

Nacton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 29 March 2023 starting at 7 pm

Present:

Parish Councillors: Cllr. B Hunt (Chairman), Cllr. P Warner (Vice Chair), Cllr. J Leeder, Cllr. I Hatfield, Cllr. E Wilson, Cllr A Eaton, Cllr J Mumford
Mrs C Lucas (Clerk)
Mr B Mansfield (RFO)

Agenda Item	Context/Discussion	Actions
75. A minute's silence for Cllr. Cook	A minute's silence was held in memory of William Cook	
76. Apologies for absence	All parish councillors were in attendance	
77. Declarations of Interest	None	
78. Invitation to public to comment on agenda items	None	
79. Minutes and actions of previous meeting 11.01.23	The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting held on the 11 th of January 2023.	
80. Chairman's update	The defibrillator has been serviced. The chairman asked councillors if they felt an annual service was required – they all agreed it was so the RFO has added the cost to the annual budget.	Action: RFO to confirm price freeze with defibrillator service

	Many of the 500 daffodils planted last autumn have grown and flowered. They make a great display on Victoria Field. Should anyone see a dog in the field, they should report the matter, either to the parish clerk or to ESDC. The new bin outside Victoria Field has still not been installed yet. There has been an issue with the fence removal around Victoria Field highlighted by NBU5's (discussed under section 86 in the minutes)	company Action: Clerk to chase Norse re the bin
81. Reports	<u>Suffolk County Council</u> – Cllr. Mulcahy has sent a report that has since been distributed to councillors by email. <u>East Suffolk Council</u> – Report emailed to councillors. <u>The Village Hall</u> (VH) - Private bookings are getting back towards pre-pandemic levels. The VH has lost some long-term regulars but the extended hours of the NBU5s mean that the VH is covering running costs including the additional heating costs but not building any reserves of the type needed for any significant maintenance repairs. The VH is continuing to develop the kitchen extension project and has secured the pro bono services of a structural engineer.	
82. Finances	<u>The following payments were all agreed:</u> Clerk's salary (April and May) £524.56	

	Clerk's expenses (£20.34 mileage – 45.2 miles – 4 trips to the notice boards) £20.34 RFO's salary (April and May) £169.80 Village hall hire (March and May) £56 The RFO confirmed that the village hall hourly rate has gone up which will increase the price of parish council meetings. Since the agenda was distributed the annual Suffolk Cloud bill for the website has been received - £120. Councillors all agreed to the payment. <u>The online bank account statements were reviewed and signed at the meeting</u> The RFO gave a financial update and informed councillors that he has recently completed CIL training.	
83. Elections	The nomination forms were completed by all parish councillors in preparation for the clerk to submit them.	
84. Planning Applications	Reference DC/22/4999/FUL Application Received Fri 23 Dec 2022 Application Validated Fri 23 Dec 2022 Address Broke Hall Lodge Broke Hall Park Nacton Ipswich Suffolk IP10 0ES Proposal 1. Extension and alterations to the Lodge following Planning Permission DC/21/5314/FUL. Modifications to internal layout, including maintaining and improving the kitchen in its existing location. Proposal 2. A new extension and external alterations to the existing residential garage annexe. Status Permitted Decision Application Permitted	

	Decision Issued Date Fri 10 Mar 2023 Appeal Status Unknown Appeal Decision Not Available Planning reference: DC/23/0656/TPO Proposal: 1no. Group of Lime (178 to 187 on plan) - Lateral reduction to create 3.5 metres clearance from drive and minor pruning to shape 1no. Holm oak (T1 on plan) - Lateral reduction by up to 2 metres from driveway and garden 1no. Holm oak (T2 on plan) - Fell Site address: 2 Broke Hall, Broke Hall Park, Nacton, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP10 0ET Awaiting decision	
85. Parish Documents	Emergency Plan – William Cook had almost finished the emergency plan however it currently cannot be accessed as the laptop password is unknown. This will be considered by parish councillors after the elections. Maintenance Plan – This has now been received by Cllr. Hunt and printed ready to start work on after the elections	
86. Parish Matters	Easter newsletter – the clerk asked for all articles to be sent to her for the Easter newsletter by 4th April. CIL money – The results from the parish questionnaire showed these 4 items to be the top four requested by parishioners: • Pétanque – parish councillors ruled this out as it may attract animals to foul in the sand • Table tennis – parish councillors ruled this out as there is already a table tennis table available • Information board – parish councillors are in favour of this option and will pursue costings. The proposal is for it to be situated in Paupers Wood	

	• Village Sign - parish councillors are in favour of this option and will pursue costings – where this is to be situated is up for further discussion. • Nest swing – this option was deemed too expensive as the base would need to be replaced. The RFO questioned whether CIL money can be spent on a village sign Tree Warden – During this meeting, Andrew Williams, the former Estate Farm Manager, was appointed as the new Tree Warden, with immediate effect. He will be in action quickly as there is a need to remove the dead cob tree in Victoria Field and replace it. Rosemary Cook will be Andrew's assistant. NBU5s – There has been a complaint regarding the removal of the fence at Victoria Field.. Cllr. Hunt will ask Carl for suggestions to put something back up at certain parts of the perimeter.	Action: RFO to find out about CIL money being spent on a village sign Action: Cllr. Hunt to speak to Carl Watts regarding the fencing Action: Cllr. Hunt to speak to Marie at NBU5s
87. Matters raised by and reports by Councillors	Sizewell C – William Cook was the parish council committee representative. After the election will look for someone to fill this role. There has been little action to take over recent months since the decision to go ahead was agreed upon with the exception of Nacton Parish council highlighting concerns regarding the entrance and exit to the freight management facility but the concerns were dismissed.	
88. Public question time	None	

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 24th of May – AGM followed by APM

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