

**Minutes of the Nash Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.30pm**

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

Buckinghamshire Council: No Cllrs in attendance

In attendance: 3 members of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Stanier and Cllr Chilver.

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 25th January 2024

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 Phillips / Agreed unanimously

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

No matters were raised.

4. Public participation session

A MoP advised the streetlight on Chapel Path between Stratford Road and the High Street is not working. **Action: Clerk**

5. Planning

24/00370/VRC

The Bungalow, Nicholls Wood Farm, Winslow Road

Removal of condition 4 relating to application 76/01135/AV 9erection of a detached farm bungalow)

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

(a) Ongoing Planning Matters

To receive the written report about ongoing planning matters

There were no comments made on this report.

(b) Any Other Planning Matters of Relevance to Nash

Mr Simon Lascelles talked through his plans for outbuildings at 4 Stratford Road. Plans have not yet been submitted to Bucks Council as he wanted feedback from Councillors before submitting. Cllr Phillips mentioned reference to a reception in the plans which was confirmed to be a porch and it was agreed that this would be changed to vestibule.

Cllr Collins advised that loss of amenity/light for residents on All Saints Close due to the elevation of the buildings needed to be considered and Mr Lascelles confirmed the plans took this into consideration already. The PC advised they will be asked to formally comment on the plans once received by Bucks Council.

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 unanimously approved.

b) Financial position on 31st January and 29th February 2024 as circulated

The information in the finance reports was unanimously approved.

c) To agree to appoint Brian Fludgate as Internal Auditor to the Council for the 2024 audit period

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

d) Annual review and approval of the Parish Council Financial and Management Risk Assessment

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

7. Matters around the village

a) Nash recreation ground and play area

- **PC to sign the Safesmart field lease agreement prepared by Wellers Law Group LLP**

Cllrs unanimously resolved to sign the lease agreement. The Clerk will now send the signed agreement to Wellers Law Group LLP. Cllr Williams did not take part in any discussions or vote on this matter. **Action: Clerk**

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

Cllr Nicholson provided Cllrs with a document containing updated costs for this project prior to the meeting. The project is broken down into three phases and Cllr Nicholson proposed to only take on phase one of this project to begin with (preparation of the field and planting of trees, provision of Boules court and provision of 40' shipping container), and to reassess CCTV and the provision of power at a later date due to the costs involved. Cllr Collins felt an agreement with the Village Hall Committee needed to be in place before we purchase the container, to ensure that they will actually use it. Cllr Williams asked Cllr Nicholson to check with the container supplier that it is ok to place the container onto wooden sleepers instead of a concrete base.

To continue with part one of the project - Proposed: Cllr Nicholson / Seconded: Cllr Collins / Agreed unanimously

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

It was highlighted that if we do not continue with this part of the project, the £1500 grant the PC has received from Thames Valley would need to be returned. It was unanimously agreed that this part of the project should also continue.

b) Street and road signs

A gentleman in the village has offered to fix the sign on Stratford Road/Thornton Road. He also wants to become a Parish Councillor and the Clerk will send to him an application form to complete. **Action: Clerk**

c) Footpaths and hedgerows

A MoP offered the PC a load of small aggregate she is removing to use on the path that runs from Stratford Road towards Thornborough up to the second kissing gate by Holywell cottages. Cllr Collins will find out who owns this path and will report back. **Action: Cllr Collins**

d) Any other matters around the village

- **To receive an update on the village pump**

Cllr Nicolson advised that a resident of the village has been found who can repair the woodwork. The only costs involved would be for the materials. John King is making a handle which just leaves the pipe, but it is believed this can be made of plastic instead of lead. He is hopeful that the wood and the arm will be ready by May and a quote from a blacksmith should be with us in the next few weeks.

It was agreed that the PC would underwrite the cost of the materials required for the woodwork, prior to an insurance payout (approximate cost of £1,521.91).

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

The Clerk advised the insurance claim will be closed in 14 days' time, but it can be reopened at a later date.

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

Cllr Williams proposed to stay with Devolved Services for the 2024/25 period and he will lobby Bucks Council for an uplift in costs over the next 12 months. Cllrs unanimously agreed to this.

It was unanimously agreed that the PC would continue with our existing grass cutting contractors for 2024/25 and that Blackwells would also take on the cutting of the Safesmart field.

- **To discuss the possible erection of a mirror opposite 19 Winslow Road**

Cllr Collins was asked to raise this issue on behalf of a parishioner. The PC resolved they did not want to take on the cost for this and Cllr Collins will provide the resident with contact details for Bucks Highways to request the mirror.

8. Review and approval of the Parish Council Standing Orders

The Standing Orders were readopted by the PC.

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

9. Buckinghamshire Council

No representatives were present at the meeting and no update was provided.

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

Cllr Williams advised that the Community Board has asked to visit the Safesmart field they are contributing to in May 2024.

11. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

Cllrs Phillips confirmed the next meeting is on 17th April.

12. Urgent matters for report and/or next agenda

Cllr Nicholson questioned who maintains the benches in the parish as one of the benches is broken. Cllr Williams will look to fix this. **Action: Cllr Williams**

13. Future meetings

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

Thursday 23rd May 2024 – The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm on this date.

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 20.32.

Chair:

Date:

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