

**Minutes of the Nash Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 23rd November 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 Sir Beville Stanier

In attendance: 1 member of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Chilver

2. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Williams declared an interest in the Safesmart field and Cllr White declared an interest in agenda point 9.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st September 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 White / Agreed unanimously

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

No matters were raised.

4. Public participation session

No points were raised by the MoP in attendance.

5. Planning

(a) Ongoing Planning Matters

To receive the written report about ongoing planning matters

There were no comments made on this report.

(b) Any Other Planning Matters of Relevance to Nash

Cllr Williams advised that comments have been made by the Planning Inspectors regarding our Neighbourhood Plan and that the plan needs to be reviewed in light of the comments. Cllr Williams will look into this and will aim to have reviewed the plan by the end of 2024.

There is confusion around planning application 23/03631/COUAR, as Cllr Collins believes it should fall under Beechampton Parish. The Clerk will contact the planning department at Bucks Council for confirmation. **Action: Clerk**

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 30th September 2023 and 31st October 2023 as circulated

The information in the finance reports was unanimously approved.

c) Draft 2024/25 budget and precept approval

Cllrs agreed to the 2024/25 budget and the precept for 2024/25 will remain the same as for 2023/24 (£21,551).

Proposed: Cllr Boothby / Seconded: Cllr White / Agreed unanimously

7. Matters around the village

a) Nash recreation ground and play area

Cllr White has heard nothing from our current grass contractors or alternative suppliers he has contacted. The one quote the PC has received is extremely high. Cllr White will chase up the suppliers for prices. Our current contracts end at the end of December 2023. Cllr Stanier will speak to the Clerk in his village and will ask them to make contact to advise which contractor they use.

• To discuss CCTV at the recreation ground and agree next steps

The Clerk was asked to make contact with the supplier Cllr Collins has previously used. The Clerk advised the PC will require a robust CCTV policy and we will need to consider the software required to redact information from footage. **Action: Clerk**

• To receive updates on the Safesmart field project

The next Winslow & Villages Community Board meeting takes place on 29th November and Cllr Williams will attend.

The Village Hall committee has approved their contribution of £1000 towards the project and we are now awaiting the decision of the community board.

The Clerk advised Councillors to engage with a solicitor on the lease for the field. After much discussion, Cllrs agreed to engage the services of Wellers Hedleys, with the £750 costs to come from the 2023/24 budget.

Proposed: Cllr Collins / Seconded: Cllr Nicholson / Agreed by Cllr Boothby

Cllr White and Cllr Phillips abstained, and Cllr Williams did not vote due to his interest in the field.

b) Street and road signs

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

c) Footpaths and hedgerows

Cllr Williams confirmed the only footpath the PC is responsible for is the path next to the village hall, all others are the responsibility of the landowners.

d) Any other matters around the village

The PC received a request from the Church for a contribution towards their upgrade and repairs to the heating and lighting, and the pathway. The Clerk provided Councillors, in advance of the meeting, with a NALC legal notice regarding Parish Councils providing funding towards Churches, which is not allowed by law. However, the PC does have a power it can use to help towards the new pathway.

Cllrs resolved to provide a donation of £100 towards the new pathway and this was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Boothby will speak to Ivan regarding the duck house on the pond that has slipped its moorings. Cllr Williams believes this duck house belongs to Robert Meardon, and Cllr Boothby will speak to both to find out.

8. To approve the new Biodiversity Policy, Equality and Diversity Policy, and Safeguarding Policy as circulated

The new policies were approved and will be added to the website.

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

9. To consider the quotes received to repair the damaged picnic bench and agree next steps

The Clerk had circulated the quotes prior to the meeting and Cllrs resolved to go with the cheapest quote. Cllr White refrained from voting due to his interest in this matter. The Clerk will speak to the supplier to get the work booked in. **Action: Clerk**

10. Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr Stanier talked about the increase in costs around social care, which has led to a freeze on spending at the council. Cllr Collins questioned whether the money saved from HS2 will now be spent on repairing potholes. Cllr Stanier explained that a lot of work has been done so far on improving the condition of the roads and that the council has built a good relationship with its new supplier, Balfour Beatty.

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

Cllr Williams will attend the meeting on 29th November 2023 and will report back to the PC.

12. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

Cllrs Phillips confirmed she is happy to be the main contact for this and she will attend the next meeting taking place in January 2024.

13. Urgent matters for report and/or next agenda

No urgent matters to discuss.

14. Future meetings

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

- Thursday 25th January 2024
- Thursday 21st March 2024
- Thursday 23rd May 2024
- Thursday 25th July 2024
- Thursday 19th September 2024
- Thursday 21st November 2024

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 20.40.

Chair:

Date:

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