

**Minutes of the Annual Nash Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 18th May 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Williams (Chair), Cllr Hickey, Cllr Collins, Cllr York, Cllr Phillips, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO
Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Chilver

1. To elect the Chairman and to receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office
Cllr Collins proposed Cllr Williams; this was seconded by Cllr York. There being no further nominations, Cllrs voted unanimously to re-elect Cllr Williams as Chair. The declaration of acceptance of office was then signed by Cllr Williams and the Clerk.

2. To elect Vice-Chair
Cllr Collins proposed Cllr Hickey; this was seconded by Cllr Phillips. There being no further nominations, Cllrs voted unanimously to re-elect Cllr Hickey as Vice-Chair.

3. To receive apologies for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Sir Beville Stanier.

Cllr Williams advised that Cllr Carter had resigned with immediate effect, so Nash PC now has two vacancies. The Clerk has advised Bucks CC of the vacancies and once we get the go ahead from them to co-opt new councillors, the vacancies will be advertised. Cllr Williams confirmed there are already two interested candidates.

4. To receive declarations of interest
Cllr Williams declared an interest in the land bordering the recreation ground being offered to the PC, if it were to come up in discussions this evening.

5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 30th March 2023
The draft minutes were agreed unanimously and approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

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

6. Public participation session
There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

7. Planning

a) 23/01384/APP – Nash Park, Nash Road, MK17 0FD

Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application. Please see attached planning objection.

b) 23/01387/APP – Nicholls Wood Farm, Winslow Road, MK17 0EJ

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application, but the building should have an agricultural purposes restriction as a residence for the incumbent farmer.

c) 23/01316/APP – 69 High Street, MK17 0EP

Cllr Phillips is experiencing issues with the planning portal. She will keep trying to access it to allow her to formulate a response for Cllrs to agree to.

d) 23/01299/APP – The Rectory, Stratford Road, MK17 0ES

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application, however, they felt that a drainage report is needed given that flooding already occurs in the area and there are concerns that the existing problem could be exacerbated.

e) 1 All Saints Close, MK17 0FG

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

f) 23/00763/CPE – The Bungalow, Nicholls Wood Farm, Winslow Road, MK17 0EJ

This is an extension to planning application 23/01387/APP (above, point b).

There were no other planning matters to discuss.

8. Finance

To consider and approve as appropriate the information provided in the finance reports:

a) Payments and receipts

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

b) Financial position on 31st March 2023 and 30th April 2023 as circulated

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

c) To agree and sign the Annual Governance and Accounting Statement for the year ended 31st March 2023

Agreed unanimously and signed by the Chair

d) To agree the dates *Monday 5th June 2023 – Friday 14th July 2023* for Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return

Agreed unanimously

The Clerk was asked to contact Mel Woof at BMKALC for the appropriate paperwork for PWLB loans. **Action:** Clerk to make contact.

9. Matters around the village

a) Nash recreation ground and play area

Cllr York raised his concerns around changing the grass cutting contractors. If local suppliers are to be used, the PC will need to ensure they have the right equipment and insurance in place. Cllr York is pleasantly surprised by how good the play areas are looking.

Cllr Collins advised the PC will need to be more specific with what is required in terms of the cutting around the village.

Action: Clerk to check the contracts we have in place with Blackwells and Carters to find out when they expire.

b) Formal appointment of Clerk

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the appointment of Kelly Harris as Nash Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.

c) Street and road signs

All road signs are either in hedges or on the floor. The chevrons at the bottom of Little Horwood Road were mentioned again. These have been reported via Fix My Street and Cllr Stanier was due to look into it on behalf of Nash PC. Cllr Chilver will now follow this up.

d) Footpaths and hedgerows

Cllr Collins has cleared the North Bucks Way going south as it was blocked.

e) Any other matters around the village

No other matters to discuss.

10. Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr Chilver advised their annual meeting had taken place and recommended the PC take a look at the website for more information.

He mentioned the new highways contract that started on 1st April 2023 and that this should lead to better quality jobs being undertaken.

The council has invested £5 million towards potholes.

The issue of missed bins was mentioned by Cllrs. Cllr Chilver believes there may be new crews working who aren't familiar with the routes. Cllr Chilver will respond to the email Cllr Williams has sent to him regarding this matter.

11. Winslow and Villages Community Board (W&VCB)

Cllr Gomm has been elected as the new Chair of this board. Cllr Chilver encouraged councillors to apply for grants as the new budget is now in place. There is no confirmed date for the next community board meeting, but it is likely to be in June/July.

12. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

Cllrs agreed to wait until the PC is back to capacity before deciding who will take this over from David Carter.

13. Urgent matters for report and/or next agenda

An extraordinary meeting may be required in mid-June to approve co-option of new councillors.

14. Future meetings

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

Thursday 20th July

Thursday 21st September

Thursday 23rd November

All meetings will be held in Nash Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 20.40.

Chair:

Date:

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