

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

23.2225. Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Elliott Clark, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, Cllr Derrick Mortimer, Cllr Robert Peterson (chairman) and Cllr Shane Rickwood. Apologies received from Alan Burns due to personal commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies. Officer present: The clerk.

23.2226. Declarations of Interest

Derrick Mortimer declared his standing personal but nonpecuniary interest in any matters relating to Nassington Preschool. Rebecca Downey and Alain Kingsley declared interests in the planning application tabled for discussion.

23.2227. Approval of Minutes

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

23.2228. Questions or address from members of the public:

There were none:

23.2229. Planning and Development:

- a) NE/23/00032/FUL | First floor rear extension (resubmission of NE/22/01442/FUL) | 38B Church Street Nassington: It was **RESOLVED** that the council's point of view has not altered since the previous submission of this application (see Dec 22 minute 2099) . The council noted that concerns have been lodged from neighbours regarding loss of privacy, loss of light and overlooking and would urge the planning authority to pay due attention to residents' concerns and objections, taking them into consideration as part of the planning decision-making process.
- b) Nassington Neighbourhood Plan . The council was not able to commend the draft plan in its current format. It was agreed that the environmental group and the housing group would focus on those particular sections for inclusion in the plan. Following that process, a stand-alone meeting of council members and committee members, along with the consultants would be convened to agree the format of the draft plan to present for the first public consultation. It was agreed that meetings would also take place with key stake holders.
- c) It remains unclear whether a Neighbourhood Development Order would be the correct or necessary route to pursue. The details in the proposed communications to landowners would be clarified with the planning consultants. Further advice would be sought as to how to incorporate protection for the community, the village hall trust and the council once the plan has been agreed, in terms of ensuring that a community facility will be assured once planning permission is applied for, following adoption of the plan.

23.2230. Playing field

- a) Consideration of licences and/or agreements for users of the playing field as per correspondence 22nd January would be deferred to the March meeting. In the meantime, the pertinent information therein relating the risk assessment (RAMS) carried out by the cricket club on the advice of the ECB regarding boundary protection to prevent cricket balls encroaching on the children's play area would be re-sent to the club, along with the proposed licence for use of the field, requesting its feedback by the end of February in time for the March meeting.
- b) It was agreed to add top soil to the order for the imminent surfacing under the zip slide. The work is due to be carried out in February.

23.2231. Governance:

- a) The request to submit a funding variation request to Groundwork UK to approve redistribution of grant funding was disallowed. The council requires details of the justification for the increases in evidence gathering costs and noted its disappointment that the increased costs had not been highlighted before submitting the variation request. The council feels that there is additional work necessary to bring the draft plan to the consultation stage and expects that the work will be covered in the fees already paid.
- b) The supplier of the existing bench at the playing field has not responded to requests for a price for a new bench matching the existing, therefore a budget cannot be agreed. The clerk will continue to try to obtain details.
- c) It was noted that there had not been a request for a poll in response to the announcement of the casual vacancy. Therefore the council is at liberty to co-opt a new member.
- d) It was agreed that the annual village meeting would take place on 17th May as a standalone event to include Good Neighbours RP and possibly the Neighbourhood Plan
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the donation and earmarking of funds received from carol singing to Good Neighbours RP and the village warm hub/social group.

23.2232. Community / Projects:

- a) Dog mess: It was noted that the clerk would be meeting with an officer from the waste department of the local authority the following week. A suggestion that members would use spray paint to highlight offending deposits would be considered.
- b) It was noted that the tree churchyard tree works permission had been received and that the planning conditions allow that:
 - 1. Works to re-pollard the eight lime trees subject to this application may be carried out on multiple occasions every two to five years, dependent on regrowth rates. The removal of any basal and epicormic growth may also be carried out on multiple occasions yearly or less often dependent on growth rates, and management requirements for up to ten (10) years from the date of this consent. This means that anew application will need to be submitted to carry out pollarding work and removal of basal and epicormic growth after 3rd February 2033.
Reason: To define accurately the scope of the works, the manner in which (and the time by when) the permitted works may be carried out. .
 - 2. All works shall be carried out so as to conform to British Standard BS 3998:2010 Tree work Recommendations.
Reason: To control the manner in which the works are carried out, and to maintain the longevity of the tree

The tree works will commence on 27th February, will take into account the presence of a bees nest within one of the trees and are expected to take 3 days to complete.

- c) Allotments: Since the removal of the accumulation of rubbish, further fly tipping has become apparent at the allotment site. The clerk will write to all allotment holders to state that this must not happen. Signs would be erected at the area. Woodchip from churchyard tree works would be deposited at the car parking area of the allotment site following the pollarding referred to above (2232).
- d) Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough: As part of the project, a social assets audit is to be completed – the clerk will do so and circulate by email for approval. The memorandum of understanding was approved, with the correction of the date and some spelling errors.
- e) Litter pick update: It was noted that the loan of equipment and collection of rubbish from the village green has been arranged. The equipment must be collected on 21st April from the NNC offices in Thrapston, which will be organised closer to the time.

23.2233. Financial matters:

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

Goods/service	Supplier	Nett	Gross	Power
Electricity AED in phone box	SSE		479.89	PHA ⁱ s234
membership	Good Neighbours RP		346.00	LGA ⁱⁱ 137
Donation	Good Neighbours RP		62.77	
Gloves for allotment clearance	Amazon	9.39	11.27	SHAA ⁱⁱⁱ S23, 25
streetlighting consumption	SSE	102.61	107.74	PC Act and Highways Act ^{iv} S301

b) It was *RESOLVED* to pay of SSE AED bills for the phone box by direct debit

23.2234. Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:

- Oundle 20 road race and road closure was noted

23.2235. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications.

- Good Neighbours cover and article
- Dog update
- Co-option of new member

23.2236. Matters to carry forward:

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9TH MARCH 2022

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman		Date:
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i PHA – Public Health Act 1936
ii LGA – Local Government Act 1972
iii SHAA – Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908
iv Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 / Highways Act 1980 s301