

**Minutes of the Nash Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 20th March 2025 at 7.30pm**

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

Buckinghamshire Council: Cllr Stanier

In attendance: 1 member of the public (MoP) in attendance

1. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies received; all Cllrs were in attendance.

2. To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th February 2025

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)

Cllr Williams advised that he had repaired the broken bench.

Cllr Williams advised that he had tried to make contact with David Carter regarding the MVAS battery but had so far not received a response.

4. Public participation session

There was nothing raised.

5. Planning

(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

Nothing 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 January 2025 and 28th February 2025 as circulated

The information in the finance reports for January and February 2025 were unanimously approved.

c) To agree to appoint Brian Fludgate as Internal Auditor to the Council for the 2025 audit period

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

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

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

Cllr Collins will dig out an old park assessment he has on file and will send to the Clerk for monthly checks on the play park to take place. **Action: Cllr Collins**

7. To readopt the updated Financial Regulations, as circulated

Cllrs approved the updated Financial Regulations.

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

8. To agree to signing the Devolved Services agreement for the period 2025/26 – 2028/29

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

9. 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 confirmed the trees have been planted and the claim for funding has been submitted to the tree council.

The container will hopefully be in place in May, followed by the pétanque court in June.

Cllr Collins noted that the ground needs weeding and volunteered to tackle it, but felt he might need some assistance. Cllr Nicholson believes it will be better to spray a herbicide to kill the weeds and will supply the council with a quote for the work. **Action: Cllr Nicholson**

The Clerk is to contact Richard Evans from the Village Hall committee for their £1000 donation to the field project. **Action: Clerk**

• To discuss the possibility of renaming the Safesmart field “Phoenix Orchard”, adding new signage and associated costs

Cllrs unanimously agreed to renaming the Safesmart field “Phoenix Orchard” and Cllr Williams advised he could create and install signage. **Action: Cllr Williams**

• To receive an update on CCTV at the recreation ground

Cllr Collyer confirmed the Sim card needs activating and the Clerk will complete the form w/c 24th March. **Action: Clerk**

• To approve and adopt the CCTV policy as circulated

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

- **To agree CCTV signage at the recreation ground and associated costs**

Cllrs agreed to the CCTV signage shared by Cllr Collyer, with the inclusion of the Clerk's email to the contact details, and Cllr Collyer will get these made and installed at the recreation ground. **Action: Cllr Collyer**

b) Street and road signs

Two signs have finally been installed, but some remain missing. Cllr Stanier advised we speak to the newly elected Buckinghamshire Councillor in May about this.

c) Footpaths and hedgerows

Cllr Boothby advised that the ground is still too damp to install the new kissing gates.

Cllr Boothby has received a couple of complaints from residents regarding the footpath to the pond, as horses are using it, and horse poo is being left behind. The path is also being churned up. There was no appetite amongst Cllrs to install any signage, but it was agreed that a note could be added to the newsletter.

d) Any other matters around the village

To receive an update on the village pump

There has been no change with the pump and nothing to update at this time.

To discuss next steps for the pond following receipt of quotes for flood risk assessments

Two quotes received for the assessments, one for £1,610 and one for £11,850. The assessment was to provide the reasons why the pond floods and what can be done to rectify it. Cllrs agreed the quotes were too expensive to proceed with the assessment.

Two properties flood due to the pond. A sleeper has been installed to the pond which could be adding to the problem. A bigger ditch that moves the water to the playing fields is needed and land owners need to be contacted for this to happen.

Pond dredging – the silt that would be removed could be added to the new orchard. Cllr Williams will investigate whether there are any farmers in the village with a large digger to dredge as much of the pond as possible. **Action: Cllr Williams**

The Clerk will obtain a quote to have the pond professionally dredged. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Boothby has passed on an article to the owners of one of the properties that floods which offers help/advice with flood defence.

To discuss installing additional benches in the village

Cllr Nicholson has requested some additional new benches be installed in the village and he believes we can obtain grants to cover the cost. The Clerk will investigate if there are any grants available. **Action: Clerk**

4 x 4 seat benches in brown recycled material would be required, to include a plaque. The Clerk will investigate costs. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Williams advised that Thames Valley Police and the new Community Board would be worth the new Council approaching for funding for traffic calming measures in the village from May onwards.

10. To discuss the Parish Council's role in any VE Day 80th anniversary events and agree next steps

Cllr Williams confirmed the Village Hall committee are on board with the idea of holding a VE Day celebration on 5th May.

The Parish Council will cover the cost of the event. Cllr Collins will order the flag and Cllrs Williams has provisionally booked the pig roast. Cllr Williams will organise a scavenger hunt.

It was agreed by Cllrs that free drinks were not to be offered.

Cllr Williams offered to organise the event and will work with the Village Hall committee to organise a schedule for the day.

Cllr Williams proposed that a maximum budget of £4000 be allocated to the event. Four Cllrs were in favour, with two against. Cllr Nicholson wanted it noted that he felt it was wrong to agree to use £4000 of tax payers money without knowing exactly what it was being spent on. He had wanted to see a full detailed budget before agreeing.

The Clerk asked that all invoices for the event be made out to Nash Parish Council in order to reclaim the VAT.

11. To discuss the Parish Council moving from HSBC to Unity Trust bank and agree next steps

Due to issues being experienced with HSBC bank, Cllrs agreed to the Clerk moving our current and savings account to Unity Trust and transferring all funds from HSBC to Unity Trust. **Action: Clerk**

Proposed: Cllr Lascelles / Seconded: Cllr Collyer / Agreed unanimously

12. Buckinghamshire Council

Cllr Stanier advised that the Community Board had come to an end in its current state. He passed on his goodbyes and Cllr Williams thanked him for his work and help over the years.

Cllr Stanier advised that Whaddon will also be hosting a VE day celebration and that they also use Unity Trust bank which he highly recommended.

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

There was nothing to report.

14. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

There was nothing to report.

15. Urgent matters for report and/or next agenda

Cllr Williams confirmed that once the Parish Council has a new Chairman (May meeting), he will provide a handover to them.

16. Future meetings

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

Thursday 22 nd May 2025	NPC Meeting
Thursday 24 th July 2025	NPC Meeting
Thursday 25 th September 2025	NPC Meeting
Thursday 20 th November 2025	NPC Meeting

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

Cllrs thanked Cllr Williams for his contributions to the Parish Council and the village over the last 11 years.
The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 20.57.

Chair:

Date:

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