

Nash Parish Council (NPC)

Minutes of the Parish Council Remote Meeting

Thursday 7 January 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Williams (Chair); Cllr Carter (items 1 – 7); Cllr Collins; Cllr Hickey; Cllr Howard; Cllr Wyke; Cllr York; Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs Chilver (items 5.3 – 13) and Sir Stanier.

In Attendance: Alison Robinson (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1 Apologies for Absence

1.1 There were no apologies.

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 19 November 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

20/04386/ACL Os 8337 And Land To East of Holywell House ,Thornton Rd Nash. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing unit.

5.1 The Chair outlined the history of a previous planning application and explained how the land was currently being used.

5.2 TPC **resolved** to:

- (a) Object to the planning application because of concerns about the applicant's longer-term intentions and because of the lack of information about drainage.
- (b) Inform the Planning Enforcement Team that the barn was being used as a building yard; to ask for it to be restored for agricultural use and for the removal of the sewerage pipe which was laid for a previously withdrawn planning application for a dwelling.

Action: Clerk to take forward.

20/04236/APP - The Rectory Stratford Road Nash MK17 0ES Conversion of annexe to one bedroom dwelling with associated works

5.3 NPC **resolved** to approve the recommendation made by Cllrs Howard and Collins to support the planning application.

Action: Clerk to respond to the consultation.

Ongoing Planning Matters

5.4 NPC **noted** the report about ongoing planning matters.

Refusal of Appeal 20/00029/REF Land at Church Farm, MK17 0ES

5.5 NPC **resolved** to press for a response if the landowner did not respond to the Clerk's enquiry about whether they would now be willing to sell the land to the parish council for recreational purposes.

Action: Chair to take forward with the Clerk.

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VALP Further Main Modifications Consultation

https://aylesburyvaledc.oc2.uk/?dm_i=5438,AUMH,2A9QLJ,18HWS,1

- 5.6 Cllr Carter explained he intended to look at all the consultation in detail before the deadline. He said Cllr Roy van de Poll had scrutinised the modifications and was satisfied there were no major concerns. Cllr Carter reported the VALP would be superceded by a Buckinghamshire Council Plan in the next 2/3 years.

Action: Cllr Carter to take forward.

6 Financial Year 2021/22 Budget and Precept Setting

- 6.1 NPC **resolved** to approve the Finance Group recommendations - in summary:

- (a) The 2021/22 budget should be set at £16,597 to cover NPC's known financial commitments.
- (b) The 2021/22 precept should be increased by 5.01% to £16,810.
- (c) Any 2020/1 underspend should be transferred to the general reserve to help recoup the monies spent on planning matters.
- (d) The balance between the 2021/22 budget and income should be transferred to the reserve to cover any unanticipated expenditure and/or help rebuild the reserve.
- (e) The vacancy for a new internal auditor should be advertised within the village in the first instance. If this proved to be unsuccessful, a suitably qualified clerk from another parish should be engaged as the NPC internal auditor.

Action: Clerk to take forward.

7 Matters Around the Village

Nash Recreation Ground and Play Area

- 7.1 Cllr York explained why exploring using some of the S106 funding to refurbish the play area and install contemporary play equipment was currently on the back burner.

Action Cllr York to take forward when the weather and pandemic permitted.

CCTV for the Play Area

- 7.2 Cllr Hickey provided an overview of the options available. She said the Reolink Solar Powered Camera would be superior if Wi-Fi could be extended to the play area.
- 7.3 In response to a question about the camera location, the Chair mentioned the church or the garage at the rear of the school house. He confirmed the Village Hall Committee was willing to extend the Wi-Fi at no cost to NPC.
- 7.4 NPC **resolved** to approve the purchase of a Reolink Solar Powered Camera and thanked Cllr Hickey for her work.

Action: Clerk to take forward in consultation with the Chair.

The Pond

- 7.5 NPC **noted** the following issues during a discussion about the flooding on 23.12.20:

- (a) The culverts near Wier Cottage were blocked.
- (b) The recent clearing of the drain on the Stratford Road corner was unlikely to be effective because the debris had been left on the road where it would re-block the drain again when it rained hard. The adjoining drain network needed to be cleared. The drain clearing work undertaken in the High Street last summer had been effective.

Action: Clerk to contact the TfB Area Technician to request remedial work.

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Footpaths

- 7.6 Cllr Howard reported she had investigated the condition of the styles and fences on the footpath to Whaddon after a resident raised concerns. Although not currently unsafe they were wobbly and would benefit from renovation.

Action: Cllr Howard to follow up with Alastair Mc Vail at Buckinghamshire Council.

Other Matters Around the Village

Footpath by the village pump

- 7.7 Cllr Wyke reported the path by the pond pump was dangerous.

Action: Clerk to establish ownership of the path and take forward.

Dog waste

- 7.8 The Chair reported a resident had recently raised the problem of dog waste in the village. S/he had suggested the issue might be included in the next edition of the newsletter. S/he also suggested some of the other responsible dog walkers could put up signs to remind dog owners of their responsibilities. The Chair undertook to check whether it would be acceptable to the Village Hall Committee to encourage dog owners to use the village hall landfill bin.

Action: Chair and Clerk to take forward.

8 Finance

Expenditure

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

Date of Payment	Recipient	Description	Total Expenditure
03/11/2020	Blackwell Garden Services	ERROR REPAID 5.11.20	337.73
03/11/2020	Blackwell Garden Services	Parish grass October	£337.73
03/11/2020	Walker Grounds Care	Devolved grass October	£430.50
06/11/2020	eon	Streetlighting September	£37.72
06/11/2020	Nash Village Hall	PO box 6mths and sundries	£117.00
06/11/2020	Alison Robinson	Expenses mileage	£29.61
15/11/2020	Walker Grounds Care	Devolved grass June <small>not submitted in July</small>	£430.50
02/12/2020	T J Hunter	Pest control rec and play area	£120.00
28/12/2020	BMKALC	Cllr Hickey Training	£41.55
28/12/2020	BMKALC	Cllr Collins Training	£38.00
28/12/2020	HMRC	PAYE October - December	£183.40
28/12/2020	Alison Robinson	Salary October - December	£758.88
Total			£2,862.62

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The Current Financial Position

8.2 NPC noted the financial position as of 31 December 2020:

Bank Statement Balance as at 31.12.20		
Current/Community Account	21211633	£5,913.58
General Reserve Account	31211862	£10,371.86
Asset Reserve Account	41212850	£2,892.55
Total Bank Accounts		£19,177.99
Cash Book		
Opening Balance as at 01.12.20		£20,319.49
Add Receipts		£0.33
Less Payments		£1,141.83
Closing Balance as at 31.12.20		£19,177.99

8.3 NPC noted the latest forecasts:

Analysis and Forecast as at 31.12.20	General Income	Admin and Office	Staff Costs	Streetlighting	Maintenance	Parish Grass	Devolved Grass <small>BC Contribution £1,522</small>	Grants Donations and Subs	Not Budgeted	VAT	Total Expenditure	Year Cash Remaining
Total Budget for Year (precept and devolved grass contribution)	£18,002.00	£1,203.00	£4,813.00	£683.00	£2,000.00	£2,142.00	£3,048.00	£730.00	£0.00	£0.00	£14,619.00	£3,383.00
Total Income / Expenditure to 31.12.20 Actual	£19,774.71	£1,146.58	£2,922.42	£409.37	£947.50	£2,110.80	£3,013.50	£110.69	£2,014.55	£845.80	£13,521.21	£6,253.50
Forecast Income / Expenditure for Year as at 31.12.20	£19,774.71	£1,247	£3,800	£683	£1,250	£2,111	<small>NPC cost £1,492</small> £3,014	£742	£3,265	£900	£17,012	£2,762.91
Variance	£1,772.71	£44.00	£-1,013.00	£0.00	£-750.00	£-31.20	£-34.00	£12.00	£3,265.00	£900.00	£2,392.80	£-620.09

9 Buckinghamshire Council

9.1 Cllr Sir Stanier said the Buckinghamshire Council officers were working hard to address and overcome the challenges resulting from the pandemic.

9.2 Cllr Chilver talked about:

- The budget challenges created by the pandemic and mentioned the budget scrutiny meetings which would take place the following week.
- The possible replacement of Norden House Surgery in Winslow.
- The questions raised by Cllr Whyte at the recent cabinet meeting about the late receipt of the Environment Agency flood warning on 23.12.20 and the implementation of a section 19 inquiry.
- The inclusion of the Nash to Thornborough road in the 2022/3 highway plans.
- The inclusion of the Nash to Beachampton and the Nash to Whaddon road in the 2023/4 highway plans.
- The restoration of the land covered by the injunction to open countryside.

9.3 The Chair congratulated and thanked the Planning Enforcement Team on behalf of NPC. He confirmed the residents of Nash were pleased with the outcome.

10 Winslow and Villages Community Board (W&VCB)

10.1 The Chair reported he was trying to obtain quotes to convert the redundant bus shelter into a book exchange so a funding application could be made to W&VCB. He said the Clerk had talked to the Community Board Co-ordinator about funding for measures to reduce the risk of future flooding said he would provide the information needed to progress the matter.

10.2 Cllr Sir Stanier said any funding applications needed to be progressed as soon as possible for consideration by W&VCB in February 2021.

Action: Chair to follow up.

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11 North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

11.1 This item was not taken in the absence of Cllr Carter.

12 Urgent Matters for Report and/or the Next Agenda

End of pandemic party

12.1 NPC **resolved** to pledge £500 towards the celebrations the residents of Nash were keen should be hosted after the pandemic ended.

13 Next Meeting

13.1 The next meeting would be held on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at: 8.35pm.

Chair's signature:

Date: