

**Minutes of a MEETING OF NASH PARISH COUNCIL held
on Thursday 10 January 2019 in the Village Hall, Stratford Road, Nash commencing at
7.30pm**

- 1 In attendance were Councillors Williams (Chairman), Carter, York and Castle-Smith, Mr Hamilton, Parish Clerk and five members of the public.
- 2 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Affleck, Councillor Sir B. Stanier, Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) and Councillor J. Chilver, Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC). Councillor Jones did not attend.
- 3 There were no declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed.
- 4 There was a Public Forum during which a member of the public raised the issue of the village Youth Club. The Chairman explained the current position although said that the running of the Youth Club was not a responsibility of the Parish Council.
- 5 The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15/11/2018 were approved.
- 6 There were no matters arising from the Minutes to consider that are not listed elsewhere on the Agenda.

7 Finance

1. The payment was approved (and the signing of any cheques) for the following items of expenditure:

	Payee		Details	Amount £
Nov	12 Walker Grounds Care	e/tronic	October grass	400.00
Nov	12 e.on	e/tronic	September electricity	29.57
Nov	12 Blackwell Gdn Svs	e/tronic	October grass	161.71
Dec	6 e.on	e/tronic	Nov & Dec electricity	60.13
Dec	6 J.Hamilton	e/tronic	quarterly salary	586.98
Dec	6 HMRC	e/tronic	Tax on salary	374.80
Dec	6 SLCC	e/tronic	Annual membership	89.00
Jan	10 J.Hamilton	e/tronic	Office expenditure	35.25
Jan	10 S. Hamilton	Chq	Printing Neighbourhood Plan	41.98

2. The report on the current financial position was considered and noted.

8 The consideration of matters around the village with financial implications:

- 1) Village pond. A quotation had been received from Daniel Tuckwell to clear the village pond. The total cost was £1,240 + VAT. This covered supplying a 360 digger for a day and the removal of 4 trailer loads of reeds/spoil. If further loads are required to be removed then this will be charged at £400 a trailer plus VAT. It is intended that the work will be carried out later in January or early February. By doing the work at this time it is anticipated that reed seeds and bulbs will not be spread. The Parish Council resolved to proceed with the work and to accept the quotation.
- 2) Hedge cutting. The issue of the hedge outside 85 High Street was considered. The hedge had been planted on BCC's grass verge some years ago by the previous owner of 85 High Street and without the permission or the knowledge of BCC. Previously the adjacent property owner had maintained the hedge. However, the current owner was not willing to do so. As a result the Parish Council on behalf of BCC had the

responsibility of periodically maintaining the hedge or removing the same to avoid further maintenance liability. The matter had only come to light last year and owing to the hedge encroaching onto the road the Parish Council had cut the hedge on the understanding that the property owner would maintain the same thereafter. This has not happened and to avoid further maintenance the Parish Council resolved that if the property owner does not want to maintain the hedge then the Parish Council will remove it and restore the area to a grass verge so that it can in future be cut by the grass contractor. Before carrying out this work the Chairman will discuss again the position with the property owner to ascertain whether he will maintain the hedge. If such agreement is forthcoming then the Parish Council will not need to remove the hedge but if not then the hedge is to be removed.

- 3) The proposal to plant trees on the bank adjacent to Winslow Rd was considered. A delivery of free saplings is expected in March which could be planted on the bank. However, no progress had been made in producing the information required to make a licence application to BCC for permission to plant saplings or trees. It was therefore decided by the Parish Council not to proceed with the project. However, the delivery of the saplings would be allowed to go ahead and Councillor Wyke is to decide how they should be used within the village.
 - 4) There was discussion over the possibility of introducing some form of lighting along the path adjacent to the bank on Winslow Road and Councillor Carter agreed to investigate this.
 - 5) Grass cutting arrangements. The Clerk reported that he was still waiting to hear from BCC with clarification as to how they would document the delegated arrangement for a further year. Notwithstanding this the Parish Council resolved to proceed to enter into a contract with the grass cutting contractor for the cutting of the BCC areas.
 - 6) The Parish Council resolved to proceed with the painting of the benches and noticeboards during the next financial year.
- 9 The budget paper was then considered and approved unanimously. The Precept for the 2019/2020 financial year will be £13,573. This is an increase of £273 on the current year and amounts to a 2% increase. However, the actual percentage increase to residents may be higher as the Parish Council understands that AVDC have previously incorrectly included Nash Park in their Precept calculations; the Parish Council understand that AVDC will for this financial year move those properties out of Nash and to Great Horwood with the result that the number of rateable properties in Nash is likely to be reduced.

10 Planning

- 1) There have been no new planning applications since the last meeting.
- 2) It was noted that the draft Nash Neighbourhood Plan had gone out for consultation. Councillor Carter reported that there will be some further costs on account of Land Registry searches to determine ownership of land.
- 3) To consider any other planning matters affecting Nash:
 - a) Nash Park. It was noted that the Parish Council had made a further submission to AVDC on the application. It was also noted that AVDC would now allow residents submissions to be anonymous, if so requested, following advice from Thames Valley

Police. The Clerk to ask AVDC to clarify the date of determination of the application and to ask (again) for details of what is happening regarding the High Court injunction.

b) Elm Farm. The Clerk to ask AVDC (again) as to what is happening.

- 11** Further matters around the village – the Parish Council had received a complaint about the use of fireworks on New Year's eve. The Parish Council considered that it is important that residents consider their actions upon other residents and consult where necessary. It was agreed that an article would be produced by the Clerk for the Newsletter and Nash Alert on the matter.
- 12** North Bucks PPC. There was nothing to report.
- 13** Buckinghamshire County Council. It was noted that the timetable had been published for the creation of the new Buckingham Council. It was also noted that work to the Whaddon/Little Horwood Roads triangle of land is due to be carried out in this financial year.
- 14** Buckingham Local Area Forum. There was nothing to report.
- 15** Aylesbury Vale District Council. There was nothing to report.
- 16** The dates of the next meetings are 21 March, APM and APCM 8 May, 18 July, 19 September and 21 November. All on a Thursday apart from 8 May which is a Wednesday.
- 17** Any urgent matters for reporting and noting.
 - 1) It was agreed that the next village litter clearance would be Saturday 2 March, meeting at the Village Hall at 10.00am.
 - 2) The Chairman reported that there had been no further communication about the possible development of the field to the east of the recreation ground.

The meeting closed a 8.18pm.