

Minutes of a meeting of NASH PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 17 May 2018 in the Village Hall, Stratford Road, Nash

- 1 The meeting started at 7.50pm.
- 2 In attendance were Councillors Williams (Chairman), Carter, Wyke, York, Affleck, Jones, Mrs Castle-Smith, Mr Hamilton, Parish Clerk.
- 3 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Billy and Councillor J. Chilver, Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)
- 4 There were no declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed.
- 5 There was no Public Forum.
- 6 The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12/4/18 were approved.
- 7 Consideration of matters arising from those Minutes and not listed elsewhere on the Agenda:
 - 1) Registration of footpath acquisition. The Clerk reported that he was still in correspondence with the Stamp Duty office regarding the stamping of the transfer. The matter had been delayed owing to the Stamp Duty office losing documents on several times but the Clerk was confident the matter would be resolved shortly.
 - 2) Trees adjacent to Winslow Road. Councillor Wyke reported that this was ongoing.
 - 3) The Chairman reported that the planting of the bank adjacent to the village pond will be undertaken next month.
- 8 Both Councillors Williams and Carter stood down as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. The Council resolved to re-elect Councillor Williams as Chairman and Councillor Carter as Vice-Chairman.

9 Finance

- 1) The Parish Council resolved to approve the payment for the following items of expenditure:

Date		Payee		Details	£
April	16	e.on	e/tronic	March & April electricity March quarter	51.16
April	16	e.on	e/tronic	maintenance	49.50
April	16	J.Hamilton	e/tronic	March quarter salary	576.24
April	16	BMKALC	e/tronic	Annual subs	80.91
April	16	NBPPC	e/tronic	Annual subs	20.00
May	2	Blackwell Gdn Svs	e/tronic	March & April grass cut	521.48
May	2	AVDC	e/tronic	Play Around Parishes	350.00
May	2	Groundwork UK		Repayment of unused grant	2,750.00
May	8	Comm	e/tronic	Walker Grounds	
May	8	Care	e/tronic	April grass	400.00
May	8	e.on	e/tronic	April electricity	28.61

- 2) The report on the current financial position was noted.
- 3) The Parish Council resolved to approve for 2017/2018 the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement.
- 4) The Parish Council resolved to approve the renewal of the Parish Council's insurance policy in accordance with the details circulated.
- 5) The Parish Council resolved to approve an increase in the Clerk's salary in accordance with the new National Pay Scales the details circulated.
- 6) The Chairman reported that, after five years service, the Clerk was resigning and would be providing six months notice. The Chairman asked the Clerk to arrange for the position to be advertised in the village newsletter.
- 7) The Parish Council resolved to approve the payment of the Clerk's expenses incurred on behalf of the Parish Council in accordance with the details provided.

10 The Parish Council further resolved to approve:

- 1) The changes to the Parish Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (details circulated).
- 2) The Parish Council's Freedom of Information Publication Scheme (details circulated).
- 3) The Parish Council's General Data Protection Regulations Policy and two privacy notices.
- 4) The Councillors Register of Declaration of Interests.
- 5) The list of Councillors Responsibilities and with Councillor Affleck having oversight of hedges and Councillor Castle-Smith footpaths.

11 Consideration was given to the need for Councillors to use dedicated email addresses for Parish Council business. The Parish Council resolved to introduce dedicated email addresses for Councillors. The Clerk to investigate further.

12 Planning

(A) New Applications:

- 1) 18/01476/APP – Elm Farm Stratford Road, demolition of stable and erection of 4 log cabins. The Parish Council agreed that consideration and comments would be dealt with by Councillors Carter and York.
- 2) 18/01501, 1499, 1496, 1524, 1494, 1500 - Potash Farm, Beachampton to create an 11 houses estate. The planning applications were noted and they were understood to be a renewal of existing consents for a permitted form of development permitted.
- 3) 18/01455/APP - Nash Park Nash Road Great Horwood Change of use of land to 13 Gypsy / Traveller pitches with associated works including, 13 no. mobile homes, 13 no. touring caravans, 13 no. day rooms, and 13 no. cesspits. The Parish Council resolved to strongly oppose this application.
The Parish Council also considered the lack of enforcement by AVDC regarding the unauthorised works at the site and which are in breach of a High Court injunction. The Clerk to write to AVDC for an update on the current position. In the event of there being no further news then the Chairman to consider what further action to take including raising the matter with John Bercow MP and also the High Court judge making the original injunction.

(B) The position on the proposed Nash Neighbourhood Plan had been dealt with at the Parish Annual Meeting.

(C) The current planning application for 9 houses at Church Farm. It was noted that the applicants' agent had made a submission on the VALP with particular reference to this site. The Parish Council to consider in order to ascertain whether or not such comments are appropriate.

13 Matters around the village.

- 1) The use of S106 moneys. The Parish Council is collecting suggestions for the use of the S106 moneys. The Chairman said he understood such moneys could, if need be, be used to extend the Village Hall.
- 2) The risks from Japanese knotweed. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's insurers had stated that the insurance policy does not cover this and that they were not aware of any policy for the same.
- 3) The Clerk reported that works of repair around the village green and repainting of the village sign should be carried out shortly.
- 4) Parking in Nash. There was concern over parking on the Stratford Road pavement near Old English Close as this can impede wheel-chair users. The Clerk to prepare a letter for residents and users in that area.
- 5) The Clerk reported that Nash Christian Fellowship had offered a new bench for the recreation ground in memory of one of their members. The Parish Council did not consider that it needed another bench in the recreation ground owing to the costs of ongoing upkeep and the lack of an appropriate site. However, the Parish Council did consider that there is a need for a picnic table on the village green, which could be a commemorative table. The Clerk to notify accordingly.

14 North Bucks PPC. Councillor Carter reported on the current proposals of an Oxford-Cambridge Expressway and the fact that North Bucks PPC was in favour of two Unitary authorities.

15 Buckinghamshire County Council.

- 1) Parking on the grass adjacent to Thornton Road. This appeared to have stopped so no further action required at present.
- 2) Kerb crossings for wheel-chair users. It was noted that BCC could not provide these and nor could the Parish Council. No further action.
- 3) Works to corner of Little Horwood and Winslow Roads. It was noted that a date for these works was awaited.

16 Buckingham Local Area Forum and Aylesbury Vale District Council, nothing to report other than as stated elsewhere in these minutes.

17 Dates of next meetings: Thursdays 19 July, 20 September and 15 November.

18 Under any urgent matters for reporting and noting the Clerk distributed to each Councillor a letter from the Electoral Reform Services, and the BCC grass cutting plans for information. It was noted that the salt bins in the village need replenishing.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm.