

**Minutes of the Annual Nash Parish Meeting held on
Thursday 18th May 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Williams (Chair), Cllr Hickey, Cllr Collins, Cllr York, Cllr Phillips, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO
Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Chilver
8 members of the public (MoP)

1. Introductory Matters

- (a) Cllr Williams welcomed everyone to the annual parish meeting.
- (b) No apologies received.
- (c) Appointment of a Clerk for the meeting – Kelly Harris was appointed as Clerk for this meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Hickey / Seconded: Cllr Phillips / Agreed unanimously

2. Annual Parish Meeting Minutes 2022

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr York / Seconded: Cllr Hickey / Agreed unanimously

3. Nash Parish Council Annual Report and Review

Cllr Williams read through his PowerPoint presentation (copy attached).

In addition to the presentation, the following was highlighted:

- Planning – the Neighbourhood Plan is now in place and is considered against all planning applications.
- The PC has received only one complaint regarding the rise in precept for this financial year. Cllrs considered the increase very carefully and would have preferred not to raise the precept.
- The next litter pick to be held in March 2024.
- Need to find a volunteer to monitor and maintain the two pumps – this is something for the PC to consider.
- Nash flag poles under the guardianship of Cllr Collins.
- Land to side of the recreation ground went up for sale earlier this year and there was interest from the traveller community. Cllr Williams confirmed he has purchased it and part of this land is being sold to a resident with the remaining 1.3 acres to be offered to the PC to purchase at a price equivalent to what Cllr Williams paid for it plus costs. Cllr Williams has spoken to Mel Woolf at BMKALC about how the PC can pay for it. Cllr Williams advised he will need to remove himself from any discussions on this matter.
- Dog litter around the village is improving and the village hall bins are being used for this.
- Grass cutting – contracts have been renewed, but the PC are talking about the possibility of using local contractors as it is felt the grass cutting is not of a high quality.
- Nash in Bloom – currently has £600 in the bank and looking for additional volunteers.
- Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Collins feels Neighbourhood Watch should be advertised more widely and also that a co-ordinator is required.
- There is a Charter stating the PC, Church and Village Hall would underwrite the newsletter costs if this is ever needed. The PC would be responsible for £100 towards costs in a crisis.

4. Village Organisations and Activities

a) Nash Village Hall Committee – Richard Evans

- 18 July 2022 AGM
- New Trustees following election of new officers. Richard Evans and Cathi Collins. Vineet Manghani existing.
- 2022 Jubilee success – Brought new committee together brought in by previous Chairman
- General increase in use and bookings through 2022
- £250 donation to Nash in Bloom
- £500 returned to Parish Council – thank you for your support – (£150 Postbox)
- New storage for marquees to relieve space in the annexe and re-housing of wooden chairs
- Marquees are currently away for repair
- New bar area and bar
- Works completed by Gary White and Andy Thirtle with assistance from some other committee members
- Huge cost saving on labour. Works came in slightly over budget of £2500
- The bar has been exceptionally well received by all – small meeting room. Takings are up
- Resignation of Fete Committee Chairman – Hillary Young
- 2022 saw three important funerals - David Weatherhead, Norman Buxton – QE11. The new bar has been named Buxton's Bar
- Social events – monthly cafes and pumps, two quizzes, live music evening and other events
- Repairs to village roof, contractor ceased work and asked for the presence of asbestos to be investigated. Report came in that only small amount in existence and can be left.
- Fire Health and Safety update
- Transfer of Alcohol Licence to NVHMC – started last autumn – meeting December 2022 – Management Committee now wholly responsible
- Cost challenges, particularly electricity. £150 - £300 per month – investigate timer switches

Next projects

- Acoustics in hall – wall baffles
- Better media conference facility and broadcasting for meetings
- Online booking system – Lemon Bookings 30 day trial
- Annual budget £5000 for hall improvements
- Investigate running of services to the Rec
- Investigate possibility of hiring bar

Social events

- Nash Fest 2023 - 1 July. Hoping to sell 500 tickets

b) Parochial Church Council – Margaret Hedges

- Services each week and more or less back to normal after Covid.
- The church has a Nash choir and hosts a regular fellowship group, meditation, and activities for children. On Good Friday, 21 children were in attendance.
- The finances are doing quite well, and the Church is now building reserves. Three major problems reported – repair of the roof which is going to be very expensive, path to main entrance is cracking and path to village hall needs widening to twice the width.
- New lights were installed 20 years ago in the roof and now LED lights are required, but scaffolding will be required.
- Heating – a lottery grant was used to replace heaters 10+ years ago. Lots of the elements have gone and new heaters are currently being investigated. Under-pew heating is being considered.

- All of the finances will be spent on these jobs, so the Church will need to apply for grants/funding.

The full annual review and finance report can be found attached to these minutes.

c) Allotment Committee – Des Hickey

Des Hickey confirmed he has been invited to join the committee as trustee. Trustees should not have an allotment, which is one of the reasons he was chosen.

There will be a meeting held shortly and there will be a big push over the next few years to join the allotment committee.

The allotment committee own much more land than what is seen with the current allotments (area to left of allotments and beyond).

In future, initial joiners will be offered a half sized plot until they are comfortable with it, before being offered more.

d) Elmer's Charity – Mick Hedges

Elmer's continues to support worthy requests from individuals from the five villages and from representatives suggesting ways to aid the villages as a whole. A new owner has been found for the mobility scooter that was purchased jointly by Elmer's and the Nash Church Hall Committee. The scooter will go to a villager from Maids Morton.

5. Electors - To consider any matters raised by local government electors on the current electoral roll for Nash for future consideration by the Parish Council

A MoP questioned the raise in precept and Cllr Williams explained the increase and what has caused this (energy costs, Nash Park planning consultants etc.). The PC will always try and keep the precept as low as possible.

A MoP suggested it might be worth highlighting what the PC is responsible for and what the precept money is spent on. Cllrs advised this is already in the newsletter and on the website.

6. Any Other Urgent Matters for Discussion

There were no urgent matters raised for discussion.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 19.53.

Chair:

Date:

Nash Village Hall, Strafford Road, Nash, MK17 0ES.
07793131810 clerk@nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk