

Nash Parish Council (NPC)

Minutes of the Parish Council Remote Meeting Thursday 18 March 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs Monger (items 1 – 6 (f)) and Sir Beville Stanier.

In Attendance: Alison Robinson (Clerk).

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** on a majority vote to approve the following amendment to the draft minutes of the meeting on 7 January 2021:

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.~~ **There was a brief discussion about possible sources of match funding for the book exchange project.**

10.2 The Clerk had talked to the Community Board Co-ordinator about funding for measures to reduce the risk of future flooding – the Chair would provide the information needed to progress the matter.

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

3.2 NPC **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 7 January 2021 as an accurate record.

4 Public Participation Session

4.1 No members of the public attended the meeting.

5 Planning

21/00233/APP - 79 High Street, Nash, MK17 0EP Two storey rear extension. Cllrs Williams and Wyke considered. Supported

5.1 NPC **resolved** by a majority vote to endorse the response to support planning application 21/00233/APP.

5.2 Cllr Carter reiterated his view that it was not appropriate for NPC to support planning applications unless there was a benefit to the community. He would have preferred the NPC response to have been 'No Objections'. The Chair said the definition of benefit to the community was open to different interpretations. During the subsequent discussion, there was general agreement clear definitions were needed for the planning consultation responses available to local councils.

5.3 Cllr Monger explained in his experience most local councils used the 'No Objections' response for private residential properties. Cllr Sir Stanier agreed.

Action: Clerk to ensure this matter is covered when NPC meets after the election.

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Ongoing Planning Matters

- 5.4 NPC **noted** from the report about ongoing planning matters:
- (a) The Church Farm landowners had confirmed in writing the land was not for sale.
 - (b) Cllr Sir Stanier reported he was waiting for feedback following the recent site visit by the Buckinghamshire Council's Building Control Team to assess the wall at 4 Stratford Road. He explained he had raised the matter again in response to concerns raised by a resident. A previous inspection had concluded it was not unsafe. The Chair said the owner had informed him the delay was because approval was with still the Buckinghamshire Council's Heritage Team.

6 Matters Around the Village

Nash Recreation Ground and Play Area

- 6.1 Cllr York confirmed he hoped to be able to present quotes for a major refurbish meant to NPC after the forthcoming elections. The annual RoSPA safety inspection of the recreation ground and play area would again be undertaken in May.

Action Cllr York to arrange site visits to obtain quotes for refurbishing the play area.

CCTV for the Play Area

- 6.2 The CCTV camera had been purchased for installation by the Village Hall Committee. A new router was required and in hand. The CCTV camera would be installed shortly.

The Pond

- 6.3 The bridge required renovation and further work would be needed to remove more of the sedges later in the year. The annual RoSPA safety inspection of the pond would again be undertaken in May.

Footpaths

- 6.4 Cllr Howard reported Alastair Mc Vail at Buckinghamshire Council had provided the footpath ownership information about and asked for guidance on how she should now take the matter forward.

Action: Clerk to ensure this matter is covered when NPC meets after the election.

Flooding

- 6.5 The Clerk drew attention to the recent response received from the Assistant Flood Management Officer. She confirmed the blocked drains and culverts had been reported in January to Transport for Bucks. The Clerk would consult the owners of Weir Cottage before responding to clarify the flooding was not restricted to the highway and again request a site visit to discuss measures to help prevent parts of the village being cut-off by future flooding.

Action: Clerk to take forward.

Bus Shelter Book Exchange

- 6.6 The Chair reported Nash Village Hall Committee (NVHC) had recently discussed Cllr Carter's motion which proposed NPC donate the bus shelter to the village hall. NVHC was not willing to accept the bus shelter as a donation as it was outside its responsibilities. It was still happy to provide 50% of the match funding required.

- 6.7 In response to Cllr Carter's concerns about the process, the Clerk said she too had been surprised when the draft funding application had been circulated to the W&VCB for consideration. NPC **resolved after discussion** to ask the Finance Group to look at the ongoing cost implications for NPC of accepting the W&CB grant and report back.

Action: Finance Group to investigate and report to the next meeting.

Bus Stop Signs

- 6.8 In response to concerns, NPC **resolved** to remove the redundant bus stop signs.

Action: Cllr Carter volunteered to lead on the matter.

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Dog Waste

- 6.9 The problem of some owners not clearing up after their dogs was ongoing. The installation of the CCTV camera might encourage irresponsible owners to be more diligent on the recreation ground. NHVC had agreed the landfill bin at the Village Hall could be used for dog waste – many dog owners were already using it.

Action: The Clerk would cover the dog waste problem in the next newsletter now NVHC had approved use of its landfill bin.

Litter Between Villages

- 6.10 The Chair thanked Cllr Sir Stainer for undertaking to look into whether Bucks Council might consider litter cameras for the county - <https://www.littercam.ai/home>

Further information is available online, for example:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-56255823> ;

<https://www.driving.co.uk/news/roads/littering-motorists-caught-camera-instances-rise/>

Action Cllr Sir Stainer to raise the matter with Buckinghamshire Council.

Any Other Matters Around the Village

- 6.11 The Clerk reported the door of the noticeboard in the High Street which was damaged in recent high winds was currently being repaired and would shortly be refitted.

7 Finance

Expenditure

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

Date	Recipient	Description	Amount
08/01/2021	eon - payment account error	Created streetlighting credit	£49.50
08/01/2021	eon	Streetlighting maintenance	£49.50
08/01/2021	eon	Streetlighting o/s 2020	£36.50
08/01/2021	eon	Streetlighting December	£37.72
09/02/2021	W&D Community Bus	2020/21 Fin Yr donation/grant	£50.00
09/02/2021	Nash PPC	2020/21 Fin Yr churchyard grant	£150.00
09/02/2021	Nash Village Hall	2020/21 Fin Yr donation/grant	£250.00
09/02/2021	Walker-	Error repaid	£50.00
11/02/2021	SLCC	2020/21 Fin Yr subscription	£83.00
Total			£756.22

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The Current Financial Position

7.2 NPC noted the financial position as of 28 February 2021:

Bank Statement Balance as at 28.2.21		
Current/Community Account	21211633	£5,207.36
General Reserve Account	31211862	£10,371.86
Asset Reserve Account	41212850	£2,892.55
Total Bank Accounts		£18,471.77
Cash Book		
Opening Balance as at 01.2.21		£19,004.77
Add Receipts		£50.00
Less Payments		£583.00
Closing Balance as at 28.2.21		£18,471.77

7.3 NPC noted the latest forecasts:

Analysis and Forecast as at 28.02.21	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 28.02.21 Actual	£19,824.71	£1,146.58	£2,922.42	£568.36	£947.50	£2,448.53	£3,013.50	£693.69	£2,014.55	£860.03	£14,615.16	£5,209.55
Forecast Income / Expenditure for Year as at 31.12.20	£19,824.71	£1,247	£4,800	£683	£1,250	£2,111	£3,014	£742	£3,265	£900	£18,012	£1,812.91
Variance	£1,822.71	£44.00	£-13.00	£0.00	£-750.00	£-31.20	£-34.00	£12.00	£3,265.00	£900.00	£3,392.80	£-1,570.09

7.4 The new internal auditor, a qualified clerk, had been appointed from 1 April 2021 for a year in the first instance.

7.5 NPC received an oral report from the Finance Group. In summary:

- (a) The Finance Group had met recently primarily to discuss the approach to identify the maintenance priorities for the forthcoming financial year.
- (b) Cllr Hickey would inspect the street assets on behalf of the Finance Group to enable maintenance recommendations to be made at the next NPC meeting.
- (c) The spend deadline for the S106 funding (£37,716) was 22 March 2025.
- (d) The Finance Group reviewed its terms of reference and mode of operation and concluded no changes were needed. The requirement to (re)appoint councillors to Finance Group membership at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council after the election was also noted.

8 Elections 6 May 2021

8.1 Cllr Williams announced after 6 years as a councillor and Chair of NPC he would not be standing at the forthcoming election. He explained he was standing down from NPC and NVHC for personal reasons and thanked his fellow councillors for their support.

8.2 The meeting mailing included the following documents:

- Buckinghamshire Elections 2021
- Guidance for Candidates
- An electronic copy of the Nomination Form.

If required, a hardcopy of the nomination form could be requested from the Clerk.

8.3 The Clerk drew particular attention to the following dates from the election timetable:

- Public Notice of Election (Local Councils) 22 March 2021
- Deadline for the Delivery of Nomination Forms 8 April 2021 before 4pm.

Candidates were encouraged to deliver their nomination forms to County Hall in Aylesbury well in advance of the deadline.

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9 Buckinghamshire Council

- 9.1 Cllr Sir Stanier declared his intention to stand as a Buckinghamshire Council councillor in the forthcoming election.

10 Winslow and Villages Community Board (W&VCB)

- 10.1 Cllr Carter highlighted the following from the W&VCB meeting on 18.2.21:
- (a) Although there was now a new Police Community Support Officer in Winslow, the Community Police Team still appeared under-staffed. There was an increase in rural and telephone fraud.
 - (b) He planned to volunteer to join W&VCB's Roads and Highways Work Group.
 - (c) Some other parish councils were using their S106 funding for community transport schemes.
- 10.2 Cllr Carter suggested in future all correspondence sent to W&VCB on behalf of NPC should be copied to the Councillor representing NPC at W&VCB meetings.
- Action:** The Clerk undertook to implement the suggestion.

11 North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

- 11.1 Cllr Carter reported the next meeting of NBPPC would be on 24 March 2021. The VALP hearing had been arranged for 12 – 16 April 2021. He was impressed by Buckinghamshire Council's response to the problems created by the HS2 construction.

12 Urgent Matters for Report and/or the Next Agenda

- 12.1 No urgent matters were reported, and no items were raised for the next agenda.

13 2021/22 Committee Timetable

- 13.1 NPC **approved** the timetable for the forthcoming committee year:
- Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 20 May 2021 7pm
 - Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday 20 May 2021
 - NPC Meeting Thursday 20 May 2021
 - NPC Meeting Thursday 15 July 2021
 - NPC Meeting Thursday 16 September 2021
 - NPC Meeting Thursday 18 November 2021
 - NPC Meeting Thursday 6 January 2022
 - NPC Meeting Thursday 17 March 2022.

Meeting closed at: 8.33pm.

Chair's signature:

Date: