

## Nash Parish Council (NPC)

### Minutes of the Parish Council Remote Meeting

Thursday 17 September 2020 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Williams (Chair); Cllr Carter; Cllr Collins; Cllr Hickey; Cllr Wyke;  
Cllr York; Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs Chilver; Monger and Sir Stanier.

**In Attendance:** Alison Robinson (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

#### 1 Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Howard.

#### 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 meeting on 16 July 2020 as an accurate record.

#### 4 Public Participation Session

4.1 Members of the public were invited to raise subjects they wished to bring to the attention of NPC. None were raised.

#### 5 Planning

##### White Paper - Planning for the Future

5.1 Cllr Carter reported NBPPC had asked members for input to the consultation. He said he wanted the response from NPC to require an extension to the definition of those who did not wish to live in bricks and mortar beyond the gypsy/traveller communities. People living on houseboat, in mobile homes, etc. should also be included. Cllr Carter would circulate his draft response by email for comment and endorsement. Cllr Monger mentioned the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) video which provided an excellent summary of the issues. He also talked about some of the changes to permitted development rights already introduced with minimal consultation. The Chair asked whether the changes included agricultural land change of use – Cllr Monger undertook to find out.

**Action:** Cllr Carter to circulate draft NBPPC response for approval. Cllr Monger to provide the CPRE video, for the Clerk to circulate, and clarify whether agricultural land change of use was included in the changes to permitted development rights.

##### 20/02755/APP Land at Nash Park, Nash Road Great Horwood - Change of use of land to 13 Gypsy/Traveller pitches with associated works including, 13 no. mobile homes, 13 no. touring caravans, 13 no. day rooms, and 13 no. cesspits.

5.2 The Chair summarised the action being taken by and on behalf of NPC to prepare a response to the application. NPC **resolved** to:

- (a) Accept the offer from a resident to coordinate opposition to the planning application from villagers.
- (b) Circulate the draft response prepared by Walsingham Planning to the Buckinghamshire Council Councillors and to the residents who had offered assistance to NPC.
- (c) Request an extension to the consultation period until the end of October and for the names and addresses of residents making submissions to be redacted.
- (d) Ask the Chair to arrange to brief Gregg Smith MP.

**Action:** Clerk and Chair to take forward.

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### Ongoing Planning Matters

- 5.3 NPC **noted** the report about ongoing planning matters.

### Nash Neighbourhood Plan

- 5.4 The Chair of the Nash Neighbourhood Planning Committee (NNPC) reported:
- (a) The changes requested by officers before the lockdown had now been made and submitted for approval – a response was awaited.
  - (b) The Nash Neighbourhood Plan would then be referred to officers not previously involved in its development process, who could request some further structural changes before it was referred to the examiner.
  - (c) The postponed May 2020 elections had priority in the electoral backlog. It was therefore unlikely the referendum would be held before next summer. The Chair of NNPC reminded NPC it had previously agreed the referendum should not be held during the summer holiday period (June, July, August).
  - (d) The neighbourhood plan could be raised in response to planning applications provided it was made clear it had yet to be examined.
- 5.5 The Chair of NNPC and his colleagues were warmly thanked for their work.

## 6 Matters Around the Village

### Nash School House

- 6.1 The initiative would be taken forward by the Village Hall Committee (VHC) and residents because NPC was not permitted to purchase property. It was possible the S106 monies could be used for conversion work if the VHC was able to make a case which complied with the funding criteria.

### Nash Recreation Ground and Play Area

- 6.2 Cllr York reported on the successful reopening of the play area. In response to a question from Cllr Collins, the Chair said it would be appropriate for NPC to revisit the paused S106 funding proposals and establish whether there were alternative proposals which could be explored.

### The Pond

- 6.3 The Chair reported on the successful volunteer weekend and explained he was currently exploring with a resident whether it might be feasible for the silt to be removed using a 360 degree digger.
- 6.4 NPC **resolved** to formally record its gratitude to the volunteers for their hard work.  
**Action:** Clerk to include a thank you in the next newsletter.

### Heritage Signs

- 6.5 Cllr Collins explained the work undertaken to explore replacing the current road signs with heritage signs. The matter could not be taken forward because the replacement of contemporary was not permitted on health and safety grounds. Furthermore, the cost of heritage signs was prohibitive.

### Other Matters Around the Parish

- 6.6 The Clerk reported on the inspection of hedges and footpaths Cllr Howard had undertaken with her on 28 July 2020.

## 7 Nash Allotment Committee

- 7.1 NPC **resolved** to approve the re-election of the following Trustees to the Nash Allotment Committee: Rev John King; Mr Henry Eggleston; Mrs Sarah Denne; Mr David Weatherhead and Mr Miles Hedges for a further 3 year period.

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### 8 Finance

#### Audit Update

- 8.1 The audit submission was sent to the external auditors as approved by NPC. The public rights exercise period was 20 July – 28 August 2020, no requests were made.

#### Finance Group Recommendations

- 8.2 NPC **resolved** to approve the Finance Group recommendation to reverse the trend of depleting reserves by:
- (a) increasing income with grant funding, sponsorship, etc.
  - (b) adjusting the precept for the financial year 2021/22
  - (c) encouraging greater use of volunteers to help reduce parish maintenance costs
  - (d) ensuring the acquisition of any new assets included full and realistic costings for the of those assets
  - (e) deferring the previously agreed aesthetic pump maintenance until the summer of 2021 to help balance the budget in the current financial year.

**Action:** Finance Group to take account when developing proposals for the forthcoming 2021/22 financial year budget and precept setting.

#### Expenditure

- 8.3 NPC **resolved** to approve the following payments:

Date of Payment	Recipient	Description	Total Expenditure
27/07/2020	HMRC	PAYE April - June	£178.60
27/07/2020	Alison Robinson	Salary April - June	£702.37
27/07.2020	G White Home Improvements	Vandalism repairs balance	£317.00
27/072020	Alison Robinson	Laminating pouches	£7.66
03/08/2020	Blackwell Garden Services	Parish grass	£337.73
03/08/2020	Walker Grounds Care	Devolved grass	£430.50
11/08/2020	David Carter	MVAS batteries reimbursement	£117.00
11/08/2020	ICT Vision	Biennial .gov.uk domain renewal	£66.00
14/08/2020	eon	Streetlighting July	£37.72
24/08/2020	Camiers Group Ltd	Grab lorry for pond clearing	£480.00
01/09/2020	Walker Grounds Care	Devolved grass	£430.50
01/09/2020	Alison Robinson	Expenses (milage)	£36.00
01/09/2020	Alison Robinson	Anti-viral spray reimbursement	£1.69
07/09/2020	Blackwell Garden Services	Parish grass	£337.73
07/09/2020	Camiers Group Ltd	Grab lorry for pond clearing	£480.00
09/09/2020	eon	Streetlighting August	£37.72
<b>Total</b>			<b>£3,998.22</b>

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### The Current Financial Position

8.4 NPC noted the financial position as at 31 August 2020:

<b>Bank Statement Balance as at 31.8.20</b>		
Current/Community Account	21211633	£4,425.00
General Reserve Account	31211862	£10,371.34
Asset Reserve Account	41212850	£2,892.41
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>		<b>£17,688.75</b>
<b>Cash Book</b>		
Opening Balance as at 01.8.20		£19,134.66
Add Receipts		£23.04
Less Payments		£1,468.95
Closing Balance as at 31.8.20		<b>£17,688.75</b>

8.5 NPC noted the latest forecasts:

	General	Admin	Staff Costs	Streetlighting	Maintenance	Parish	Devolved	Grants	Not	VAT	Total	Year Cash
<b>Total Budget for year</b>	£16,480.00	£1,203.00	£4,813.00	£683.00	£2,000.00	£2,142.00	£1,526.00	£730.00	£0.00	£0.00	£13,097.00	£3,383.00
<b>Total Income/Expenditure to date</b>	£9,673.86	£797.91	£910.94	£261.52	£947.50	£1,266.48	£-230.96	£110.69	£765.00	£418.34	£5,247.42	£4,426.44
<b>Forecast for Year (formula)</b>	£16,480.00	£1,914.98	£2,186.26	£627.65	£2,274.00	£3,039.55	£1,526.00	£730.00	£1,836.00	£1,004.02	£15,138.46	£1,341.54
<b>Forecast for Year (clerk)</b>	£17,919.13	£1,350.00	£4,000.00	£683.00	£1,200.00	£2,600.00	£2,000.00	£730.00	£1,765.00	£1,004.02	£15,332.02	£2,587.11
<b>Variances</b>	£1,439.13	£147.00	£-813.00	£0.00	£-800.00	£458.00	£474.00	£0.00	£1,765.00	£1,004.02	£2,235.02	£-795.89

## 9 Buckinghamshire Council

- 9.1 Cllr Sir Stanier talked about the challenges created by the pandemic, the postponement of the May 2020 elections and holding meetings remotely. He commended the officers and cabinet members for their response to Covid-19.
- 9.2 Cllr Chilver reported his appointment as Cabinet Member for Property and Assets. He explained work was needed to rationalise council-owned properties.
- 9.3 Cllr Monger also commended how the officers had responded to Covid-19. He explained the additional expenditure and loss of income would not be reimbursed in full by central Government. Cllr Monger said the suspension of parking charges across the county during the lockdown and as high streets were reopened had meant a loss of income of £1m per month.

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

- 10.1 Cllr Monger encouraged attendance from NPC and mentioned the availability of funding. Cllr Sir Stanier said he had been appointed to the Roads and Highways Working Group and encouraged relevant matters to be referred to him. The other W&VCB working group were:
- Youth
  - Health
  - Public and Community Transport
  - HS2 and East West Rail.

## 11 North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

- 11.1 There was nothing further to add to what Cllr Carter reported under minute 5.1.

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**12 Urgent Matters for Report and/or the Next Agenda**

12.1 No further matters were raised.

**13 Next Meeting**

13.1 The next meeting would be held on Thursday 19 November 2020 at 7.30 pm. The relevant guidance at the time would determine whether it would be held remotely or whether NPC could again meet in the Village Hall.

**Meeting closed at:** 8.32pm.

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

**Date:** .....