

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

22.2094 Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, Cllr Derrick Mortimer, Cllr Robert Peterson (Chairman) and Cllr Shane Rickwood. Officer present: The clerk. Apologies received from Alan Burns due to unforeseen circumstances and Elliott Clark due to work commitments. Paul Monks had tendered his resignation earlier in the day. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

Two member of the public were present to present item 2097

22.2095 Declarations of Interest

Rebecca Downey and Alain Kinglsey declared a personal and potentially nonpecuniary interest in any matters tabled to be discussed under the planning item. It was **RESOLVED** to grant dispensation to participate in discussions should it be necessary. Derrick Mortimer declared a personal but nonpecuniary interest in any matters relating to Nassington Preschool. [The clerk has pecuniary interests in matters relating to the school and the village hall, which whilst not statutorily required to be declared, are noted in the interests of transparency and best practice]

22.2096

It was **RESOLVED** to approve minutes, circulated in advance of the meeting, of the meeting held in November. The chairman signed the minutes.

22.2097 Presentation regarding Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough charity

Dr Rhiannon Nally from Wansford and Kings Cliffe surgery, and Neil Boyce, Chairman of Good Neighbours - Rural Peterborough (GNRP) were in attendance. Dr Nally explained the importance of GNRP as an integral partner in the practice's endeavours in the community, as a means of improving health outcomes, trying to keep people out of hospital, and supporting people within the community following discharge from hospital. Mr Boyce explained the background to GNRP and the body's governance and the way of working of the organisation. In essence, the aim is to offer short term assistance to people in need by way of things like befriending, shopping, gardening via a network of volunteers, free of charge. Finance is received via fund raising, grant funding, and membership fees from membership bodies (EG parish/town councils and community groups). There was an extensive discussion around the way such a scheme could work in Nassington and whilst the council appreciated that generally an organising/membership body would research to find out how such a scheme could work, it was felt that it would definitely work within the framework of groups within the parish. The council agreed that it would join the scheme and would start to spread the word so that in the new year ideally there would be some identified people come forward as volunteers. The cost is £1 per home in the parish. The anticipated way of working would be that the council would be the data holder and conduit / co-ordinating body with other organisations being able to support the community aspect of the work.

22.2098 Questions or address from members of the public:

There were none.

22.2099 Planning and Development:

- a) NE/22/01500/TPO/ | G1 - 8 limes trees - to re-pollard and remove epidermic shoot growth from the base of the trees The works entail re-pollarding to the original pollard knuckle points as part of an on-going management programme of these trees. | St Marys Church Church Street Nassington. Whilst the council is the applicant, it is in full support of this application.
- b) NE/22/01442/FUL | First floor rear extension. | 38B Church Street Nassington Peterborough PE8 6QG . Concerns have been lodged from neighbours regarding loss of privacy, loss of light and overlooking. It was agreed to make appropriate representation regarding these points. Other concerns brought to the council's

attention, such as planning by stealth, were deemed not to be material planning considerations and would not form part of the council's submission to the planning authority.

- c) North Northamptonshire Council has commissioned specialist consultants Opinion Research Services (ORS) to carry out a North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment Update and a Pitch Deliverability Assessment. This work will inform the preparation of the North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Policy Development Plan Document (DPD). This consultation was noted, but as there are no specific issues or sites in the parish as the current time, it was felt inappropriate to respond.

22.2100 Neighbourhood Plan: Opportunity for short update and consideration of draft to be discussed at NNPA^c in January

It was felt that an online meeting with the consultants was necessary to try to understand some of the issues, in particular the advantages of pursuing a Neighbourhood Development Order. There may be some disparity between sites identified as potential development sites and sites identified as environmentally important. The clerk will organise an online meeting with the consultants to take place in the new year.

22.2101 Governance Matters:

- a) The year to date accounts and anticipated year end balances had been distributed in advance of the meeting. Some corrections to income is necessary. It was agreed that a robust community cohesion budget will be necessary to support endeavours associated with membership of Good Neighbours-RP as discussed at the start of the meeting. Any requirements that become apparent to members before the next meeting will be passed directly to the clerk. A revised budget will be distributed in advance for agreement at the next meeting in January.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to renew the website for history group.

22.2102 Community / Projects:

- a) Allotments:
 - o Allotment invoices would be issued in accordance with the emailed details received prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Paul Monks could remain as liaison between the parish council and the allotment holders, but that all allotment allocations must be advised to the council and agreed. There was a general reminder that only the council, or the clerk / a committee under the scheme of delegation, is able to make decisions. Directions cannot be issued on a ad-hoc basis and must come from the council.
 - o It was agreed that the allotment clearance skip would be in place for the weekend of 7th/8th January and that members/officers would endeavour to be on site to help clear the accumulation of rubbish.
- b) Warm hubs:

It was **RESOLVED** to support the village hall 'warm hub' initiative at the village hall by covering cost of leaflets and 'seed funding' plus £20 per week towards heating and refreshments, to be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The council thoroughly commends all of the current community support initiatives occurring in the parish.

22.2103 Playing field –

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to continue of mole control contract.
- b) The progression of repair works by HAGS under zip slide and to rocker and telescope was noted.

22.2104 Highway matters:

- c) **SID:** Update on data following full cycle of sites would be carried forward to the next meeting

22.2105 Financial matters:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Gross	Power
Allotment pond digging	Andy Roberts Groundwork		180.00	SHAA [#] S23, 25

Mole control	Peterborough Pestforce	275.00	PHA ⁱⁱⁱ S164
Biscuit hub club flyers	Easiprint	24.07	LCMP ^{iv} s. 19
Donation towards library	FONS	500.00	LGA ^v S137
VAT	Ncalc	46.42	
Transfer to prepaid card		600.00	
PDF software annual licence	PDF architect	35.79	42.95 LGA ^{vi} S111
Electricity consumption	SSE	105.92	111.21 PC Act and Highways Act ^{vii} S301
Staff costs		715.98	LGA ^{viii} S111 and pensions act

22.2106 Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:

- PKF Littlejohn is retained at Northamptonshire auditors following the SAAA re-tender process
- Register of interests – councillor are reminded of their legal duty to maintain their register of interest current at all times
- Launch of Integrated Care Northants was noted.
- Meeting with Commissioner, Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer was noted. :

22.2107 Newsletter / Social Media / community communications.

Information of the Good Neighbours scheme and request for volunteers would form the bulk of the January newsletter article

22.2108 Future agenda items / matters to be carried forward –

The good neighbours scheme would be ratified at the next meeting, the budget agreed and the precept agreed.

22.2109 It was RESOLVED under the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960 to exclude members of the public present from the following agenda item as content could be prejudicial to the public interest

22.2110 It was RESOLVED to appoint Nene Valley Tree Services to carry out tree pollarding works at the churchyard.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 11TH JANUARY 2022

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman		Date:
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ⁱ NNPAC – Nassington Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee

ⁱⁱ SHAA – Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908

ⁱⁱⁱ Public Health Act 1875

^{iv} Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

^v LGA = 1972 local government act

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^{vii} Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 / Highways Act 1980 s301

^{viii} LGA = 1972 local government act