

**Minutes of the Nash Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.30pm**

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

Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Stanier

In attendance: 2 members of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Collins and Cllr Collyer.

2. To receive declarations of interest

No declarations of interested received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th July 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 Boothby / Seconded: Cllr Phillips / Agreed unanimously

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

There was nothing raised.

4. Public participation session

Nothing raised by the 2 MoPs in attendance.

5. Planning

(a) 24/02657/APP – Church Farm, 4 Stratford Road

Demolition of existing stable block and store room. Erection of an annex

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

(b) 24/02468/APP - Green, Adjacent To Nicholls Wood Farm Winslow Road

Conversion and link/extension of 4 redundant stable buildings to provide 1no. dwelling with EV charging point

Cllrs resolved to OBJECT to this application on the grounds that the application does not conform to the Nash Neighbourhood Plan. Previous applications to build on this site have been rejected, and the PC sees no reason for this application to be treated any differently.

(c) 24/02247/APP - 11 All Saints Close

Householder application for fenestration changes to side and rear elevations (Part retrospective)

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.

The hearing for an appeal for the increase of pitches (6) at Nash Park took place on 19th September and Cllr Williams read out a statement on behalf of the PC. We await the decision of the planning inspector.

(b) Any Other Planning Matters of Relevance to Nash

There were no other 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 unanimously approved.

b) Financial position on 31st July 2024 and 31st August 2024 as circulated

The information in the finance reports was unanimously approved.

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 the following update:

As I write the field has been prepared for seeding and I expect seeding to be undertaken in the next week or so. The boules court has not been installed because this needs to take place after the container has been installed, due to spacing. I had agreed with the chairman of the Nash Hall Group that they only needed a 30-foot container, however, 30-foot containers are more costly than 40-foot containers, because a 30-foot is a cut down 40-foot. When you order a container, you cannot see the container until it arrives. I have previously sent images of well-used containers and single-use containers, and you can see the difference. My concern is not just cosmetic. The containers will have a long life, and rust is an important consideration. The cost of a well-used 40-foot container is £1,200 + £500 delivery plus VAT. The cost of a single used 40-foot container is £3,650 + £500 delivery plus VAT. We currently have a budget of £ £2,374.95. I have asked the chairman of the Nash Hall group if he would be happy to make an additional payment for the single-use container. Richard has agreed to put it to the committee and report back. So that we can progress would you please decide if I can order the single-use container or if I have to order a well-used container. I can then get on and order it without further delay. I suggest we get a container in place and then decide about painting or screening.

- To decide whether to purchase a single use or a well-used 40 foot container
The Clerk confirmed Richard from the village hall committee felt the costs shouldn't increase and we should proceed with the well-used container. Cllrs unanimously agreed to this.
- It was also resolved that no agreement needs to be in place for use of the container. The village hall committee will be able to use the container at no cost to them.
- **To receive an update on CCTV at the recreation ground** – no update provided.

b) Street and road signs

Cllr Stanier confirmed he had mentioned the signs to Matt Whincup during his recent meeting with him. However, it was confirmed that these signs are not on his priority list, so no timescales have been given to replace the missing signage.

c) Footpaths and hedgerows

Cllr Boothby advised Chris Smith and John King are happy to install new kissing gates, but they need manpower to be able to do this. Cllr Williams said he was sure the PC would be able to offer their assistance. Cllr Boothby will go back to the landowners to let them know.

Cllr Collins provided the following update:

Hilary has cut the hedge along Ladies Walk/Stratford Road, but the cut through from the High Street to Ladies Walk is still to be done.

I have cut back the beech tree that was hiding the footpath signpost by the Village Hall so that it is visible again.

I have cut back all the foliage interfering with the Parish footpath running from Stratford Road by the Village Hall to the recreation ground.

Following Cllr Boothby's update, I met Amanda to discuss her footpath in late July - no issues.

I checked the North Bucks Way southbound from the Green but couldn't get my hedge trimmer to start. A new spark plug is being delivered and I will hopefully cut it back this week.

d) Any other matters around the village

- **To receive an update on the village pump**
The work on the pump is looking good and we are just waiting on the lead piping part to be replaced.
- To decide whether to proceed with the proposed bridge repairs - £350 has been quoted for the repairs and it was resolved to proceed with them at this price.

Proposed: Cllr Boothby / Seconded: Cllr Phillips / Unanimous

The Clerk was asked to produce a new bin rota and to share it with Cllrs. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Boothby asked who was responsible for clearing around the pumps. It was suggested we approach Nash in Bloom to find out if they would be prepared to look after this. **Action: Clerk**

8. To discuss resident request for NashFest to be relocated away from the village

Cllr Williams confirmed he had received written submissions from Cllrs Collins, Cllr Nicholson and Cllr Collyer regarding this. Cllr Boothby felt there was nowhere outside of Nash to use for this event and that if a licence is in place for the event, the event should be stopped at the times stipulated on that licence.

Cllr Phillips agreed the event should be held at the recreation ground, but if offers to host the event elsewhere are received then these should be investigated.

The general consensus was that only one resident had an issue with the event and that most residents enjoy it. The PC did their best to find alternative sites, but they are all privately owned and would come at a cost.

A MoP advised his issue was whether the event was under responsible management and that the numbers attending were low and to what extent this could be referred to as a village event. With the low level of participation, does it warrant this amount of support.

Cllr Williams advised the council had given this serious consideration and it was agreed that the PC would ensure the management team stick to the terms of the licence to prevent permission to use the recreation ground being removed in the future.

Proposed: Cllr Boothby / Seconded: Cllr Phillips / Unanimous

9. Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr Stanier talked about planning and advised that the housing target for Bucks has increased by 42% per annum.

He advised that the council is very stretched on anything non-essential as 79% of their budget goes on social care, leaving very little to spend elsewhere.

On a personal note, Whaddon PC are looking to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and he asked Cllr Williams for information regarding how to get started and who Nash used to produce their plan. Cllr Williams was happy to offer assistance where he could.

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

Cllr Stanier advised the Community Boards is being re-worked for next year. Jilly Jordan is now the Chair. The boards will cover double, if not triple, the area they currently look after.

11. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

Cllrs Phillips advised Cllrs that the last meeting took place on 18th September and most of the time was spent on the new planning proposals. They will be working on a response for the planning consultation.

It was suggested that land in the North of Buckinghamshire will be developed first due to the lower cost of the land. There was discussion on Neighbourhood Plans and how much use these will be moving forward. It was agreed they are good for smaller developments, but they do not carry much weight for large scale developments and solar farms.

Shenley Dens Farm development – there is a consultation deadline of 8th October and Nash has been asked to respond to this consultation. Cllr Stanier will ask one of his Whaddon Cllrs to send the information to Cllr Williams and the Clerk.

12. Urgent matters for report and/or next agenda

Nothing to report.

Cllr Williams advised that he will not stand for re-election at the May 2025 elections after nearly 10 years as Chairman of the Parish Council.

13 Future meetings

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

Thursday 3 rd October	Public meeting with Callum Anderson MP	7.30pm
Thursday 21 st November 2024	NPC Meeting	7.30pm

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 20.20.

Chair:

Date:

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