

Minutes of a MEETING OF NASH PARISH COUNCIL

held on Thursday 19/7/2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Stratford Road, Nash

- 1 In attendance were Councillors Williams (Chairman), York and Affleck, Wyke, Jones and Castle-Smith, Councillor Sir B. Stanier, Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC), Mr Hamilton, Parish Clerk, together with two members of the public.
- 2 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carter and Councillor J. Chilver, Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC).
- 3 There were no declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed.
- 4 Thames Valley Police were due to provide a presentation but did not attend.
- 5 The Minutes of the Parish Council held on 17/5/2018 were approved as a correct record of the meeting subject to one minor amendment.
- 6 The following matters arising from those Minutes and not listed elsewhere on the Agenda were considered:
 1. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's title to the footpath adjacent to the Village Hall had now been registered at the Land Registry.
 2. It was agreed and resolved that each Councillor would have a new email address for Parish Council business. Once these had been set up then email communications could be 'open' rather than 'blind-copied' to Councillors. The Chairman to arrange for the allocation of the new email addresses.

7 Finance

1. The payment for the following items of expenditure was approved:

Date	Payee	Method	Details	£
May 31	Came & Company	e/tronic	Insurance premium	408.07
May 31	J.Hamilton	e/tronic	Parish Council expenses	34.16
June 11	Blackwell Gdn Svs	e/tronic	May grass	323.42
June 11	e.on	e/tronic	May electricity	30.56
June 11	J.Hamilton	e/tronic	June quarter salary	587.38
June 11	HMRC	e/tronic	Income tax on Clerk's salary	374.40
June 11	M.Williams	e/tronic	3 Rosemary plts for pond	63.60
June 11	ROSPA	e/tronic	Annual safety inspection	180.60
June 18	Walker Grounds Care	e/tronic	May grass	400.00
June 18	e.on	e/tronic	June quarter maintenance	49.50
July 11	e.on	e/tronic	June electricity	29.57
July 11	Blackwell Gdn Svs	e/tronic	June grass	359.78
July 11	Walker Grounds Care	e/tronic	June grass	400.00
July 17	J.Hamilton		Parish Council expenses	109.24

2. The Clerk reported that a two-year agreement had been entered into with Norton for internet security on the Parish Council's computer. This replaced the previous arrangement with Kaspersky Lab.
3. The current financial position was noted with nothing adverse to report.
4. The Council resolved to reappoint Mark Richardson as the Parish Council's internal auditor for 2018/19.

8 Planning

(A) There had been no new planning applications since the last meeting.

(B) The Parish Council received a short report from Mr Hickey concerning the current position on the proposed Nash Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be sent the latest version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

(C) To consider any other planning matters affecting Nash including:

1) Nash Park. The Parish Council continues to await action by the District Council.

2) Church Farm, 9 houses planning application. The Parish Council had heard from a resident that a decision was due around the 8 August. There was concern among Councillors that the decision on the application was being made by a planning officer who the Parish Council understood was an external consultant from outside the district and who may not therefore be familiar with the locality. Councillor Sir B. Stanier suggested that if this was a concern then one should raise it with the District Councillor who had now taken over responsibility for planning, Councillor Peter Strachan. The Chairman said he would contact Councillor Strachan to ascertain whether the Parish Council should be concerned.

3) Church Farm proposed rebuilding. The Parish Council were disappointed to note the slow rate of progress and the fact that no work appeared to have been carried out on site for some time.

4) Barn Hill Motor Cross events and the start of events around 9am. The Clerk to raise the matter again with AVDC.

5) Elm Farm planning application. This did not appear to have been determined although Councillors noted that a lot of activity had been taking place on site. The Clerk also to write to AVDC to seek clarification as to what is happening.

9 S106 projects. The Parish Council approved the principle of the need to support through the use of the S106 moneys an extension to the Village Hall. The Chairman said that he would bring to the next meeting proposals for the extension of the Village Hall.

10 The position of Clerk and Responsible Officer. There had been no expressions of interest. It was agreed that the advert would also be displayed on the village website and that each Councillor would identify and approach a candidate to see if they would be interested.

11 Matters around the village.

- 1) Playground and pond Safety Inspection Reports. These were considered. It was noted that some works were recommended. The Clerk had asked a contractor to carry out repairs to the footbridge by the pond. The Clerk would arrange for a contractor to consider the material items in the report at the recreation ground.
- 2) Treatment of reeds in the village pond and flow from pond. There was discussion over how to deal with the ongoing problem of reeds in the pond. Cllr Jones agreed to contact the CEO of the Parks Trust for advice on managing the reeds. The Clerk to contact the charity Bbont (who advised originally on the pond's maintenance) to see if they would visit the pond and advise. There was discussion about the possibility of carrying out reed clearance from the pond around November, perhaps as a village activity. There was also discussion about slowing the outflow from the pond by putting a railway sleeper across the exit thereby retaining more water and raising the level of the pond.
- 3) Recreation ground and churchyard wall. The Clerk reported that there was extensive ivy growing on the wall from the recreation ground and the Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should make arrangements for its removal.
- 4) A Councillor raised the fact that an inappropriate personal communication regarding dog fouling had been sent out via Nash Alert.
- 5) It was noted that parking on pavements presented a problem for wheel-chair users.
- 6) It was noted that Play Around the Parishes in Nash would take place on 14 August 2-4pm.

12 North Bucks PPC. The Clerk reported that the decision concerning the route of the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway was due in July or August.

13 Buckinghamshire County Council.

- 1) The Parish Council resolved to renew the devolved arrangements for BCC grass cutting. However, it would like to consider creating 'corridors' of uncut grass within the main grass areas to allow wildlife to migrate along them. Also the Parish Council would like to consider planting wild flowers and thereby have less cuts of the grass. The Clerk to raise these issues with BCC.
- 2) It was also noted that with the dry weather the grass was not growing very much and there was not therefore currently a need for fortnightly grass cutting. The Clerk to discuss with the two grass-cutting contractors (including the one for the Parish Council grass) the possibility of less frequent cuts while recognising that the Parish Council had stipulated fortnightly cuts originally.

- 3) The Clerk reported that TfB were unable to say when the drain clearance and replenishment of salt bins would be taking place other than the bins will be replenished before the winter.
- 4) The danger arising from cars overtaking on the A421 turning into Little Horwood Rd was to have been raised with Thames Valley Police but this was not possible as they did not attend.
- 5) As above with regard to speeding through the village.

14 Buckingham Local Area Forum. Nothing to report.

15 Aylesbury Vale District Council.

- 1) It was noted that AVDC are carrying out a Community Governance Review. There were no proposals from the Parish Council to make any representations on this.
- 2) Councillor Sir B. Stanier reported that a decision was still awaited on this.

16 Dates of next meetings: Thursday 20 September and 15 November.

17 Any urgent matters for reporting and noting:

- 1) It was noted that there were holes in the recreation ground where posts had been installed for the arena. Cllrs Affleck and York agreed to make arrangements for their reinstatement.
- 2) The Parish Council agreed that the Chairman should write to the organisers of the Nash Festival to thank them for their hard work in delivering a successful festival.

The meeting finished at 9.13pm.