

Nash Parish Council (NPC)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 June 2022, commencing at 7.40pm in Nash Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Williams (Chair); Cllr Carter; Cllr Collins; Cllr Wyke; Cllr York (items 5 - 14).
Buckinghamshire Council, Cllr Sir Beville Stanier.

In Attendance: Deborah Evans (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

1 Casual Vacancy

- 1.1 The Chair confirmed there had been only one application for the vacancy created by Chandra Shekar's resignation from Michelle Crack of 20a High Street Nash.
- 1.2 NPC **resolved** to approve Mrs Crack's co-option to NPC by a majority vote¹.
- 1.3 The new councillor completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office; was congratulated on her appointment and joined the meeting.
Action: Clerk to inform Buckinghamshire Council; complete the legal requirements and circulate an updated councillor contact list once Mrs Crack's NPC email account was in place.

2 Apologies for Absence

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Hickey and the Buckinghamshire Council Councillors John Chilver and David Goss.

3 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda

- 3.1 No interests were declared.

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- 4.1 NPC **resolved** to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on 26 May 2022. The Chair then signed the minutes as an accurate record.

5 Public Participation Session

- 5.1 No matters were raised.
- 5.2 Cllr Collins asked for it to be minuted that no members of the public had attended the meeting remotely.

6 Planning

- 6.1 **22/01275/APP** Clipper Cottage, 1B Stratford Road, Nash, MK17 0ES.
Householder application for entrance gates (Retrospective).
- 6.2 NPC **resolved** to endorse the no object consultation response.
- 6.3 **22/01634/APP** 69 High Street, Nash, MK17 0EP.
Householder application for demolition of double garage, single storey side/rear extension, side extension and new front porch.
- 6.4 NPC **resolved** to endorse the no objection consultation response prepared by Cllrs Collins and Wyke.
- 6.5 **22/01322/APP** 27 High Street, Nash, MK17 0EP. Erection of shed.
- 6.6 NPC **resolved** to endorse the no objection consultation response prepared by Cllrs Hickey and Shekar.

¹ There were four votes in favour and an abstention.

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Ongoing Planning Matter

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

Nash Neighbourhood Plan NNP

6.8 The Chair thanked the Chair of the NNP Committee and the Councillors for dealing with the External Examiners' queries so promptly.

Post meeting note: The External Examiner intends wait for the outcome of Appeal21/00115/REF (the Church Farm Land North of All Saints Close, MK17 0ES) before finalising his report.

7 Finance Report

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

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
04/05/2022	Walker Grounds Care	Devolved grass cutting April	£430.50
04/05/2022	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Parish grass March	£188.40
04/05/2022	The Play Inspection Company	Safety inspection	£474.00
04/05/2022	NVHC	Jubilee Celebration donation	£500.00
04/05/2022	NBPPC	Annual subscription	£20.00
06/05/2022	Rhys Collins	Plaque reimbursement	£33.27
06/05/2022	Walshingham Planning	Appeal response (church farm)	£1,500.00
09/05/2022	HSBC	Fees April	£8.00
09/05/2022	eon error credit for next quarter	Quarterly streetlight maintenance	£49.50
09/05/2022	BMKALC	Clerks Essentials training (Debbie)	£38.00
30/05/2022	Npower for eon	Streetlighting April	£51.60
31/05/2022	eon	Streetlight quarterly maintenance	£49.50
31/05/2022	Arthur J Gallagher Insurance	Supplementary premium	£56.03
31/05/2022	Arthur J Gallagher Insurance	Insurance renewal	£901.58
08/06/2022	Walker Ground Care	Devolved Grass May	£460.50
08/06/2022	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Parish grass April	£372.47
08/06/2022	Alison Robinson	Norton Licence reimbursement	£64.99
08/06/2022	Alison Robinson	St George's Fag reimbursement	£29.95
08/06/2022	HSBC	Fees May	£8.00
16/06/2022	NJ Blackwell Garden Services	Parish grass April and March increase	£401.05
21/06/2022	Alison Robinson	Office removal reimbursement	£78.00
23/06/2022	Trevor Evans	Laptop and Printer/Scanner MOT	£45.00
27/06/2022	Deborah Evans	Shredder and oil reimbursement	£39.81
28/06/2022	Kompan Ltd	Inv 240771 additional order	£3,255.32
28/06/2022	Alison Robinson	Mileage 15.7.21 - 22.6.22	£114.19
28/06/2022	HMRC	PAYE 1.4.22 - 30.6.22	£194.20
28/06/2022	Alison Robinson	Salary 1.4.22 - 30.6.22	£851.90
28/06/2022	Kompan Ltd	Invoices 238932 and 239646	£44,399.99
28/06/2022	Npower	Streetlighting May	£49.91
Total			£54,665.66

7.2 NPC **noted** the following receipts:

Date	Received From	Description	Amount
03/05/2022	Alison Robinson	Flag reimbursement repaid	£21.99
03/06/2002	HSBC	Asset Reserve Interest	£0.36
03/06/2022	HSBC	Asset Reserve Interest	£1.78
21/06/2022	Bucks Council	W&VCB Flagpole Grant	£208.22
Total			£232.35

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7.3 NPC **noted** the financial position on 31 May and 30 June 2022:

Bank Statement Balance as at 31.5.22		
Current/Community Account	21211633	£44,666.38
General Reserve Account	31211862	£14,249.15
Asset Reserve Account	41212850	£2,892.91
Total Bank Accounts		£61,808.44
Cash Book		
Opening Balance as at 01.5.20		£66,086.83
Add Receipts		£21.99
Less Payments		£4,300.38
Closing Balance as at 31.5.20		£61,808.44
Bank Statement Balance as at 30.6.22		
Current/Community Account	21211633	£49,565.31
General Reserve Account	31211862	£6,307.93
Asset Reserve Account	41212850	£180.27
Total Bank Accounts		£56,053.51
Less Unpresented Cheque		
28.6.22 chq no 101314 Kompan		£44,399.99
Adjusted Balance		£11,653.52
Cash Book		
Opening Balance as at 01.6.22		£61,808.44
Add Receipts		£210.36
Less Payments		£50,365.28
Closing Balance as at 30.6.22		£11,653.52

7.4 NPC **resolved** to approve the updated Asset Register.

8 Matters Around the Village

Nash Recreation and Playground Area

8.1 Cllr York reported the play area refurbishment had now been completed. The balance of the S106 funding has been received and the Kompan invoices paid.

Action: Clerk to confirm whether the VAT recovery had been submitted and the amount involved.

8.2 Cllr Wyke said the hedge to the right of the recreation ground was overgrown and asked who was responsible for its maintenance. The Chair confirmed it was the responsibility of the private landowner.

8.3 The rabbit problem was discussed again. The unmaintained adjacent land appeared to be the source of the problem.

Action: Clerk to endeavour to establish who owned the unmaintained land.

Pond

8.4 NPC was of the view that a volunteer pond clear was not required this year.

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Flag Policy

- 8.5 Cllr Collins proposed the adoption of the draft flag policy, Cllr Carter seconded the motion and NPC **resolved** to adopt it.

Action: Clerk to add flag policy to the Standing Orders as an Appendix.

Parish Flag Competition

- 8.6 The competition should be publicised again because the response received so far disappointing.

Action: Clerk to prepare a flyer to remind the community about the competition.

Nash Exchange

- 8.7 The Chair confirmed, despite several phone calls and emails, the Planning Enforcement Officer had not responded and that he therefore considered the matter closed. He said although no individual(s) had been nominated to be responsible for the Nash Exchange, it was being well looked after by the community using it.

Nash In Bloom

- 8.8 The Chair said Nash in Bloom was now being run or operated by three village officials as a community project, rather than an NPC project.

Litter Pick Between the Villages

- 8.9 Autumn litter pick to be discussed at the next meeting.

Street and Road Signs

- 8.10 The replacement of the missing and damaged road signs remained outstanding.

Action: Clerk to request a further update from the Area Technician.

Footpaths and Hedges

- 8.11 Cllr Crack confirmed she would be responsible for matters relating to the footpaths and hedges in the village. Cllr Carter undertook to provide her with a map of the footpaths.

Action: Cllr Carter to provide footpath map.

The Old Chapel Graveyard

- 8.12 The Trustees were seeking permission from The Charity Commission for the £10,000 to be transferred to NPC for its future upkeep.

What3words

- 8.13 Cllr Collins explained how what3words worked. The Chair asked the councillors to download and familiarise themselves with the What3words App so it could be discussed at the next meeting.

Action: All to ensure they are familiar with what3words before the next meeting.

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

- 8.14 Cllr Wyke reiterated his concerns about the footbridge. The landowner was of the view that it was satisfactory and did not require any modifications. Cllr Wyke was asked to seek quote for the work to enable him to decide whether he wished to personally cover the cost and seek permission from the landowner to undertake the work.

Action: Cllr Wyke to take forward.

Post Box(s)

- 8.15 There was currently nothing further to report.

Any Other Matters Around the Village

- 8.16 Cllr York reported three curb stones in High Street had been displaced and were now a potential trip hazard.

Action: Clerk to report the matter to Transport for Bucks.

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9 Jubilee 2022

9.1 Cllr Carter introduced the discussion paper he had prepared.

9.2 The discussion mainly focused on the section "Parish Council Matters" and specifically on the need to clearly define what was meant by the term "fully informed". The following revisions were suggested:

- "The closure of the access road to 35% of Nash residents is not a trivial matter. The council should resolve that closure of any Nash street for leisure purposes should require council approval at a full council meeting. The council will only approve it if they are assured that the residents are fully informed and that the majority have no objection ~~are in favour~~".
- "Fully informed means that all houses on the High Street (or whichever street is to be closed) have had a leaflet dropped through their letterbox informing them of the event. It is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor assigned to the organising committee to confirm to the Parish Council that the leaflet drop has been completed."

9.3 The Chair asked Cllr Carter to revise his proposed amendment of the Standing Orders to take account of the discussion and prepare a revised version for discussion at the meeting in September.

Action: Cllr Carter to take forward as requested.

9.4 The advantages of the recreation ground having a power supply was discussed.

Action: Clerk to contact Anglia Water to find out whether a spur could be run from the pumping station.

9.5 NPC **resolved** unanimously to ask the Village Hall Trustees whether the grant provided to facilitate the event held on the recreation ground could be returned to NPC in view of the considerable profit it made.

Action: Clerk to write to the Village Hall Trustees.

10 Buckinghamshire Council

10.1 Cllr Stanier reported Child Services was no longer in special measures. He commended Bucks Council for how the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis was being managed. Cllr Stanier shared his concerns about the length of time taken to deal with planning matters in the Aylesbury Vale Area.

11 Winslow and Villages Community Board

11.1 W&VCB covered 28 parishes. There was £128,000 available for distribution in 2022/3. Cllr Stainer urged NPC to apply for grant funding if needed. Voluntary groups were eligible to apply to the Small Grant Scheme (£1,000 maximum) for things such as transport or equipment.

12 NBPPC

12.1 Cllr Carter talked about the possibility of a large-scale development on the disused airfield between Little Horwood and Great Horwood, which could put the need for the A421 to become a dual carriageway back on the agenda. Cllr Stanier said the large development at Shenley Park due to be built in the next few years would significantly increase the traffic on the A421.

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13 Urgent Matters to Report

13.1 Cllr Collins raised the importance of the Finance Group continuing and was reassured that it would – the matter would be reviewed again in six months.

14 Future Meetings

14.1 NPC **resolved** to reschedule the September and January meetings:

- Thursday ~~45~~ **22** September 2022 7.30pm
- Thursday 17 November 2022 7.30pm
- Thursday 19 January 2023 7.30pm **TBC**
- Thursday ~~46~~ **30** March 2023 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 20.38pm

Chair's signature:

Date: