

**Minutes of the Nash Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 20th July 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Williams (Chair), Cllr Collins, Cllr Phillips, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO
Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

In attendance: Henrietta Boothby, 1 member of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr White and Cllr Chilver

2. Co-option of Parish Councillor vacancy

A co-option application was received from Mrs Henrietta Boothby.

Cllr Williams proposed Mrs Boothby and the remaining cllrs voted unanimously in favour of co-opting Mrs Boothby to the Parish Council. Mrs Boothby signed a declaration of acceptance in the presence of the Clerk and joined in the meeting with fellow cllrs.

3. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Williams declared an interest in the land bordering the recreation ground being offered to the PC.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th May 2023

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Phillips / Seconded: Cllr Collins / Agreed unanimously

5. Public participation session

A MoP mentioned the streetlight that has been broken for some time on Stratford Road. The Clerk will contact our maintenance team to get this fixed. **Action: Clerk**

6. Planning

(a) 23/01384/APP

Nash Park, Nash Road

Use of land within Gypsy/Traveller site, presently designated for shared amenity, to a 1 pitch site providing 1 mobile homes, 1 touring caravans, and one dayroom

Cllrs resolved their previous objections to this application are still valid and they still fully OBJECT to this application.

Cllr Collins spoke about wanting to include reference to any crimes related to Nash Park in Parish Council planning application responses. The Clerk advised the Parish Council must be careful not to be seen to be discriminating.

Cllr Williams believes Bucks Council has reached its set limits for traveller sites, and we therefore should not need to accept more within the parish.

(b) 23/01869/APP

11 All Saints Close, MK17 0FG

Householder application for single storey rear extension

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTION to this application

(c) 23/01774/AGN

Oaktree Farm, Thornborough Roadm MK17 0HN

Erection of portal steel framed agricultural for use as a grain store

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTION to this application

(d) 23/01629/APP

All Saints Church, Stratford Road

Removal and replacement of two existing paths. The side path from the village hall to be widened to facilitate disabled access to the church

Cllrs resolved they SUPPORTED this application

(e) Ongoing Planning Matters

To receive the written report about ongoing planning matters

There were no comments made on this report

(f) Any Other Planning Matters of Relevance to Nash

Cllr Williams advised he had sent an email this evening to Cllrs from Bill Affleck regarding an appeal relating to the refusal for 5 houses being built on land to the north of All Saints Close. Cllrs believe they will struggle to have the refusal overturned due to the Neighbourhood Plan in place for Nash. Residents of All Saints Road own the road leading to the land and they are against the development.

A hearing rather than written documents has been requested by the developers. The Clerk was asked to keep an eye on this and Cllr Williams will attend the hearing. The Clerk was also asked to check the Bucks Planning Portal for information and to report back to Cllrs. **Action: Clerk**

7. Finance

To consider and approve as appropriate the information provided in the finance reports:

a) Payments and receipts

Cllrs agreed that Cllr Williams can continue to approve payments and that a second approver will be appointed once the Parish Council is back to full capacity.

The information in the finance reports was unanimously approved.

b) Financial position on 31st May 2023 and 30th June 2023 as circulated

The information in the finance reports was unanimously approved.

8. Matters around the village

a) Nash recreation ground and play area

- **To consider Cllr Williams' offer of the PC temporarily adopting his land adjacent to the recreation park at no cost, for village use**

Cllr Williams explained the background to the purchase of the land and that 40% of this land has now been sold to Mr & Mrs Brown.

There is approximately an acre left that sits alongside the recreation ground and Cllr Williams has offered long term use of this land to the Parish Council at no cost, except for the cost of maintaining it.

Cllr Collins felt the Parish Council should delay making a decision on this until new councillors are appointed and so that thought can be given to what the Parish Council can do with the land. Cllrs agreed with this approach.

Cllr Williams suggested a dog recreation ground could be one idea and that dog walkers could be charged for using it.

- **To consider the recommendations made by RoSPA following the annual inspections**

Cllr Williams confirmed Cllr White had agreed to take on responsibility for the playpark. As the reserves for the playpark are low and none of the remedial work highlighted in the report was urgent, it was agreed unanimously that this is left and will be revisited in 2024 after the next inspection.

Cllr Collins advised a tree limb has fallen from a tree at 1 The Green into the recreation ground. Cllr Williams will speak to the residents to ask them to have this removed. **Action: Cllr Williams**

- **To consider the installation of CCTV**

Cllr Williams advised the CCTV we have is not fit for purpose.

Cllr Collins is due to have CCTV installed at his property in August, and he will ask them to take a look at the recreation ground and to provide us with a quote. **Action: Cllr Collins**

Cllr Williams will also speak to his brother in law as he can help with CCTV.

The Clerk advised that a robust CCTV policy will need to be created and we would need to purchase software or use a third party to deal with any requests from residents for access to footage they appear in.

Cllrs will need to come up with alternative suggestions if it is decided not to go with CCTV.

- **To consider the request from the Village Hall committee to use the recreation ground on Saturday 6th July 2024 for Nashfest 2024 from 1pm-11pm, with set up taking place during the week before**

Approximately 500 tickets were sold for this year's event and the aim is to sell 1000 in 2024. The organisers made £600 and over £1000 was made by the bar. The organisers are looking into outsourcing the bar next year. One of the main issues was taking payment at the bar due to the poor internet connection.

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the recreation ground being used on 6th July 2024 and Cllr Williams will let the organisers know. **Action: Cllr Williams**

b) Street and road signs

Signs are still either in hedges or on the floor. Cllr Williams was advised by Bucks Council that the work orders were not transferred across to the new system, so they have gone to the back of the queue.

The Stratford Road 'pond' has been cleared and the fix should last for the next 7-8 years.

c) Footpaths and hedgerows

There was nothing to report on footpaths and hedgerows.

Cllr Sir Beville Stanier will find out if Bucks Council has funding to replace old stiles with kissing gates.

d) Any other matters around the village

- **To consider tendering for new grass cutting contractors once the current contracts end at the end of 2023**

The PC only has two more meetings this year to decide what to do. Cllrs agreed Cllr White will look after this and he is to contact our contractors to obtain prices. Decisions will need to be made on whether we move to one contractor and whether we approach gardeners within the parish about quoting for the work. They will need to have the appropriate equipment and insurances in place.

Cllr Collins will put together a map of the parish showing the areas to be cut. **Action: Cllr Collins**

- **To review specific councillor responsibilities following the resignation of Cllr Hickey and Cllr York**

Cllrs agreed to delay making a decision on this until the Parish Council is at full capacity.

- **To consider what to do with the village MVAS following the resignation of Cllr Carter**

Cllrs agreed to delay making a decision on this until the Parish Council is at full capacity.

- **To be aware of the A421 closure (a section of the A421 is scheduled to be closed on the Buckingham side of the Nash/Great Horwood roundabout from 31 July to 29 August for the water infrastructure to be replaced) and the impact this may have on the village**

Cllr Williams has spoken to Bucks Highways about the Parish Council's concerns regarding traffic through the village while the A421 is closed. Signs have now gone up throughout the village stating roads are closed and access for residents only.

Cllr Williams will send information on to residents regarding the signage and to advise that the roads are open for resident access only. **Action: Cllr Williams**

9. Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr Sir Beville Stanier advised that inflation is affecting all council services. The new Highways contract is working well, and the quality of repair has improved. Thousands of pothole repairs have already taken place.

10. Winslow and Villages Community Board (W&VCB)

Cllr Sir Beville Stanier confirmed there is money available for good causes. If the money is not used, the fund could be reduced in the future.

Cllr Williams confirmed he might attend the next meeting in November 2023.

Cllr Collins suggested Cllrs come up with ideas for funding – CCTV, power and water to the recreation ground, for example. It was agreed that councillors would share their ideas with each other by 4th August. **Action: Cllrs**

11. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

Cllrs agreed to wait until the PC is back to capacity before deciding who will take this over from David Carter.

12. Urgent matters for report and/or next agenda

No urgent matters to discuss.

13. Future meetings

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

Thursday 20th July

Thursday 21st September

Thursday 23rd November

All meetings will be held in Nash Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 20.48.

Chair:

Date:

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