

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

23.2283. Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Sam Attenborough, Cllr Alan Burns, Cllr Elliott Clark, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Derrick Mortimer, and Cllr Robert Peterson (chairman). Apologies received from Charlotte Lemmon, Rebecca Downey, and Shane Rickwood due to personal commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies Officer present: The clerk. The chairman welcomed Sam Attenborough to the council following his co-option in May.

23.2284. Declarations of Interest

Dispensations were granted for all members of the council who are also members of the cricket club, for members with allotments, for members with association with the preschool, and for members with association with the church. The council has previously acknowledged that associations with and membership of other organisations might on occasion be pecuniary in nature, but felt those to be incidental to the member's council role, that the roles would not conflict, and that members would put their statutory duty as duly appointed members of the council as priority in any decision making process.

Approval of Minutes

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

23.2285. Questions or address from members of the public:

There were none.

23.2286. Planning, development, and licensing:

1. NE/23/00476/FUL | New purpose made conservation windows and doors to replace existing windows and doors | 37 Church Street Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
2. NE/23/00477/LBC | New purpose made conservation windows and doors to replace existing windows and doors | 37 Church Street Nassington Peterborough PE8 6QG. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
3. NE/23/00279/VAR | Variation of condition 2 to allow for amendments to the approved drawings pursuant to 19/00543/FUL Change of use to provide leisure facilities, site shop and amenities for caravan park residents, including demolition of agricultural buildings. | Yarwell Mill Mill Road Yarwell Peterborough PE8 6PS. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections but would note that there is a factual inaccuracy within the application, as it states that the site cannot be viewed from a right of way, whereas the Nene Way, RoW PG002 passes alongside the proposed area
4. 23/00354/LAPVAR Queens Head, 54 Station Rd, Nassington - variation to a premises licence. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections nor further comment to make.
5. Neighbourhood Plan – There was a brief update on the history of the neighbourhood plan and it being necessitated following a request from the village hall board of trustees for the parish council to help facilitate a relocation of the facility to enable a community building appropriate to meeting the needs of a community such as Nassington, and its role as a service village as defined in the current RNOTPⁱ and emerging replacement local planⁱⁱ. The draft of the proposed Nassington Neighbourhood Plan had been received at the beginning of the week of the current meeting and circulated to members. The clerk will re-circulate the email for all members to familiarise themselves with the plan in advance of the next meeting. It was agreed that there would not be a standalone NDP meeting after all, but that

the next parish council meeting would deal with only the NDP and urgent statutory governance matters.

23.2287. Governance

- a) Consultation on draft recommendations for ward boundaries in North Northamptonshire. It was agreed that the council would rather the status quo is maintained as a whole ward, currently with 3 ward members, rather than the ward being partitioned into an 'Oundle' and 'Rural North' with only one member for the rural north.
- b) Update regarding chairman's correspondence with HSCUK representatives. The chairman had written to the other party, as agreed at the May meeting. The response has been a request for a face-to-face meeting with the chairman. Due to capacity constraints, the chairman has been unable to meet, but will endeavour to do so at the soonest opportunity. He will make it clear that no member of the council, including the chairman, is able to make a decision on behalf of the council. He will however convey the council's needs to the charity's representatives and will bring back to the council the charity's representative's views.

23.2288. Playing field

- a) The council had been approached by representatives of the preschool as leaseholders and by members of the public about the lack of maintenance at the playing field to the north of the cricket boundary line/pedestrian path, and along the grass path. The area was reportedly engulfed by stinging nettles which are causing children to be afflicted by stings. It was agreed that the council's grounds works company will be instructed to carry out maintenance to these areas henceforth.
- b) The situation regarding public liability implications and actions regarding licences / agreements for users of the playing field as per ongoing correspondence raised in January remain in abeyance in the absence of input from the cricket club. The situation remains that there are no licences in place allowing for any activity by any party at the playing field. The clerk reiterated concerns over having no licence or agreements in place for the various formal activities that take place on the playing field, especially in the case of an insurance issue. The draft papers will be sent again to members. The cricket club is fully conversant with its obligation in this regard and its risk assessment undertaking is reported to be a work in progress.
- c) Illustrations of the zip slide surfacing reinstatement works had been circulated in advance of the meeting. All works undertaken per the council's purchase order 23.01.01 were approved.
- d) Correspondence had been received and circulated in advance of the meeting concerning a right of way obstruction on the Nene Way NM29. It was agreed that the clerk will write to the cricket club and instruct the obstruction's removal.

23.2289. Community / Projects:

a) Allotments:

- Allotment tap / water: The requisite parts had been purchased and passed to the person volunteering to undertake a proper repair of the water pipes. The numbers of people in touch about the lack of water had ceased, leading to the conclusion that the works had been completed.
- Rubbish removal is in hand, but companies are not responding as well as we would like.
- Community orchard management. It was agreed to commission the council's grounds works contractor to prune the trees as appropriate.
- Consider request re bonfires. The council reiterated its position with regard to bonfires on the site and would send a copy of the National Allotment Association to allotment holders
- Consider request re beehives. Beehives will not be allowed anywhere on the site.
- Request to meet with allotment holder regarding boundary line. The clerk will meet with the allotment holder and a volunteer member of the council to discuss the matter of the boundary at a particular allotment.

- b) Nature recovery / churchyard / nature walk update. The clerk was instructed to ascertain from the councillor leading on the churchyard nature recovery project what documentation had been given to whom. The clerk was instructed to write to the secretary of St Mary & All Saints church PCC to ascertain whether the PCC members have seen and agreed the plans for the churchyard.
- c) Pocket park – The community award granted from Dobbies was noted. The matter of the handrail to the southern boundary is in hand – the clerk and the contractor have been unable to find a mutually convenient time to meet, but the clerk would address the matter urgently.

23.2290. Financial matters:

- a) The accounts to year end at 30th May 2023 and balances had been at the previous meeting in April

ledger balance current account	6,134.89
Nationwide 95 day saver	86,718.95
Tailored reserve	69,365.01
Pocket prepayment card (petty cash)	0.24
Total cash:	162,219.09

Per cash book

Balance b/f	113,112.76
Add receipts for year	56,540.76
less payments for the year	7,434.43
Balance c/f:	162,219.09

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments, details of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Goods/service	Supplier	Nett	Gross	Power
Grasscutting	Plough environmental		470.00	PHA ⁱⁱⁱ S164HA ^{iv} S96HA ^v 136
Amazon	Previous underpayment		0.20	
Groundwork UK	Insurance		4,500.00	Localism Act
History group printing	Easiprint	14.40	14.40	LGA ^{vi} 111
Allotment water	Wave		50.32	SHAA ^{vii} S23, 25
Direct debits:				
Streetlighting electricity	SSE	102.25	107.36	PHA ^{viii} s234
AED March/ April payt	SSE	8.60	9.03	PHA ^{ix} s234
Debit card:				
Allotment sundries	Screwfix		50.32	SHAA ^x S23, 25
Additional email storage	Tsohost		17.88	LGA ^{vi} 111
Laptop	Dell	695.67	834.80	LGA ^{vi} 111
Salary and pension			769.58	LGA ⁱ S112 & pensions act

23.2291. Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:

- A request had been received regarding metal detecting on the council's land in the parish. It was agreed that there is no suitable land on which this could take place.

23.2292. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications would include

- Update councillors, welcoming Sam Attenborough and following the May meeting.
- Thanking all involved at the pocket park

23.2293. Matters to carry forward:

- Nature walk feedback and plans for the garden show in August

23.2294. Exclusion of public

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

23.2295. North Northamptonshire Council rural housing allocation policy and its impact on rural exception sites

Midlands Rural Housing had been in contact regarding the housing allocation way of working enforced on them by the new bidding process and allocation policy by the North Northants unitary appointed management company. There are some parts of the allocation policy that conflict dramatically with the spirit of rural exception sites and the legal requirements contained within the S106 permissions that granted development of them. It was agreed that the council would write to the Oundle ward members and other influential parties to put on record the councils objection to this way of allocating rural housing to people with a local connection.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12TH JULY 2023		
Approved by Nassington Parish Council:		
Signature of Chairman		Date:

ⁱ RNOTP = Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston plan

ⁱⁱ 01 East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 1st consultation draft.pdf

ⁱⁱⁱ Public Health Act 1875

^{iv} Public Health Act 1875

^v HA- Highways Act 1980

^{vi} Local Government act 1972

^{vii} SHAA – Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908

^{viii} PHA – Public Health Act 1936

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