regarding road flooding to the Chairman.

- **Next Meeting – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, 7.30 p.m.**  
Future 2018 meetings: 11 April; 23 May (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 7.45 p.m.

Signed ..... Date .....