

**Nash Parish Council (NPC)**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Thursday 9 January 2020 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Williams (Chair); Cllr Carter; Cllr Collins; Cllr Hickey; Cllr Howard; Cllr Wyke;  
Cllr York; BCC Cllr Chilver.

**In Attendance:** Alison Robinson (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

**1 Apologies for Absence**

1.1 AVDC Cllr Sir Stanier.

**2 Public Participation Session**

2.1 A member of the public asked NPC to consider:

- (a) The purchase of outdoor adult gym equipment for the recreation ground.
- (b) The erection of a 'bandstand' type structure on the recreation ground.
- (c) The planting of mature trees on the junction of the Little Horwood Road and the Great Horwood Road.

**3 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda**

3.1 As Chair of the Village Hall Committee, Cllr Williams declared an interest under agenda item 3 (minute 5.4 – 5.6). No other interests were declared.

**4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

4.1 NPC **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 21 November 2019, subject to the correction of the following errors:

9.1 Cllr Carter reported on the NBPPC meeting ~~her~~ **he** attended on 23.10.19. His proposal about new building standards was not being taken forward.

10.2 Cllr ~~Chiltern~~ **Chilver** undertook to follow up the suggestion for parish councils to be granted powers to deal collectively with the less complex planning applications.

The Chair signed the corrected minutes as an accurate record.

**5 Finance**

5.1 NPC **resolved** to approve the following items of expenditure:

18.12.19	N J Blackwell	BACS	October grass cutting	£224.76
18.12.19	N J Blackwell	BACS	November grass cutting	£259.86
18.12.19	E.on	BACS	Streetlighting November	£36.50
18.12.19	James Tapsell	BACS	Playground fence	£260.90
4.1.20	HMRC	BACS	PAYE Oct - Dec 2019	£175.00
4.1.20	Alison Robinson	BACS	Salary Oct - Dec 2019	£725.16
8.1.20	E.on	BACS	Quarterly maintenance	£49.50
To be paid	Alison Robinson		Expenses (noticeboard pins)	£4.99
To be paid	Alison Robinson		Expenses (mileage)	£23.27
			<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,759.94</b>

5.2 NPC **resolved** to again provide a £50 donation in response to the letter from the Winslow and District Community Bus requesting funding for 2020.

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- 5.3 The Clerk apologised and reported an error in document 5 (c). The transfer from the recreation ground reserve to the current account, to pay for the playground fence repair, should not have been recorded (line 66 refers). The accounts spreadsheet, from which the document was derived, had been corrected and the corrected Total Receipts amount was £15,911.03 (line 72, column T refers).
- 5.4 Cllr Carter explained why he wished to increase the funding made available to the church, to assist with the upkeep of the graveyard, and favoured reducing the funding provided to the village hall. The Chair reminded NPC that it enjoyed a favourable village hall hire rate.
- 5.5 NPC **resolved** by a majority vote not to support Cllr Carter's proposal to increase the funding to the church and decrease the funding to the village hall.
- 5.6 NPC **resolved** by a majority vote to continue the annual funding of £150 to the church and £250 to the village hall.
- 5.7 NPC **resolved** unanimously to set the 2020/21 precept at £16,480, representing a 19.9% increase on the 2019/20 precept.
- 5.8 NPC **resolved** unanimously to approve the proposed financial reserves policy.
- 5.9 NPC **resolved** unanimously to appoint a finance sub-committee to take a more strategic approach to its assets; the level of maintenance required and where appropriate a replacement plan. The sub-committee would be chaired by the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer and would also comprise Cllrs Carter, Collins and Hickey. Proposals would be developed for consideration at the next NPC meeting.
- Action:** Clerk to take forward the finance related matters.

## 6 Planning

### New applications

- 6.1 **19/04262/APP** - 14 Holywell Cottages, Thornton Road, Nash MK17 0EY Construction of vehicular access and front entrance porch. Supported – Cllrs Collins and York considered.
- 6.2 **19/04258/APP**, Meadow Farm, Stratford Road, Nash MK17 0EF. Lunge ring of 28x30m with 3.6m high led lights spread round boundary (retrospective). Opposed. Cllrs Carter and Hickey considered.

### Ongoing planning matters

- 6.3 NPC noted the information about ongoing planning applications which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.
- 6.4 The Clerk reported AVDC Cllr Sir Stainer had raised the dangerous condition of the wall on the boundary of Old English Close. Despite some initial engagement from the relevant AVDC officers the relevant planning application (18/03787/ALB) remained outstanding.

### Other planning matters affecting Nash

- 6.5 The Chair thanked Cllr Carter for preparing the NPC response to the VALP main modification consultations.

### Nash Neighbourhood Plan

- 6.6 The Chair of the Nash Neighbourhood Plan Committee (NNPC) reported:
- The AVDC officers had requested a face to face meeting in early December, which he and another member of NNPC had attended.
  - The AVDC officers had suggested changes to the boundaries on land adjacent to Wood End Lane and land adjacent to the Stratford Road. In their view, the needs of the village could be met without the inclusion of these areas. Furthermore, the change would make the Nash Neighbourhood Plan compatible with the VALP.
  - NNPC was also asked to cross reference the Nash Neighbourhood Plan with the VALP which was expected to be approved and in place before the Nash referendum.

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- (d) The advice provided about 'green spaces', which he had followed up and was awaiting further guidance.

6.7 The Chair of NNPC was thanked for his report.

### 7 Matters Around the Village

#### Nash recreation ground and play area

7.1 The Clerk reported she had met with Cllr York to discuss the procedures and rota for safety checking the play area equipment and emptying the bin. In summary:

- (a) The 2020 rota and procedures would be circulated to NPC<sup>1</sup>.
- (b) The play area equipment must be inspected by every month to avoid invalidating NPC's insurance. The checklist must be returned to her for audit purposes.
- (c) She would send a reminder to the relevant councillor usually on the first of the month.

7.2 The recreation ground was being inspected on 11.1.20 so a quote for dealing with the mole problem could be obtained.

#### Pond project - S106 funding

7.3 NPC **resolved** to appoint a working group to make recommendations about the S106 funding comprising the member of the public who had made suggestions for enhancements to the village (minute 2.1 refers) and Cllrs Howard, York and Wyke.

7.4 Cllr Wyke said the path adjacent to Winslow Road required reclaiming. Following a discussion, the Chair asked the Clerk to discuss it with the current contractor and seek grass cutting quotes from new contractors for financial year 2021/22.

**Action:** Clerk to take forward.

### 8 North Bucks PPC

8.1 Cllr Carter would attend the meeting on 15 January 2020.

### 9 Buckinghamshire County Council / New Unitary Authority

8.1 Cllr Chilver reported on progress towards the establishment of the unitary authority. The budget, corporate plan and branding had now been approved. He encouraged members of NPC to look at the new website and provide feedback:

**Action:** Clerk to circulate link once available.

### 10 Buckingham Local Area Forum (LAF)

10.1 As previously reported, the LAF would not continue to meet. Under the new unitary authority, it was to be replaced by a Community Board. Under the new structure, Nash would be part of the Winslow Community Board.

### 11 Aylesbury Vale District Council

11.1 Cllr Chilver reported the VALP major modifications consultation had finished and the inspector's decision was now awaited. He explained Milton Keynes Council had submitted an objection, because its long-term strategic plan included expansion in areas which currently came under AVDC.

11.2 In response to a question from the Chair, Cllr Chilver said there had not been a planning meeting since he undertook to follow up the suggestion for parish councils to be granted powers to deal collectively with the less complex planning applications.

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<sup>1</sup> Post meeting note: Cllr Collins will road test the procedures in January before the rota etc. is circulated to all Councillors.

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### 12 Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised Encampments

12.1 Cllr Collins suggested NPC should respond. Cllr Carter said the proposals did not go far enough and needed to include the establishment of unauthorised encampments on land owned by a Gypsy/Roma/Traveller Community. Cllr Collins undertook to prepare a draft response to the consultation for circulation to NPC.

**Action:** Cllr Collins to take forward.

### 13 VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 8 May 2020

13.1 Following a report from the Clerk and subsequent discussion, NPC **resolved** to ask:

- (a) The Clerk to find out whether Whaddon had plans for the anniversary.
- (b) Cllr Wyke to suggest extended opening to the Nash Pump Committee to mark the anniversary.

**Action:** Clerk and Cllr Wyke to take forward.

### 14 Request to Support the Local Electricity Bill

14.1 This item was withdrawn.

### 15 Any Urgent Matters for Reporting and Noting

15.1 No urgent matters were raised.

### 16 Dates of Future Meetings

16.1 The next meeting was on Thursday 19 March 2020.

16.2 The following dates for the 2020/21 committee year were agreed:

Thursday 21 May 2020 (NPC annual meeting)      Thursday 19 November 2020

Thursday 16 July 2020      Thursday 7 January 2021

Thursday 18 September 2020      Thursday 18 March 2021.

**Action:** Clerk to find out whether it was permitted for a councillor to participate in a meeting digitally by Facetime, Skype, WhatsApp, etc.

16.3 A decision about the date for the annual meeting of the parish was deferred.

**Meeting closed at:** 9.05 pm

**Chair's signature:** .....

**Date:** .....