

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8th November 2023 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

23.2332. 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 (chair). Apologies received from Sam Attenborough due to personal circumstances. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies. Officer present: The clerk. The chairman advised the meeting that Shane Rickwood had resigned from the council. The council joined him in noting thanks to Shane for his input and contributions over his years with the council.

23.2333. Declarations of Interest

Dispensations are in place 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 rather than of pecuniary advantage or disadvantage to the member, 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.

23.2334. Approval of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes, circulated in advance of the meeting, of the meeting held in October 2023. The chairman of the meeting signed the minutes.

23.2335. Session with Pip Fairhall. Health and Wellbeing Coach, Kings Cliffe and Wansford Surgery to consider ways to facilitate physical and mental wellbeing enhancement, as agreed at the October meeting of the parish council.

Ways forward agreed: Discuss the possibility of an outreach programme with Northants Sport and/or Freedom Leisure, with the possibility of activities at the playing field with refreshments at the sports pavilion. The annual meeting would be an ideal opportunity for community feedback.

23.2336. Questions or address from members of the public:

A question arose as to why there are two different social media groups on Facebook for the village. It was explained that one was set up during the pandemic lockdown caused by the coronavirus specifically as a closed group to protect some of the more vulnerable people in the community and so that people could share private information within a relatively safer space than a publicly group open to everyone in the world. Due to the sometimes-sensitive information shared on the group, it has remained closed. It was agreed that the explanation about this should be moved higher in the 'about' page introduction.

23.2337. Planning, development, and licensing:

There were no planning applications.

23.2338. Neighbourhood plan:

No suggestions to contribute to an executive summary for the plan had been forthcoming. The clerk would check with absent members. The clerk will circulate the plan as it is, again, to members and ask the consultants to forward the draft environmental policy. In the meantime, any contributions to the draft plan to date would be sent to the clerk immediately for forward transmission to the consultants.

23.2339. Churchyard:

- a) It was agreed that the clerk should make the necessary arrangements for a memorial safety test at the churchyard once the quote has been received from the stonemasons and circulated by email to

members for consideration, provided the figures involved are within the limits allowed under financial regulations and delegation scheme.

- b) The clerk is to check with the grounds works contractor as to the situation with the nature recovery cut-and-rake tidy up of the churchyard, as it appears not to have been carried out.

23.2340. Community / Projects:

- a) Allotments:
- It was agreed to procure a further 3mt of MOT grade topping for the allotment haul road eastern section from the same supplier as earlier in the year. The same allotment holder who had spread the previous load had undertaken to spread the second delivery.
 - The communal skip had been arranged and would arrive the following day.
 - The trees in the communal area would be investigated by Charlotte Lemmon.
- b) Pocket park – handrail update: A contractor has visited the site and a quote awaited.
- c) Benches update: A contractor has visited the site and a quote awaited
- d) Following recent flooding in the village, a discussion took place considering flooding caused by run-off and ways of avoiding and alleviating the situation, with heavy rainfall widely anticipated to be more normal going forward. It was agreed that the clerk would make contact with a person who had offered advice professionally and also take appropriate steps with the flood and highway authority.

23.2341. Playing field

- a) Access road and car park: A contractor has visited the site and a quote awaited.
- b) The latest draft of the licensing agreements with potential users had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that they should be sent to the appropriate parties.
- c) A draft invitation to quote had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to send to four potential suppliers. Once an idea of the cost of the project has been received, grant funding will be sought.

23.2342. Financial matters:

Accounts to date and up to date income and expenditure against budget figures had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to note and approve the accounts and expenditure against budget to second quarter end at 31st October 2023. The accounts stand at:

ledger balance current account	2,705.47
Nationwide 95 day saver	63,192.43
Lloyds commercial card	0.00
Tailored reserve	88,094.16
Total cash:	153,992.06
Per cash book	
Balance b/f	113,112.76
Add receipts for year	68,493.39
less payments for the year	27,614.09
Balance c/f:	153,992.06

- b) The first draft budget was considered. The aim is to keep the precept the same, but proper budgetary practices in accordance with NALC guidance would be adhered to.

- c) It was noted that the April 2023 pay negotiation between the National Joint Council of local government employers and the unions had been settled, with a FTE pay increase of £1925 across the board, equating to 6.79%. It was agreed that the backdated amount be tabled for authorisation at the next meeting and the clerk was thanked for her work.
- d) 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		220.00	PHA ⁱ s164 HA ⁱⁱ s96 HA ⁱⁱ s136
<u>Paid by card</u>				
Signs for allotments	Amazon	5.48	6.58	SHAA ⁱⁱⁱ s23, 25
History group flyers	Peterborough Printing		15.00	LGA ^{iv} 145
<u>Direct debits/SOs:</u>				
Streetlighting September	SSE	105.44	110.71	PHA ^v s234
AED June/July/Aug	SSE	8.60	9.03	PHA ^{vi} s234
Salary and pension			769.58	LGA ⁱ S112 & pensions act

23.2343. Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:

- Progress report was noted
- The clerk would be attending the Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough AGM. The council suggested asking if there is anything GNRP would like in way of support.
- An email discussion about a swimming and running route the following summer was noted

23.2344. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications would include

- Casual vacancy and thanks to Shane for his years of service.
 - Link to the social practitioner at Wansford Surgery
 - Support for community groups that promote wellbeing and social cohesion in the parish.
 - Budget for next year: Share ideas as to what we can do to help make Nassington a better place
- Flooding – request input regarding incidents.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13TH DECEMBER 2023

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman	Date:
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ⁱ Public Health Act 1875

ⁱⁱ HA- Highways Act 1980

ⁱⁱⁱ SHAA – Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908

^{iv} Local Government act 1972

^v PHA – Public Health Act 1936

^{vi} PHA – Public Health Act 1936