

Nash Parish Council (NPC)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 19 January 2023, commencing at 7.30pm in Nash Village Hall

Present: Cllr Hickey (Chair); Cllr Collins; Cllr York; Cllr Phillips; Cllr Carter; Cllr Crack; Buckinghamshire Council; Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

In Attendance: Deborah Evans (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

1.1. Apologies were received from Cllr Williams (Chair).

2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

2.1. No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3.1. NPC resolved to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on 28.11.2022 which was proposed by Cllr Crack and seconded by Cllr York. The Chair then signed the minutes as an accurate record.

4. Public Participation Session

4.1. A member of the public raised the question of Nash Park to which the Chair replied it would spoken on in the planning section of the meeting.

5. Planning

New Applications

5.1. **22/03931/APP** – 1 The Green Nash Buckinghamshire MK17 0EN. Householder application for two storey and rear extension. Cllr Crack and Cllr Phillips. **No objection – refused.**

5.2. **22/03570/APP** – The Long Barn Cromwell Court Thornborough Road Nash Buckinghamshire MK17 0NL. Householder application for proposed glazed link between house and garage and other associated works. Cllr Williams and Cllr Collins. **No objection – awaiting decision.**

5.3. **22/03543/APP** - Wethele House 1A Stratford Road Nash Buckinghamshire MK17 0ES. Householder application for single storey rear extension and balcony (amendment to approval 21/04366/APP). Cllr York and Cllr Hickey. **No objection – awaiting decision.**

5.4. **22/03560/APP** - Erection of front porch, garage extension and loft conversion with dormer windows to both the front and extension to the rear roof. Councillors Crack and Phillips. **No objection – householder approval.**

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5.5. Ongoing Planning Matters

5.5.1. The Chair commented that since reporting, the planning application 22/03931/APP had been refused by Buckinghamshire Council. The householders had contacted Cllr Williams with comments.

5.6. Nash Neighbourhood Plan NNP

5.6.1. The Chair reported the NNP had all gone through and hoped the results would soon start to be seen.

5.7. Any Other Planning Matters of Relevance to Nash

The amended planning application for Nash Park was discussed at length. Cllr Carter said the application was definitely that of a major one and that he felt Walshingham planning should get involved. He felt Nash Park had made some changes but questioned if they were substantial enough. Cllr Collins commented that a simple change of 13 to 6 caravan sites did not necessarily justify Walshingham planning being involved and asked if the council could justify the cost. The Chair commented the consultant cost could be less if all the objection points still hold true.

Action: Cllr Carter to approach Walshingham planning and inform them of the incident with Thames Police and to ask for a revised costing for assistance.

6. Buckinghamshire Council (brought forward from the agenda as Cllr Sir Beville Stanier had to leave early to attend another meeting)

6.1. Cllr Stanier reported it was to be a difficult year for Buckinghamshire Council, however this would be slightly improved by the merger of the councils. The worst hit sector would be social care. Cllr Stanier hoped there would only be an inflation increase of 4%+ and was also concerned about the lack of funds for road repairs as funding had already been cut back significantly. Cllr Stanier commented that Buckinghamshire Council holds the country record for taking in Ukrainian refugees which now totalled 1400.

6.2. Cllr Stanier also reported that there was still funding to be had from the Winslow board and that all reasonable projects should be put forward.

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7. Finance Report

7.1. NPC **resolved** to approve the following payments and note the receipts:

Nash Parish Council Financial Year 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

02/12/2022	HSBC	Interest 1DEC22	£15.02
02/12/2022	HSBC	Interest 1DEC22	£0.19
Total			£15.21

Date of Payment	Payment Method	Recipient	Description	Total Expenditure
22/11/2022	DD	HSBC	Fees October	8
24/11/2022	DD	Npower	Streetlighting October	52.21
25/11/2022	BACS	Walker Ground Care	Devolved Grass September	460
22/12/2022	CHG	HSBC	Bank Charges	£8
22/12/2022	BP	EON	Streelight Maintenance	£56.24
22/12/2022	BP	Deborah Evans	Wages	£1,199.94
28/12/2022	DD	NPOWER	Streetlighting Underpayment	£16.80

7.2. NPC **noted** the financial position of 31 August to 31 October 2022

Bank Statement Balance as at 30.11.22		
Current/Community Account	21211633	£10,080.71
General Reserve Account	31211862	£14,269.22
Asset Reserve Account	41212850	£180.59
Total Bank Accounts		£24,530.52
Cash Book		
Opening Balance as at 01.11.22		£25,035.52
Add Receipts		£15.21
Less Payments		£520.21
Closing Balance as at 30.11.22		£24,530.52
Bank Statement Balance as at 31.12.22		
Current/Community Account	21211633	£8,799.73
General Reserve Account	31211862	£14,269.22
Asset Reserve Account	41212850	£180.59
Total Bank Accounts		£23,249.54
Cash Book		
Opening Balance as at 01.12.22		£24,530.52
Add Receipts		£0.00
Less Payments		£1,280.98
Closing Balance as at 31.12.22		£23,249.54

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7.3. Draft Budget for Approval

7.3.1. The Chair reported all expenditure in the draft budget had been raised by 10%, apart from streetlighting which had been raised by 20%.

7.3.2. The Chair commented that the grant should be dropped for the village hall and the village hall had agreed not to charge the yearly fee for the post box.

7.3.3. The Chair also reported on the Council bank accounts and said that it was usual for this time of year. Cllr Collins asked what the Council were doing with the CPRE subscription which was discussed and resolved to finish it. Proposed by Cllr Collins and seconded by Cllr Crack.

7.4. Precept

7.4.1. The Chair discussed the need to increase the precept by 10% for the next financial year and asked all Councillors to comment. A 10.81% increase was then agreed upon, proposed by Cllr Collins and seconded by Cllr Phillips.

8. Matters Around the Village

8.1. Nash Recreation Ground and Play Area

8.1.1. Cllr York reported that the bins in the play area were being used for dog waste. Cllr Crack reminded everyone that the village hall bins were able to be used. Cllr Collins also noticed dog waste was not being picked up on the pavements and around the recreation ground.

Action: Chair to write a note to the village reminding residents to use the village hall bin for dog waste. Clerk to put notice up on play area.

8.2. Pond

8.2.1. Nothing new to report.

8.3. Litter Pick Between the Villages

8.3.1. The Clerk discussed sending internal emails to Councillors for assistance in coordinating the litter pick due for March. Cllr Crack offered her help.

8.4. Street and Road Signs

8.4.1. Cllr Stanier had again informed Matt Wincup of the situation, who had in turn emailed the Clerk confirming the works would be done but they would take time.

8.4.2. Cllr Stanier informed the Council that a Nash resident had contacted him with an issue about her adjoining wall with a neighbour and had asked for assistance. He advised her on the appropriate action. At this point Cllr Stanier left the meeting.

Action: Clerk to contact resident with the damaged wall.

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8.5. Footpaths and Hedgerows

8.5.1. Cllr Crack reported that all footpaths that she had inspected had been cut back and a gate had been replaced for easier access for residents. Cllr Phillips reported an overhanging branch near the village hall annex.

Action: Branch to be checked to see if dangerous and further action taken if necessary.

8.6. The Old Chapel Graveyard

8.6.1. Nothing to report.

8.7. Nash Book Exchange Responsibility

8.7.1. Cllr Carter had received a complaint about the door handle and that the books were getting wet. The handle is due to be replaced imminently.

Action: A Councillor to take responsibility for the Nash book exchange.

Proposed by Cllr Collins and seconded by Cllr York. Cllr Phillips then offered her services.

8.8. Any Other Matters Around the Village

8.8.1. Cllr Collins discussed the heritage list sent from Buckinghamshire Council which needed to be added to in order to create a better picture of Nash. Cllr Collins then asked the other Councillors to look around the village in order to expand the list.

Action: Councillors to look around the village for items to send to the Clerk, who in turn will send onward to Cllr Hickey.

8.8.2. Cllr Collins also discussed the settlement review which came in two parts, the deadline for input being the 28th February.

Action: Cllr Collins to send around the review and questions for part two.

8.9. Storage of NNP Hard Copies and Electronic Filing

8.9.1. The Chair reported large files, some of which confidential, needed to be stored.

Action: Cllr Collins to give the Clerk a large hard drive for the Parish computer.

8.10. Blocked Drain Adjacent to the Village Hall

8.10.1. Cllr Carter reported the problem stemmed from a ditch not being cleared by a resident outside their property. Anglian Water had informed the resident it was necessary to keep it clear to prevent the flooding from occurring.

Action: Clerk to get in touch with the resident about the issue.

8.11. Potential Funding For the Coronation

8.11.1. To be deferred to a later date.

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8.12. Any Other Matters Around the Village

8.12.1. Cllr Collins advised that the Ukrainian flag was in a state of disrepair. The Chair confirmed she had another flag.

Action: Cllr Collins to replace flag.

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

9.1. Nothing to report.

10. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

10.1. Due to the passing of the NBPPC Chairman this meeting was adjourned.

11. Urgent Matters for Report and/or the Next Agenda

11.1. The Chair reported events surrounding Nash Park, including a crashed car by the pond. The Chair further stated that Nash Park was made a permanent site in 2015, and now the residents seem to be breaching the peace and that Great Horwood has the responsibility of a large amount of assisted schooling. The Chair suggested that Great Horwood Council could be contacted in order to foster a joint approach.

11.2. Cllr Collins thought a single place of reference could be a good idea for chronology of events taking place at large builds and sites. Cllr Carter commented he was trying to maintain a journal with the same thought.

Action: Cllr Williams to liaise with John Gilby, Chair of Great Horwood, and to possibly send a letter to Greg Smith MP for guidance.

11.3. Councillors discussed the Winslow board funding in order to think of any possible projects.

12. Future Meetings

12.1. NPC noted the dates of the future meetings:

Thursday 4 6 30 March 2023	7.30pm	
Thursday 18 May 2023	7.30pm	(Following village meeting at 6pm)
Thursday 20 July 2023	7.30pm	
Thursday 21 September 2023	7.30pm	
Thursday 23 November 2023	7.30pm	

Meeting Closed 20.30pm

Chair's signature:

Date: