

**Minutes of the Nash Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 21st September 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Williams (Chair), Cllr Collins, Cllr Phillips, Cllr White, Cllr Boothby, Cllr Nicholson, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO

Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Chilver

In attendance: 1 member of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Williams declared an interest in the land bordering the recreation ground being offered to the PC. Cllr Nicholson declared that he is an immediate neighbour to this land.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th July 2023

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously by those Cllrs in attendance at the last meeting and approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

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

Matters Arising from the minutes (not dealt with by the Agenda)

Cllr Collins has provided Cllrs with a list of ideas for where the PC could benefit from the Winslow and Villages Community Board funding.

Cllr Williams confirmed the vandalised picnic bench insurance money had been received. Cllr White will provide the Clerk with a quote to repair the picnic bench and the Clerk will chase up the quote she has requested from the carpenter the PC used for the bridge at the pond. **Action: Clerk/Cllr White**

Cllr Williams advised that the PC would need to consider the budget for financial year 24/25 and that the budget will need to be agreed at the November meeting. Cllr Williams and the Clerk will start working on a draft budget which will then be circulated to Cllrs for their comments. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Williams**

4. Public participation session

A MoP mentioned that the streetlight that had been broken for some time on Stratford Road has now been fixed.

Cllr Boothby had been asked to raise the following by residents:

Building work taking place on Great Horwood Road – what is it for. Cllr Williams confirmed this would be covered under the planning section.

Parking on pathways – Cllr Williams confirmed this would be covered under footpaths and hedgerows later this evening.

The condition of the garden at Church Farm – it was confirmed that this is nothing to do with the PC and we have no power to get involved.

Stile into fields owned by Farmer King and Farmer Smith is broken – it was confirmed this will be covered under 7C of the agenda.

5. Planning

(a) 23/02609/APP

Pond House, 7 Winslow Road

Householder application for front infill and two storey rear extensions. Revised arrangement of windows. New windows and doors, Replacement external hard standing, removal of existing oil store, replacement roof and fascia and new air source heat pump (Part retrospective)

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTION to this application.

(b) Ongoing Planning Matters

To receive the written report about ongoing planning matters

There were no comments made on this report.

(c) Any Other Planning Matters of Relevance to Nash

Cllr Boothby raised concerns about work on Great Horwood Road. Cllr Williams confirmed approval had been given to the Freshwaters family to develop here.

Cllr Collins spoke about the planning email the Clerk forwarded on earlier today from Bucks Council regarding the impact on how planning decisions are made in the short term as the 5 year supply of deliverable housing sites has dropped to 4.5 years, and how this could be a concern for us in the future for sites being approved for development, when previously they may have been rejected.

Cllr Collins confirmed he has written and submitted a letter regarding the appeal hearing for the land north of All Saints Close asking for the appeal to be heard in Nash, not in Bristol as planned.

6. Finance

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

a) Payments and receipts

The information in the finance reports was unanimously approved.

b) Financial position on 31st July 2023 and 31st August 2023 as circulated

The information in the finance reports was unanimously approved.

7. Matters around the village

a) Nash recreation ground and play area

- To discuss Cllr Williams' offer to the PC for the Safesmart Field
 - 100 year land lease proposal at £1.00 per annum
 - Land use plans
 - Community Orchard
 - Possible contribution to the project by NPC
 - Project management

Cllr Williams explained that his proposal is to lease this land to the PC for 100 years for £1 per annum on the condition it is used for the village as a community orchard with storage facilities.

Cllr Nicholson felt it was a huge commitment for Cllr Williams' company seeing as it is for 100 years.

Cllr Collins questioned whether Cllr Williams had any idea at this stage what the PC contribution would need to be. Cllr Williams confirmed it would be a £1000 contribution from the PC, £1000 contribution from the Village Hall Committee and he would probably provide a £1000 contribution himself.

It was confirmed that the PC contribution would be required if and when the grant from Winslow & Villages Community Board was approved and paid.

Cllr Williams left the room so that Cllrs could discuss his proposal.

Cllrs agreed that storage on the land is required, which will be used by the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr White advised that the issue of insurance had been raised by the Village Hall Committee, specifically who would be responsible for this.

A ride on mower would be another cost to the PC of approximately £1000. Cllr Collins questioned whether the cutting of this area could be given to our current contractors to do instead of purchasing a mower. If the PC was to purchase a mower, there would be ongoing maintenance costs, fuel costs, insurance, health and safety and risk assessments to consider.

The Clerk will provide Cllr White with details of our current grass cutting contractors and the contractor used by Stoke Hammond Parish Council. Cllr White will approach these and local gardeners for quotes to take on the grass cutting contracts for the parish when our current contracts expire at the end of 2023. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk mentioned that the PC would probably need a legal agreement in place to lease the land. The Clerk will contact Wellers Hedley Solicitors who work with Parish Councils for a quote. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed that a charter would be required for maintenance and management of the orchard to show responsibilities and what needs to be done and when.

Cllr Collins felt more work is needed between the PC and Village Hall Committee to manage how everything will work. If the land is being leased to the PC, would the PC want to then lease it onto the Village Hall Committee, subject to costs and planning permission, if required.

Cllr White confirmed the Village Hall Committee only wants to use the storage on this land and he believes a meeting between PC and Village Hall Committee is required to iron out issues/concerns.

Cllr Nicholson questioned whether residents would be annoyed that a decision was made on the use of the land without their input. However, Cllrs and the Clerk advised that residents have the opportunity to attend Parish Council meetings where their views can be made. Cllr Collins confirmed that residents were not consulted when the playpark was installed and when the book exchange was implemented.

Cllrs resolved that they agreed in principle with Cllr Williams' proposal, but that clarity was needed around sub-letting to the Village Hall Committee, insurance, legal costs and using a contractor to cut the grass instead of purchasing a mower.

Cllr Williams returned to the meeting and Cllr Collins explained what had been discussed and agreed.

CCTV – Cllr Williams has submitted a funding request and is awaiting feedback.

Cllr Collins mentioned that the PC had a bin rota in place for emptying the bin at the playpark, but with the changes recently to Cllrs, this had stopped.

Cllrs resolved to resume a rota to empty the bin once per month.

Proposed: Cllr Collins / Seconded: Cllr Boothby / Unanimously approved

The Clerk will put together a rota and circulate to Cllrs. **Action: Clerk**

b) Street and road signs

Signs are still either in hedges or on the floor. Cllr Chilver will speak to Matt Whincup at Bucks Council to chase this up.

c) Footpaths and hedgerows

Cllr Boothby mentioned the broken stile into Farmer King to Farmer Smiths fields. It was confirmed that this is the responsibility of the landowner to repair and Cllr Boothby will speak to the farmers on behalf of the PC to request they have the stile repaired.

Cllr Boothby questioned why on the path to the pond, some of the grass is cut and some is left. Cllr Williams confirmed that a member of Nash in Bloom had asked our contractor not to cut around the trees, but that we need to speak to the contractor to ask them to start cutting it again as it needs to be tidied up. The Clerk will speak to the contractor. **Action: Clerk**

Parking on the footpath at the top of Winslow Road was raised. The car that parks there does so as they cannot get access to the parking area, however, it was confirmed that this is not a PC issue and if the car is causing an problem it would need to be reported to the police.

d) Any other matters around the village

- **To review specific councillor responsibilities**

- Cllrs agreed to take on the following:

- Cllr White – playpark
- Cllr Collins – footpaths, hedges and flagpole
- Cllr Phillips – book exchange
- Cllr Williams – MVAS
- Cllr Nicholson – village signs, pumps and planting areas
- Cllr Boothby – pond
- Cllr Williams – Community Board
- Cllr Phillips will look into the North Bucks Planning Consortium to see what is involved before she agrees to take this on

8. Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr Chilver confirmed levelling and resurfacing works will take place on the Nash – Whaddon Road from 13-18th October. The road will be closed overnight from 10pm-6am.

A budget consultation is open to all residents and can be found on the Bucks Council website.

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

Cllr Williams will attend the next meeting in November 2023.

10. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

Cllrs Phillips will investigate what is involved and will report back to the PC.

11. Urgent matters for report and/or next agenda

No urgent matters to discuss.

12. Future meetings

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

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 20.55.

Chair:

Date:

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