

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

23.2212 Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Alan Burns, Cllr Elliott Clark, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, Cllr Derrick Mortimer, and Cllr Robert Peterson (chairman). Officer present: The clerk. Two members of the public present.

23.2213 Declarations of Interest

Derrick Mortimer declared his standing personal but nonpecuniary interest in any matters relating to Nassington Preschool.

23.2214 Minutes of the meeting held in December 2022 as previously circulated.

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

23.2215 Questions or address from members of the public:

The matter of dog fouling in the village was raised along with speeding. It was noted too that correspondence had been received regarding dog fouling and it had recently been a matter of discussion on parish social media. It was agreed that a number of steps could be taken to highlight the issues and possible consequences of not clearing up, and that the council would try to use as much visual impact (posters/social media/newsletter) as possible as well as a publicity drive to encourage people to report incidences online and to submit cleansing requests. The matter of speeding will be monitored on an ongoing basis as much as possible from the data obtained from the speed indicator devices in place around the village and specific patterns evidencing regular excess speeds reported to the police. The matter of dog fouling will be tabled for discussion at the next meeting, and the clerk will provide a map indicating dog waste and litter bin sites.

23.2216 Planning and Development:

There were no current planning applications about which the council has been consulted.

23.2217 Governance:

- a) It was *RESOLVED* to join Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough at a current cost of £1 per household.
- b) It was *RESOLVED* to approve as a true state of the council's financial affairs, financial accounts to third quarter of 2022/23 financial year, as at 31st December 2022, which had been circulated in advance and checked by the vice chairman, tasked with internal control.

Current assets to end of the period and balances approved as representative of the councils financial position:

Current account	2,517.19
Nationwide 95 day saver	85,750.21
Tailored reserve	31,613.13
Pocket prepayment card (petty cash)	92.95
Total cash:	119,973.48

Represented by:

Balance b/f	113,223.00
Add receipts for year	72,266.32
less payments for the year	65,515.84
Balance c/f:	119,973.48

c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve virements of budget income and expenditure (Numbers 1,2 and 3 approved under 22.2062c in July 2022):

- Virement 4: Increase income to include income from cricket club for loan repayment £5,000
- Virement 5: Increase income to Include NDP grant £8,000 expenditure budget increase in line with increased income from NDP grant
- Virement 6: £7,500 Increase to the playing field expenditure from fwd contingency to cover grant for grounds maintenance equipment and repairs to play area.
- Virement 7: £2,500 environmental expenditure increase budget to cover footpath & allotment pond upgrades from forward contingency
- Virement 8: £1,119 arboriculture increased budget from fwd contingency to allow for tree works.

d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following budget for 2023/24 to 31st March 2024:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Precept	50,750.00	Salary	11,529.00
Interest	2,240.00	Pension / NIC	677.00
Allotment Rents	300.00	Clerk's expenses	400.00
Cricket club loan payment	5,000.00	Office expenses	400.00
NCC highways	534.00	Professional fees	1,000.00
Wkg income	<u>58,824.00</u>	Training budget	400.00
Reserves	101,324.00	Website	1,500.00
		Clerk's expenses	400.00
		Street Lighting	1,600.00
		Playing Field	1,500.00
		F'paths / Environment	1,750.00
		Burial Board	2,200.00
		Insurance	1,000.00
		NALC & SLCC	600.00
		Meeting facilitation	400.00
		Audit	625.00
		Allotment Expenditure	1,500.00
		churchyard	850.00
		Conti / c'man's al'ance	250.00
		NHW	43.00
		Fwd Cont'ncy (reserves)	3,000.00
		Elections	1,000.00
		VH support	1,000.00
		Highways / amenities	2,500.00
		Arboricultural	3,000.00
		Cohesion / wellbeing	3,000.00
		History Group	500.00
		NDP project	2,000.00
		To capital project	8,000.00
		New play equipment	5,500.00
		Sub total	<u>58,824.00</u>
		Capital Projects	
		Recreation reserve	53,245.00

General Reserve	45,635.00
Cohesion reserve	444.00
Election reserve	2,000.00
Working cash	58,824.00
Total reserves	101,324.00

23.2218 Community / Projects:

- a) The clerk would be meeting manager of the Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough (GNRP) the following week to discuss the next steps in signing up to the scheme. The next newsletter would contain a precis of the charity's information flyer. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would focus on the GNRP scheme.
- b) It was agreed that a bench, the match the Queen's Golden jubilee one on the playing field, would be procured to mark the coronation of King Charles III. The favoured location was agreed to be close to the outdoor gym. It was further agreed that a suitable tree, quite likely a Bird Cherry, would be sited in the same location.
- c) It was agreed that a community litter pick would be arranged for the weekend of April 22/23. The clerk will endeavour to obtain litter picking equipment from the local authority to support the initiative. A wider community activity will take place, with the village hall hosting family and community activities on the same day.
- d) The annual village carol singers had raised money during their event prior to Christmas and would like to donate to a good cause within the community. It was agreed to recommend The Biscuit Tin and Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough

23.2219 Playing field

- A first-draft policy for use of the playing field had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that a user agreement should be in place to organisers of activities at the field ensure they are aware of their obligations about public liability and mitigation of the council's exposure to such liabilities. Members would re-assess the draft for reappraisal at the next meeting.
- There was a discussion regarding protection between the cricket boundary and the play equipment and wider health and safety issues on parish council property.
- It was agreed that the clerk would circulate previous correspondence on safety matters, including current insurance policy, draft usages licence and the memorandum of understanding signed with the Nassington Cricket Club the previous summer (June 2022).

23.2220 Highway matters:

SID: The rotation of the speed indicator device would recommence later in January and data monitoring would be analysed once a complete cycle back to Station Road is complete.

23.2221 Financial matters:

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the precept with a 0% increase against the previous year, remaining at £50,750, although the reflection in council tax bills may show a small decrease due to Band D adjustments from the previous financial year. demand from council taxation authority, North Northamptonshire Council
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Good/service	Supplier	Nett	Gross	Power
Groundworks	Plough Environmental		110.00	<i>HAⁱ S96</i>
Skip hire	Bourne Skip Hire	244.17	293.00	<i>SHAAⁱⁱ S23, 25</i>
Electricity consumption	SSE	115.87	121.66	<i>PC Act and Highways Actⁱⁱⁱ S301</i>
History website domain	123-REG	11.99	14.39	<i>LGA^{iv} 111</i>

History additional domains 123 reg 51.97 62.37 *LGA^v 111*
 Staff costs Dec 715.98 *LGA^{vi} S111 and pensions act*

23.2222 Receive Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:

- It has been brought to the attention of the council that the road from Fotheringhay Road to the playing field and car park has become increasingly pot-holed. It was agreed to contact the specialist installation company for advice.
- An email had been received regarding dog fouling
- An approach had been received regarding incinerators at the allotments for the purpose of burning arisings, but the council stands by the no fires decision

23.2223 Newsletter / Social Media / community communications.

- The council would request that the front and back of the newsletter be used to provide a ‘dog poo fairy’ cover and quick links to encourage reporting of dog fouling and related issues.
- Coronation bench
- Precept
- Save-the=date for litter pick
- Carol singing donations
- Good Neighbours rural Peterborough – supply more information to inform about the project

23.2224 Future agenda items / matters to be carried forward –

Potential planning enforcement would be brought to the next meeting.

The chairman closed the meeting at 21.26

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8TH FEBRUARY 2023

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman		Date:
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i HA- Highways Act 1980
 ii [SHAA – Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908](#)
 iii [Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 / Highways Act 1980 s301](#)
 iv LGA – Local Government Act 1972
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 vi LGA = 1972 local government act