Minutes of A MEETING OF NASH PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday 20 September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Stratford Road, Nash

- 1 In attendance were Councillors Williams (Chairman), Carter, York, Wyke and Jones (from 7.50pm) and Councillor Sir B. Stanier, Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC), Mr Hamilton, Parish Clerk, together with six members of the public.
- 2 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Affleck, Castle-Smith and Councillor J. Chilver, Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC).
- **3** There were no declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed.
- 4 Public Forum. Mr and Mrs Weedon (the applicants for planning application 18/02660/APP land on land adjacent to 1 Stratford Road Proposed) raised the issue of their planning application which had been considered by Councillors and after due deliberation the Parish Council had decided to oppose the application. Mr Weedon asked whether Councillors were aware of all of the details of the application; he also said that access to the site had now been resolved with BCC Highways. Further he said that the development is intended to be 2 semi-detached properties rather than one but appears as one to satisfy AVDC requirements. He mentioned that he had received pre-submission comments on the application from AVDC and promised to send this to the Parish Council. It was agreed that Councillors would consider the application further outside the meeting in order to see whether they wished to revise their current opposition to the application.
- 5 The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19/7/2018 were approved.
- **6** Matters arising from those Minutes not listed elsewhere on the Agenda:
 - 1. Councillor email addresses. Councillors confirmed they are now using the Parish Council email addresses.
 - 2. The Clerk reported that following the non-attendance of Thames Valley Police for their presentation at the last meeting he wrote to Thames Valley Police reminding them that they were due to attend the last meeting. Regretably no response was received.
 - 3. It was confirmed by Councillor York that the holes in the recreation ground following the Fete had been filled in by himself and Councillor Affleck.

7 Finance

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

Month	Day	Payee	Method	Details	£
August	8	e.on	e/tronic	July electricity	30.46
August	8	visionict	e/tronic	Bi annual gov.uk domain fee	66.00
August	21	Blackwell Gdn Svs	e/tronic	June & July grass	468.14
August	21	Walker Grounds Care	e/tronic	July grass	400.00
August	21	Pam Gregory	e/tronic	Removal of ivy recreation	60.00
Sept	12	Walker Grounds Care	e/tronic	August grass	400.00
Sep	12	Blackwell Gdn Svs	e/tronic	August grass	185.71
Sep	12	e.on	e/tronic	August electricity	30.56
Sep	12	e.on	e/tronic	Quarterly maintenance	49.50
Sep	12	J.Hamilton	e/tronic	September quarterly salary	586.98
Sep	12	HMRC	e/tronic	Income tax on Clerk's salary	374.80

2. The current financial position in accordance with the finance report was considered. The Clerk commented that there would be an over-spend for the category of Clerk salary and expenses as the March 2018 salary payment was made in April in the current financial year rather than the 2017/2018 financial year. This was made clear in the explanation to the 2017/2018 accounts where as a result there was an under-spend of the same amount for Clerk salary and expenses.

8 Planning

- (A) New Applications:
 - 1) 18/02660/APP land Adjacent to 1 Stratford Road Proposed erection of two semi detached dwellings, access, parking, garages, amenity spaces and associated works. Opposed. As mentioned in item 4 above this is being considered further.
 - 2) Great Horwood 18/02832/APP land Between Nash Road And Cross Roads Kennels Nash Road Great Horwood Conversion of buildings to B1/B8 use with associated car parking and landscaping. No objection from the Parish Council.
 - 3) 18/03114/APP Meadow Farm Stratford Road Lunge ring of 28x30m with 12ft high led lights spread round boundary plus boarding of existing 5 bar gate to 6ft high. This is subject to ongoing consideration by the Parish Council (and in conjunction with 18/03145/APP being a retrospective application for a 10 X 16m Timber pole barn for hay storage).
- (B) To consider the position on the proposed Nash Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman of the Working Party reported that there had been a delay over the provision of suitable plans to be used in conjunction with the Plan. These had now been provided and the Neighbourhood Plan could go out for further consultation.
- (C) Potash Farm, Beachampton. Retrospective planning application for a solar farm. No objection from the Parish Council.
- (D) To consider other planning matters affecting Nash including
 - Nash Park. The action by AVDC in obtaining a new injunction in respect of the adjacent field to the site was noted and the Clerk was asked to contact AVDC to ascertain the current position regarding a date for a full hearing of the matter.
 - 2) Church Farm 9 houses planning application. It was noted that a determination by AVDC is awaited.
 - 3) Church Farm rebuilding. The Parish Council reviewed current developments at the property and also planning application 18/03224/ALB providing for the recording of fireplaces through photographs, take down Fireplaces to save stones and wooden lintels used. Remove inadequate underpinning. Construct suitable foundations to support fireplaces and chimney stacks. Rebuild Fireplaces using original stones and wooden lintels with photographs as reference to recreate in an image of the original. Construct Chimney Stacks inserting metal beams (hidden from view) to create a safe a stable structure. The Parish Council had no objection to the application.

- 4) Elm Farm Stratford Road. Planning application and enforcement in tandem. The Clerk was asked to write to AVDC to ascertain the current position.
- 9 S106 Projects. Cllr Williams explained that the Village Hall Committee is considering extending the Village Hall and would like to consider using the S106 moneys to help facilitate this.
- 10 The position of Clerk and Responsible Officer. The Clerk reported that there had been no applications for the position. One resident had expressed an interest but would not be able to take up the role, if appointed, until May 2019. The Clerk stated that he would be prepared to consider continuing in the role until next May unless another suitable candidate is available before then.
- 11 Village Hall hiring agreement. The Parish Council resolved to enter into the new agreement with the Village Hall Committee and authorised the Clerk to sign this.
- **12** Approval of current footpath lighting arrangements. The Parish Council resolved that it accepted responsibility for the current footpath lighting arrangements consisting of fourteen street lamps. As a result the Parish Council pays for their electricity and maintenance and advises its contractor if a light needs replacing or repairing.
- **13** Village Emergency Plan. The Parish Council resolved that this is now agreed and can be published without the need for a new plan.
- **14** Matters around the village.
 - 1) Pond. It was reported by a resident that the pond does not have a clay lining but rather a gravel bed. Therefore particular care needs to be taken when removing soil and mud from the pond. The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Affleck were seeking quotations from contractors for further works to deal with the problems of reeds. It was noted that any work would need to try and ensure that all parts of the reeds are removed so as to avoid future grow-back.
 - 2) Maintenance works in Play Area following Safety Inspection. A quotation from Hutson's Property Maintenance for this work was approved. It is anticipated the work will be carried out next January and the Play Area will need to be closed to allow such works.
 - 3) Report on the recent Play Around the Parishes in Nash. It was noted that only about 12 children attended the event which was not therefore regarded as either successful or value for money.
- 15 North Bucks PPC. It was noted that the East/West Corridor route had now been agreed.
- 16 Buckinghamshire County Council.
 - 1) Grass cutting arrangements for 2019. The Parish Council resolved that it wanted to continue with the BCC grass-cutting work subject to the financial support from BCC being at least equal, if not more, than that currently provided. The Clerk reported that he had written to BCC on 3 occasions about the new arrangements but had not received a reply. Amongst the issues raised was whether BCC would object to the Parish Council planting wild flowers in some areas and allowing these areas to be left uncut for longer periods.

- 2) The Chairman reported that shortly before the meeting he had circulated to Councillors a draft agreement from BCC which would allow the Parish Council to undertake certain road repairs on behalf of BCC. In return BCC would pay £350 every month for such repairs. As there had been no detailed consideration of the proposal the matter was deferred for discussion outside the meeting.
- 3) Works to the triangle of land on Winslow Road. The Clerk reported that Transport for Buckingham (TfB) have said that they would expect the work to be carried out in late Autumn of this year.
- 4) Condition of footpath at Holywell Cottages. It was noted that weeds are growing through parts of the footpath. This has been reported to TfB and will also be drawn to the attention of Councillor Chilver.
- **17** Buckingham Local Area Forum. There was nothing to report.
- **18** Aylesbury Vale District Council.
 - 1) VALP progress. Councillor Sir B. Stanier reported that the Public Examination of the proposed Plan has been completed.
 - 2) Position on Unitary proposals. Councillor Sir B. Stanier reported that there was no news on the proposed Unitary changes..
- **19** Dates of next meetings: Thursdays 15 November, 10 January (second Thursday to allow for settlement of Precept in time for submission to AVDC) and 21 March 2019.
- **20** Any urgent matters for reporting and noting:
 - Councillor York reported that the recent BT works had damaged part of the grass verge in the High Street and thought that the matter should be raised with BT through the Parish Council. A resident had the contact details for BT for complaints which he would provide to the Clerk.
 - 2) It was noted that fly tipping on the Stratford Rd continued to take place. Councillor Sir B. Stanier suggested details on further fly tipping be provided to him or one of his staff at AVDC so that remedial action could be taken.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.