

Nash Parish Council (NPC)

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 17 March 2022, in Nash Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Williams (Chair); Cllr Carter; Cllr Collins; Cllr Hickey; Cllr York; Cllr Wyke. Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs John Chilver and David Goss.

In Attendance: Alison Robinson (Clerk) and three members of the public¹.

1 Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Shekar and Cllr Sir Beville Stanier.

2 Declaration of in Items on the Agenda

2.1 No interests were declared.

3 Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer Recruitment

3.1 The Chair reported Deborah Evans' appointment with effect from 1 July 2021 and warmly congratulated her on behalf of NPC.

4 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

4.1 NPC **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 20 January 2022. The minutes were then signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

4.2 NPC **resolved** to approve the minutes of the confidential meeting, on 11 March 2022, to interview the new clerk. The Chair signed the minutes as an accurate record.

5 Public Participation Session

5.1 The Chair of the Group organising the Jubilee celebrations provided an oral report. Two events were being arranged to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Nash - a party on the recreation ground on Saturday 3 June and a street party on Sunday 5 June. There would be a site meeting for the Recreation Ground Party on 25 March and a Jubilee planning meeting on 29 March.

5.2 A resident requested more information about the proposed pond redevelopment. The Chair explained the matter would be discussed under agenda item 8 (d).

5.3 Another resident questioned whether the safeguarding measures in the NPC recording policy were practical and asked where and in what format recordings made by members of the public should be published. The Chair thanked the resident and said NPC would consider the matters he had raised.

6 Planning

6.1 **22/00273/APP** Barnhill 1A Wood End Nash Buckinghamshire MK17 0EL Householder application for single storey side/rear extensions, extended balcony over with glass balustrade, removal of mock panelling at first floor with new semi smooth render and replacement windows.

6.2 NPC **resolved** to endorse the no objection consultation response prepared by Cllrs Williams and York.

6.3 **22/00260/APP** 1 The Green, Nash, MK17 0EN. Householder application for two storey side and rear extension.

¹ In addition, six members of the public joined the meeting remotely. There were problems with the technology. The Chair of NPC apologised and undertook to review the technology and the appropriateness of the arrangements for future meetings.

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- 6.4 NPC **resolved** to endorse the no objection consultation response prepared by Cllrs Williams and York. NPC **noted** the planning application had now again been refused by Buckinghamshire Council.
- 6.6 **22/00109/APP** Causter Farm Winslow Road, Nash, MK17 0EJ. Erection of bungalow.
- 6.7 NPC **resolved** to endorse the consultation response prepared by Cllrs Carter and Shekar opposing the application.
- 6.8 **Appeal21/00115/REF** Against refusal of **21/02806/APP** Land North of All Saints Close, Nash, MK17 0ES. Erection of five dwellings with garages, new access road and all associated works. Appeal deadline - 11 April 2022.
- 6.9 NPC **resolved** to use the £1,250 (excl VAT) earmarked for planning consultant representation at Appeal 19/00061/NONDET (Nash Park), which was no longer required because that appeal had been withdrawn, to employ Walshingham Planning to prepare a response.

Action: Clerk to take forward.

Ongoing Planning Matters

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

Nash Neighbourhood Plan (NNPC)

- 6.11 The Chair of NNPC reported:
- (a) The regulation 16 consultation had begun and was on the Your Voice Bucks: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/nash-neighbourhood-plan/>
 - (b) The Chair and Clerk had authorised Buckinghamshire Council to obtain approval to appoint an examiner (in c8 or so weeks).
 - (c) NPC may be asked for clarifications and will be asked to fact check the examiner's report.
 - (d) Once the examiner's final report (examination takes c6- 8weeks) some modifications may be required.
 - (e) Buckinghamshire Council will organise the referendum once the plan had passed examination – the referendum date was likely be a few months after examiner's report is finalised.
 - (f) The role of the NPC, Buckinghamshire Council and the residents of Nash in the referendum process would be made clear to everyone by Buckinghamshire Council before the process starts.
- 6.12 The Chair of NNPC was warmly thanked.

Possible Planning Application for Community Amenity Between the High Street and Stratford Road

- 6.13 At the January meeting Cllr Collins had volunteered to further explore the advice provided by Buckinghamshire Council when asked about the possibility of a compulsory purchase order.
- 6.14 Cllr Collins reported how he had consulted Buckinghamshire Council and was advised to take advice from a Planning Officer only to discover there would be a charge for the advice. Cllr Chilver undertook to raise the matter with the Cabinet member for Planning and Regeneration with a view to arranging a meeting.

Action: Cllr Chilver to take forward.

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6.15 The Chair asked whether the Winslow and Villages Community Board (W&VCB) would fund the planning advice and other costs arising from the planning application. In response to a question from Cllr Chilver, Cllr Williams explained there were residents who were willing to underwrite the land purchase cost if a compulsory purchase order was approved by the Secretary of State. Cllr Chilver undertook to support a funding application if NPC decided to apply for W&VCB funding and said going forward W&VCB was likely to place greater importance on match funding.

Other Planning Matters

6.16 No further matters were raised.

7 Finance Report

Payments and Receipts

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

Date Payment	Recipient	Description	Amount
10/01/2022	eon	Streetlighting Quarterly Maintenance	£49.50
10/01/2022	Alison Robinson	Expenses - defibrillator signs, tool	£14.86
18/01/2022	Gary White	Bench (balance)	£392.00
22/01/2022	HSBC	Current account charge December	£8.00
26/01/2022	Gary White	Bus shelter materials deposit	£439.50
07/02/2022	Tim Hunter	Rodent control	£165.00
09/02/2022	Gary White	Bus shelter materials balance	£1,025.50
14/02/2022	CPRE	2022 membership fee	£36.00
14/02/2022	Winslow Community Bus	2021/2 donation	£50.00
15/02/2022	Alison Robinson	Padlock reimbursement	£31.98
15/02/2022	Nash PPC	Annual grant for churchyard maintenance	£150.00
15/02/2022	NVHC	Annual grant for Villager Hall	£250.00
25/02/2022	HSBC	Current account charge January	£8.00
Total			£2,620.34

7.2 NPC **noted** the following receipts:

Date	Received From	Description	Amount
31/01/2022		Total	£0.00
25/01/2022	Buckinghamshire Councils	B&VCB Bus Shelter Grant	£1,110.00
28/01/2022		Total	£1,110.00
Overall Total			£1,110.00

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Financial Position

7.3 NPC **noted** the financial position on 31 January 2022:

Bank Statement Balance as at 31.1.22		
Current/Community Account	21211633	£3,405.41
General Reserve Account	31211862	£14,248.78
Asset Reserve Account	41212850	£2,892.83
Total Bank Accounts		£20,547.02
Cash Book		
Opening Balance as at 01.1.22		£21,450.88
Add Receipts		£0.00
Less Payments		£903.86
Closing Balance as at 31.1.22		£20,547.02

7.4 NPC **noted** the financial position on 28 February 2022:

Bank Statement Balance as at 28.2.22		
Current/Community Account	21211633	£2,798.93
General Reserve Account	31211862	£14,248.78
Asset Reserve Account	41212850	£2,892.83
Total Bank Accounts		£19,940.54
Cash Book		
Opening Balance as at 01.2.22		£20,547.02
Add Receipts		£1,110.00
Less Payments		£1,716.48
Closing Balance as at 28.2.22		£19,940.54

Bus Shelter Project Finance and Donations Report

7.5 NPC thanked those who had donated so generously and **resolved** to publish the report – see the **Appendix** to these minutes.

Donations, Grants and Subscriptions

7.6 Following discussion of the donations, grants, and subscriptions NPC **resolved** to:

- (a) Not to renew the Campaign for Rural England membership when it expired at the end of the calendar year.
- (b) To reduce the 2022/3 annual grant to Nash Village Hall (payable in the first quarter of 2023) from £250 to £150 per annum.

8 Matters Around the Village

Nash Recreation Ground and Play Area

8.1 Cllr York confirmed the installation phase of the play area refurbishment project was on schedule. The post installation inspection had been requested and was expected to take place in week commencing 21 March. Cllr York explained the issues which had arisen with the closure of the Recreation Ground. He outlined what was being done to seek an alternative contractor and to try to ensure the Recreation Ground could be successfully closed to allow the rodent control work to be undertaken safely.

8.2 The play area would be reopened for use before the Easter holiday period. The Clerk would talk to the Kompan Regional Sales Manager about the possibility of holding a formal opening event at a later date.

Action: Clerk to discuss with Kompan and report back.

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Village Fete

- 8.3 NPC **resolved** to approve the request from the Fete Committee for permission to close and use the Recreation Ground for the fete on 9 July 2022.

Action: Clerk to respond to the Fete Committee.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- 8.4 Cllr Collins reported the flagpole funding application had been approved by W&VCB. He confirmed he had liaised with Cllr Shekar to ensure the proposed location for the flagpole would not be in conflict with the Nash in Bloom plans.

- 8.5 NPC **resolved** to approve the installation of the flagpole near the Nash Village Sign.

Action: Cllr Colins to take forward with the Clerk.

Nash Pond Redevelopment

- 8.6 Cllrs Hickey introduced the report prepared to inform the discussion and asked NPC how it wished to proceed.

- 8.7 NPC **resolved** to accept Cllr Hickey's offer to:

- (a) Obtain quoted for draining the pond and removing the silt (option 2) and pumping out the silt without fully draining the pond (option 3).
- (b) Explore the availability of funding for the project.

Action: Cllrs Hickey and Wyke to take forward.

- 8.8 The Chair thanked Cllr Hickey on behalf of NPC and asked the Clerk to publish the report on the NPC website:

http://www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk/_UserFiles/Files/Nash%20Pond%20Development.pdf

Action: Clerk to publish the report.

Footbridge Across the Brook on The Green to the Village Hall Path

- 8.8 The Chair undertook to speak to the landowner before the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Williams to take forward.

Bus Shelter Book Exchange

- 8.9 NPC **resolved** the temporary name used for the project should now be changed to Nash Exchange because it was not restricted to books.

The Old Chapel Graveyard

- 8.10 NPC **resolved** to ask Cllr Carter to find out whether the Trustees would be willing to sell the graveyard for a £1 and provide £25,000 from the monies held in trust to enable NPC to maintain it.

Action: Cllr Carter to talk to the Trustees.

Accidents on the A421 and Traffic Diverted Through Nash

- 8.11 The Chair said the Police Inspector had not returned his phone call.

Unofficial 20 MPH Zone(s)

- 8.12 The idea had initially been suggested for the High Street but could also be applicable for the Thornborough and Thornton Roads. However, some of the residents had now had 30 MPH signs made.

Traffic Calming

- 8.13 Cllr Carter said he had now obtained the quotes he had been asked to provide:

- (a) Battery Operated Speed Indicator Sign £4,500.
- (b) Solar Powered Speed Indicator Sign £3,800.

- 8.14 The Chair thanked Cllr Carter and **resolved** not to pursue the matter.

- 8.15 Cllr Carter talked about the HS2 Road Safety Fund. The Chair would investigate.

Action: Cllr Williams to follow up.

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Nash in Bloom

- 8.16 Cllr Shekar had provided the Chair with an update. In summary:
- (a) The Nash in Bloom initiative had already made impressive progress. The group currently comprised twelve volunteers and there were also about six sponsors.
 - (b) Nash in Bloom had been registered with 'RHS It's Your Neighbourhood' as a prelude to registering for the Britain in Bloom competition and awards in 2023.
 - (c) Transport for Bucks and the grass cutting contractor had been consulted.
 - (d) Cllr Shekar planned to develop terms of reference for Nash in Bloom.
- 8.17 NPC discussed the Jubilee Tree Planting Proposal which had been prepared by a resident from the Nash in Bloom Group who was warmly thanked.
- 8.18 NPC **resolved** to:
- (a) Approve the proposal and ask for the names of the tree sponsors and details of the funding being sought from Elmer's Charity.
 - (b) Ask for consideration to be given to planting ever-green trees.

Litter Pick Between the Villages

- 8.19 To be discussed at the next meeting.

Footpaths and Hedgerows

- 8.20 In Cllr Shekar's absence there was no report.

Post-box(s)

- 8.21 The Clerk was continuing to follow-up the matter with the Royal Mail. She was challenging the repeated claim that the Royal Mail had consulted NPC and was asking for the post-box to be moved back to the other end of the village.

Action: Clerk to continue to pursue and update NPC.

Any Other Matters Around the Village

- 8.22 No further matters were raised.

9 Buckinghamshire Council

- 9.1 Cllrs Chilver and Goss provided an overview of their committee appointments².
- 9.2 NPC **noted** the 2022/23 Bucks Council budget had been approved; Cllrs Chilver met regularly with the Transport for Bucks Area Technician and would raise the need to replace the missing and/or damaged road signs in Nash; the anticipated redrawing of the ward boundaries and reduction in unitary authority councillors to 98.
- Action:** Cllr Chilver to raise the damaged and missing signs which require replacing in Nash. Clerk to publicise the monthly Winslow Ward Councillor Advice Surgeries.
- 9.3 The Chair thanked Cllrs Chilver and Goss.

10 Winslow and Villages Community Board (W&VCB)

- 10.1 Cllr Carter referred to the report he had circulated after the W&VCM meeting in February. He talked about Trading Standards scheme to protect the vulnerable from scammers and the return of the 'Nottingham Knockers'.

11 North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

- 11.1 Cllr Carter provided an overview of the matters current on the current NBPPC agenda which included: Milton Keynes expansion plans and the estate regeneration project; the undertaking by Bucks Council not to remove public comments from the planning portal without widespread consultation; the Cambridge to Oxford Arc.

² For details: <https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>.

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12 Urgent Matters for Report and/or the Next Agenda

12.1 The Chair said he had been approached by residents asking whether NPC was planning to respond to the war in Ukraine. The councillors would be consulted outside of the meeting.

Action: Cllr Williams to consult.

13 Committee Timetable 2022/3

13.1 NPC approved the following meeting dates:

Thursday 26 May 2022	Annual Meeting of the Parish – 7pm
Thursday 26 May 2022	Annual Meeting of NPC
Thursday 14 July 2022	NPC Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 15 September 2022	NPC Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 17 November 2022	NPC Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 19 January 2023	NPC Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 16 March 2023	NPC Meeting 7.30pm

Action: Clerk to book Village Hall.

Meeting closed at: 9.20pm.

Chair's signature:

Date:

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Appendix

Bus Shelter Project Finance and Donations Report				
Income				
W&VCB	£1,110			
NPC	£550			
NVHC	£550			
Total	£2,210			
Expenditure (excl VAT)				
Roof removal	£495.00			
Concrete crusher	£304.75			
Build materials	£1,465.00			
Skip	£85.00			
Total	£2,349.75			
Funding shortfall covered by NPC		£139.75		
Demolition donated labour				
Cllrs Collins, Shekar, Williams and York				
Materials donated for the build				
Sandtex Exterior masonry paint			£55.86	
Solar PIR light			£20.99	
7 x 3.2 m posts 100 mm x 100mm			£175.00	
Shelving and cupboards			£500.00	
Total additional materials (Cllr Williams)			£751.85	
Build donated labour				
Cllr Williams and Gary White			£1,500.00	
Painting donated labour				
Cllr Williams and York, and Robert Meardon				
Interior fit out donated labour				
Cllr and Alison Williams				