

**Minutes of the Nash Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Williams (Chair), Cllr Collins, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Nicholson, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO

Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Sir Beville Stanier

In attendance: 2 members of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Boothby.

2. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Williams declared an interest in the Safesmart field.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd November 2023

The draft minutes were agreed unanimously by those Cllrs in attendance at the last meeting and approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

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

Matters Arising from the minutes (not dealt with by the Agenda)

No matters were raised.

4. Public participation session

No points were raised by the MoPs in attendance.

5. Planning

(a) 23/03966/VRC

1 The Green

Variation of condition 3 (plans) relating to application 20/01617/APP (Two storey side extension and part two storey, part single storey rear extensions)

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

(b) Ongoing Planning Matters

To receive the written report about ongoing planning matters

There were no comments made on this report.

(c) Any Other Planning Matters of Relevance to Nash

There were no other planning matters raised.

6. Finance

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

a) Payments and receipts

The information in the finance reports was approved.

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

b) Financial position on 30th November 2023 and 31st December 2023 as circulated

The information in the finance reports was approved.

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

7. Matters around the village

a) Nash recreation ground and play area

- **To receive an update on the Safesmart field and community orchard project**

Cllr Nicholson provided Cllrs with a document to update them on costs and a suggested timeline for completing the work. He has suggested delaying planting of the trees until November 2024 as the groundwork cannot take place until summer due to how wet the field is. Cllr Nicholson will request an extension to the grant provided by the Tree Council. At the next PC meeting in March, Cllr Nicholson will present all the quotes he will have received by then and seek approval to proceed.

Cllr Williams asked Cllr Stanier whether the PC can apply for extra funding for this project from the Community Board, seeing as the costs are likely to increase. Cllr Stanier believes anything is possible, but we would need to apply quickly due to the financial situation at Bucks Council. The next Community Board meeting takes place online on 7th February, and the Community Board will require information from the PC by 29th January for it to be included. Cllr Williams confirmed he will join the meeting.

Cllr Nicholson wanted to know what electrical cabling had been agreed to and how much power will be pulled from it. Cllr Williams confirmed 30amps and that this had been discussed with local electricians who were happy with the power load.

The Clerk has only received two responses to the draft lease agreement emailed out to Councillors earlier this month. Cllr Phillips confirmed she will send her response. The Clerk will then go back to the solicitor with any changes and will send the amended lease to Safesmart for comment. **Action: Cllr Phillips/Clerk**

- **To receive an update on CCTV at the recreation ground**

The Clerk has spoken to Akita, the supplier of the CCTV equipment and has updated costs. She has been quoted up to £500 for an onsite visit to quote for the installation of an electrical sub-meter.

Cllr Williams asked the Clerk to contact CSG UK for a quote for the CCTV equipment and installation. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Nicholson is going to speak to a local electrician and will pass their details onto the Clerk to obtain another quote for the sub-meter. **Action: Cllr Nicholson/Clerk**

b) Street and road signs

The signs are still down or missing, but Cllr Nicholson confirmed that Matt Whincup from Bucks Council has ordered a new sign to be installed. This has been ongoing for quite some time and Cllr Stanier confirmed he will chase Matt about this again. Cllr Nicholson will also continue to pursue Matt to get the work completed.

c) Footpaths and hedgerows

There was no information or issues to report.

d) Any other matters around the village

- **To receive an update on the village pump and to discuss the following points:**
 - **Does the PC want to repair the pump back to its working state or merely a decorative state?** Cllrs and residents would like to see the pump restored to full working condition.
 - **Does the PC want to try and install a far more substantial crash barrier or railings around the pump** – Cllr Nicholson suggested installing poles 3 ft into the ground surrounding the pump to protect the pump from accidents like this happening again. Cllrs agreed to delay making a decision on this until the pump has been repaired.
 - **Does the PC want to contact the “Repair Shop” to see if they would be willing to sort the repair for us** – Cllrs did not discuss this opportunity as they now have a supplier who can carry out the repairs.

Cllr Nicholson provided details on what had happened with the pump and where he was with the repair. A gentleman called Mr Goodger who works as a blacksmith believes he can repair the whole pump and he will supply the PC with a quote. Cllr Nicholson would prefer to give the whole job to one company, rather than to split the work amongst a number of suppliers. Mr Goodger has experience in working on pumps and his repair will allow the pump to be fully functional again.

The PC wanted to place on record how grateful they are to Mrs Hedges for the help she has provided with information on previous repairs to the pump.

- **To discuss the situation with grass cutting contracts**

The Clerk was asked to speak to Ian Walker and ask him to provide a quote for the work currently covered by NJ Blackwell (two extra verges, recreation ground) and to also quote for the new Safesmart field and to cut around the planters. The PC need to look at the costs and decide whether to go back to Bucks Council Devolved Services to negotiate new prices.

Action: Clerk

- **To discuss the safety of road users at the north end of the High Street and the possible erection of mirrors**

A resident has raised this issue but after discussions, the Council feels this is not a priority and is not something the Council feel they want to support at this stage.

8. Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr Stanier advised the Government yesterday announced a £500 million increase to council funding and Bucks Council will receive a share of this.

Cabinet has voted for extra funding for road repairs.

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

Cllr Stanier advised the Community Board are desperate to keep the funding they have and to do this, anything unspent so far needs to be spent before the end of the financial year.

10. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

Cllrs Phillips attended the last meeting and noted that Neighbourhood Plans are being used effectively. Bucks Council is under pressure to find development sites and there are concerns that developers build what makes the most money, not what is necessarily needed. There will be an application submitted shortly for a solar farm in Beachampton. The next meeting is scheduled for 17th April which Cllr Phillips will attend.

11. Urgent matters for report and/or next agenda

No urgent matters to discuss.

12. Future meetings

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

Thursday 21st March 2024

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Thursday 25th July 2024

Thursday 19th September 2024

Thursday 21st November 2024

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 20.50.

Chair:

Date:

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