Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 30 March 2023, commencing at 7.30pm in Nash Village Hall

**Present**: Cllr Williams (Chair); Cllr Hickey; Cllr Collins; Cllr York; Cllr Phillips; Cllr Carter; Buckinghamshire Council; Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

**In Attendance**: One member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence**
	1. Apologies were received from Cllr John Chilver.
2. **Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
	1. No interests were declared.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
	1. Following a minor amendment to item 8.8.1, NPC resolved to approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on 19.01.23, proposed by Cllr Collins and seconded by Cllr Carter. The Vice Chair then signed the minutes as an accurate record.
4. **Public Participation Session**
	1. One member of the public raised the question of the large overflow of water on the corner of Stratford Road west of the Village Hall and mentioned that the streetlight in the same location was not working. It was noted that the land containing the ditch into which water should drain had been sold. Cllr Stanier undertook to contact the appropriate authority to ensure the flooding did not recur. Cllr Williams undertook to contact Anglian water and consider ways of clearing the ditch.
5. **Matters Around the Village**
	1. Nash Recreation Ground and Play Area
		1. Cllr York reported that he had removed the redundant signs that had been put up last year. He advised that the no parking signs on the gate should be replaced since they were now faded and almost illegible. Cllr York had put grass seed on the mound where the rabbits had damaged the grass and added that the rabbits and moles were still a problem.
	2. Formal appointment of Clerk
		1. Cllr Hickey reported that the Clerk who would have been appointed had been forced to resign on medical grounds. Cllr Hickey proposed that at this point the Council should appoint a locum as soon as possible – the proposal was seconded by Cllr Collins. Cllr Hickey agreed to initiate a search for a permanent Clerk.
	3. Street and Road Signs
		1. Cllr Stanier stated that he had reported the missing road signs. One of them had been repaired but the others had not. Cllr Stanier resolved to report this again.
	4. Footpaths and Hedgerows
		1. This had been the remit of Cllr Crack, who had now resigned. Cllr Collins volunteered to take over this responsibility. Cllr Carter stated that part of the North Bucks Way was blocked.
	5. The Old Chapel Graveyard
		1. Cllr Carter reported that the ground had been rotavated and seeded, and that the Trust would like to make a contribution towards the village. It was thought that this might be given to Nash in Bloom, depending on the size of the contribution.
	6. Nash Book Exchange
		1. Cllr Phillips reported that the door handle had not yet been replaced. Cllr Williams agreed that he would organise this repair, as well as that of the door, which was sagging.
		2. Cllr Hickey stated that the executors of the will of David Weatherhead had expressed an interest in donating some books on local history which had belonged to the deceased to the book Exchange. This offer was gratefully received.
	7. Heritage List and Settlement Review
		1. Cllr Collins reported that the Settlement Review was now submitted and that he would inform the Council of any feedback.
	8. Blocked drain adjacent to the Village Hall.
		1. This had already been dealt with in the Public Participation Session.
	9. Communication from the Allotment Committee
		1. The Allotment Committee asked the Council to approve a new member following the death of David Weatherhead. The applicant was Mr Desmond Hickey. This was approved unanimously apart from the abstention of Cllr Hickey, who registered an interest.
	10. Councillor vacancy
		1. Following the resignation of Cllr Crack there is now a vacancy on the NPC. Cllr Hickey stated that one villager had registered an interest in becoming a Councillor.
	11. Any Other Matters Around the Village
		1. Cllr Williams mentioned that the Village Hall is organising an event on the Coronation weekend. The possibility of contributing to this was discussed.
6. **Buckinghamshire Council**
	1. Cllr Stanier reported that the Buckinghamshire Council’s precept had been increased by 4.99%. He reported that the creation of the Unitary Council had meant substantial financial savings, which was why the precept increase would be lower than previously anticipated.
	2. Cllr Stanier reported that many potholes had had temporary repairs in order to make them safe. These would not last, but the intention was to make permanent repairs when the weather improved.
	3. Cllr Stanier commented that Buckinghamshire Council was looking for large houses for the substantial number of Afghan and Ukrainian refugees in the area.
7. **Winslow and Villages Community Board (W&VCB)**
	1. Cllr Stanier reported that the Winslow and Villages Community Board had about £100,000 available for projects and that they would welcome applications from the parish councils. Cllr Williams suggested an application for electricity and water to the recreation ground, which was unanimously agreed. Cllr Williams volunteered to take this forward.
8. **North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)**
	1. The NBPPC was looking for a replacement Chairman.
9. **Urgent Matters for Report and/or the Next Agenda**
	1. There were no urgent matters for report.
10. **Future Meetings**
	1. NPC noted the dates of the future meetings:
	Thursday 18 May 2023 APM 7.00pm AGM 7.30pm

Thursday 20 July 2023 7.30pm

Thursday 21 September 2023 7.30pm

Thursday 23 November 2023 7.30pm

**Meeting Closed** 20.45pm

**Chair’s signature: ……………………………………… Date: ………………….**