

# NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020, via electronic communication in a virtual setting at 7.30 pm

In accordance with provision laid down by The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, during a period of encouraged 'social distancing', this meeting was held by means of internet video and telephone communication in a virtual setting. All members were always able to hear proceedings and members of the public had been given opportunity to attend.

### 20/1906 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**PRESENT:** Cllr Alan Burns (Chairman) Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Dec Downey, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Robert Peterson, Cllr Ruth Rigby and Cllr Susie Tinsley. Apologies were received retrospectively from Paul Monks due to business commitments. Officer present: The clerk and two members of the public

### 20/1907 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the May 2020 meetings as a proper record of that meeting. The chairman will sign the minutes at an appropriate time.

### 20/1908 ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

There were none

### 20/1909 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

- a) 20/00558/TCA/ | Trees works as follows 1- Leylandii - small group becoming overgrown, reduce by 2 meters in height and trim sides 2 - Larix decidua - declining with deadwood throughout crown, fell 3 - Sorbus aucuparia - dead, fell 4 - Leylandii - becoming very large for its location, reduce height by 4 meters | Three Mill Bills 63 Church Street Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- b) 20/00628/TCA/ | Works to trees: Tree 4 - Fell Leylandii; Tree 5 - reduce by 4 meters Leylandii; Tree 6 - reduce by 2.5 meters Silver birch | 63 Church Street Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- c) 20/00577/OUT | Erection of 2 bedroom dwelling and parking (Access to be considered - Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for later approval). | 60 Church Street Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- d) 20/00570/FUL | Detached building for a workshop and store use | 39 Station Road Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- e) 20/00615/FUL | Construction of new maintenance and storage building to serve and existing caravan park (Resubmission of 19/01905/FUL) | Yarwell Mill Mill Road Yarwell. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- f) Notice of appeal: The land at the East side of Fotheringhay Road. The alleged breach of planning control is the change of use of the Land from agricultural use to residential use, including the mooring of a residentially used boat, the siting of a residentially used Showmans caravan, the storage of boats and the creation of intimately associated operational development (summerhouse, shed, kennel, hardstanding), without planning permission. APP/G2815/C/19/3231999 and 3232000. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.

**20/1910** There were no outstanding matters from previous minutes.

### 20/1911 POLICE AND CRIME ISSUE IN NASSINGTON:

- a) This was tabled for discussion in response to an event that had taken place in the village on the late bank holiday Friday evening of May, involving at least half a dozen police cars, armed response officers and an ambulance. Much gossip and speculation had occurred as a result, but despite a councillor, with direct knowledge and experience of such matters, directly requesting an official response and the ward

councillor for the Safer Communities authority being involved, the council remains unapprised of the actual facts. A submission to the chief constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) will shortly be made by the two councillors on behalf of the village expressing concerns that community reassurances have not been forthcoming and, with the cross border policing initiative no longer in place, that Northants police are following up with Peterborough police to pursue lines of enquiry and to make sure that there are not ongoing safeguarding issues. There is also a sense that the police did not thoroughly investigate the matter and did not take full statements from nearby residents so do not have the full and proper facts of what happened surrounding the incident to which emergency services were called.

- b) The parish council will encourage people to submit any incidences of anti-social behaviour or suspicious behaviour or 'community intelligence' as a civic duty by reporting to 101, online or on the phone, or via crime- stoppers.

#### **20/1912 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:**

- a) **Outdoor Gym:** The invitation to tender for an outdoor gym will be going out at the soonest opportunity for an autumn / winter project. The area close to the brook will continue to be treated with herbicide in readiness for removal of much of the vegetation.
- b) **Streetlighting** The invitation to tender for streetlighting replacement programme on an outcome tender will be going out too.
- c) **Path from the village green:** The grassed path from village green to the playing field was discussed at some length, with the conclusion that to level and surface it is not an insignificant project. The council envisages edging, the path to be raised to avoid tree roots and made suitable for all users. The issue stems from it being low down, liable to flooding, used extensively on a daily basis in all weathers and well worn away on the side where there is no fence. The clerk will prepare an outcome based specification for potential contractors for approval.
- d) **Pavilion Lease and Cricket Club licence:** The draft lease and licence had been circulated as part of the agenda. The chairman summarised the recent history of the lease, especially in relation to the cricket club's need to demonstrate a right to play cricket to enable it to obtain grant funding. There was an extensive discussion regarding the council's current situation: The council is wholeheartedly supportive of the current cricket club's ambitions as a community sports club and would wish to continue in its backing for the club. The council supports the village hall committee in providing fully inclusive whole-community facilities.

The council has an obligation to all residents of the parish and is mindful that a village hall/community hub may present a need before too long that might not be viable under the current plan to expand facilities to the east of the playing field. The fact that arrangements for the playing field may have to change in the future, in terms of the building facility, are acknowledged as a possibility. Using the council's existing land might prove the only tenable solution to a parish-wide problem but this may not sit at ease in the face of a decades long lease on the pavilion as a stand-alone building. It was agreed that the parish council will re-address the matter with the cricket club to ascertain the necessary length of the lease in terms of grant funder's requirements to support the club's ambitions.

#### **20/1913 COMMUNITY MATTERS:**

- a) Allotments update: There was a brief update on the situation regarding bees close to the allotments. Paperwork administration is in hand and notices will be going out as soon as the clerk has contact address details for all new allotment holders.
- b) The situation regarding the wall bordering the churchyard with its neighbours was clarified – the clerk had completely misunderstood the location, but will write to the parties concerned immediately.

**20/1914 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) It was *RESOLVED* to approve invoices / accounts for payment or paid under delegated authority:

<b>Goods/Service</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>Gross</b>
Clerks salary	S Rodger		564.49
Pension	Nest		95.09
Grass cutting – April and May	Plough		720.00
Unpaid invoice from 2019 - training	SLCC	144.13	164.80

**20/1915 ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE:**

- The annual garden show has been cancelled

**20/1916 NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Reiterate using 101 to report anti-social behaviour.

**20/1917 MATTERS TO NOTE**

The parish council supports the opening of the village hall and church to facilitate social distancing in education.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8TH JULY 2020, NASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM**

**Approved by Nassington Parish Council:**

**Signature of Chairman  
of following meeting:**