

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

24.2427. Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Sam Attenborough, Cllr Elliott Clark, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, Cllr Derrick Mortimer, Cllr Robert Peterson (chairman), and Cllr Andy Russell. Apologies received from Alan Burns and Rebecca Downey, due to personal commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies Officer present: The clerk. Two members of the NEAT Nassington heat planning committee

24.2428. 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.

24.2429. Approval of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes, circulated in advance of the meeting, of the meeting held in May 2024. The chairman of the meeting signed the minutes.

24.2430. Questions or address from members of the public:

There were none.

24.2431. Planning and Development:

- a) Neighbourhood plan update: The SEA for the proposed site in the emerging plan is underway. The council remains intent to present at the August bank holiday garden show to publicise the plan, as part of the Regulation 14 process, and is concerned that time constraints may prevent the formal process having started prior to the exhibition at the garden show.
- b) There was an update from the NEAT committee which is leading on planning to enable renewable energy to provide community heating within the parish. The outcome of the grant application facilitating the appointment of a consultants to establish the feasibility of such a project is not yet known. However, the committee has undertaken a robust tendering process to help identify a consultancy to work with to fulfil the feasibility process in order that funding for a scheme can be sought. The next step will be to carry out due diligence on the preferred partner so that when the grant application outcome is known, the project is ready to proceed.

24.2432. Governance:

- a) Equal Opportunities Policy: Following the meeting in May, a revised, more fit for purpose draft policy had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that under the 'reporting' section prevailing legislation would be clarified by citing the legislation in place at the time of publication (sections 26-34 of the 2011 Localism Act).
- b) Burial Board update: Delegated members of the joint committee would be meeting before the next parish council meeting. There is an urgent need to appoint a clerk to the committee as a matter of priority.

24.2433. Playing field

- a) The latest annual RoSPA report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It would be agreed to instruct repairs to the rocker see-saw and the multiplay climber and to paint the multiplay junior and clean all equipment. A budget figure was agreed. The issues highlighted relating to the slide and trim trail would be addressed by their respective replacements. It was agreed to proceed with the wide slope slide. Consideration would be given to siting of additional picnic benches.
- b) A request for the installation of temporary low-level fencing to demark a boundary line had been received from the cricket club. Following due consideration of the various factors, it was agreed that the council would decline the request.

24.2434. Community / Projects

- a) Nassington Nature: There was no update to report.
- b) Pocket park / RoSPA: The RoSPA report had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Adjustments to gates would be instructed. There is concern regarding the wider usage of the site. Cllr Attenborough undertook to take on the management of the pocket park.
- c) Allotments:
 - There was a discussion concerning the handling of poorly kept allotments. It was agreed that initial approaches would be an informal discussion by the allotment lead councillor, followed by a formal approach by the council and, as a final resort, eviction. There would be a degree of discretion on a case-by-case basis and the council would try to support in the case of short term problems encountered by plot holders
 - The council would support a 'buddy system' whereby one allotment holder would be the official licensee, but could share with another person, with the council being kept apprised of the arrangement.
 - There was a brief discussion regarding the lack of inclusion in the upcoming open gardens.

24.2435. Highways:

- a) Lighting: It was agreed to appoint a lighting contractor to inspect lampposts for which the parish council is responsible and to ascertain that the lampposts and lanterns in the third phase of Fenn Close are functioning satisfactorily.
- b) It was agreed to apply for funding for additional SID. It was further agreed to partake in the local advisory 20mph scheme

24.2436. Financial matters:

- a) The accounts to the year end, as at 31st May 2024 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts to end May:

ledger balance current account	407.16
Tailored reserve	95,041.00
Nationwide 95 day saver	90,197.64
Total cash:	185,645.80
Per cash book	
Balance b/f	141,210.77
Add receipts for year	51,575.25
less payments for the year	7,140.22
Balance c/f:	185,645.80

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

Receipt	Goods/service	Supplier			
£188.00	History talk				
Goods/service	Supplier	Nett	Gross	Power	
Water at allotments	Anglian Water		60.39	SHAA ⁱ S23, 25	
RoSPA Inspections	RoSPA PlaySafety	196.00	235.20	PHA ⁱⁱ S164	
Display materials	History Group		13.60	LGA ⁱⁱⁱ 1972, s.144	
Grasscutting	Plough environmental		360.00	PHA ^{iv} S164HA ^v GA215	
Email Space	TsoHost		17.88	LGA ⁱⁱⁱ S111	
History Group Printing	Peterborough Print		17.50	LGA ⁱⁱⁱ S144	
Direct debits/SOs:					
streetlighting	SSE	110.07	118.15	PCA ^{vi} 1957 s3/ HA ^{vii} 1980 s301	
AED in phonebox	SSE	8.64	10.37	PHA ^{viii} s234	
First Aid Kit	Amazon	113.35	113.35	PHA ^{ix} s234	
Salary and pension			1012.65	LGA ^x S112 & pensions act	

24.2437. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications would include

There had been an inexplicable breakdown in transmitting the previous month’s newsletter insert, so July’s insert would include June’s too. Additionally, the 20mph advisory area would be included, as well as an upgrade to the slide/play area.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 10TH JULY 2024	
Approved by Nassington Parish Council:	
Signature of Chairman	Date:

ⁱ SHAA – Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908

ⁱⁱ Public Health Act 1875

ⁱⁱⁱ LGA – Local Government Act

^{iv} Public Health Act 1875

^v Public Health Act 1875

^{vi} PCAct -Parish Councils Act 1957

^{vii} HA- Highways Act 1980

^{viii} PHA – Public Health Act 1936

^{ix} PHA – Public Health Act 1936

^x LGA - Local Government Act 1972