

**Minutes of the Nash Annual Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Collyer, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr West, Cllr Evans, Cllr Wyke, Cllr Lascelles, Kelly Harris, Clerk & RFO

In attendance: Mike Williams

1. To elect the Chairman of the Council and to receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Mike Williams opened the meeting as outgoing chairman.

Cllr Collyer nominated himself as Chairman. There being no further nominations, Cllrs voted unanimously to elect Cllr Collyer as Chair. Cllr Collyer signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Mike Williams left the meeting.

2. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies received; all Cllrs were in attendance.

3. To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th March 2025

The draft minutes were agreed and approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

Proposed: Cllr Collyer / Seconded: Cllr West / Agreed by five Cllrs / Cllr Lascelles against

5. Public participation session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

6. 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

Cllr Lascelles questioned if there was a template to follow when reviewing planning applications. The Clerk advised a list of material considerations had been circulated to Cllrs when the new Cllrs took office on 6th May, but she would resend to all Cllrs. **Action: Clerk**

7. Finance

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

a) Payments and Receipts and financial position on 31st March 2025 and 30th April 2025 as circulated

The information in the finance reports for March and April 2025 was unanimously approved.

b) To note the Internal Audit has been completed with no issues raised

Cllrs noted the internal audit had been completed.

c) To agree and sign the Annual Governance and Accounting Statement for the year ended 31st March 2025 (sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR)

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

d) To agree to the dates *Tuesday 3rd June 2025 – Monday 14th July 2025* for Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return

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

8. To approve the updated Standing Orders following changes to sections 14 and 18a, 18c, 18d and 18e

Cllrs approved the updated Standing Orders.

Cllr Lascelles advised the Standing Orders mention a need for online availability for meetings. The Clerk will check this. **Action: Clerk**

9. Councillors to decide on responsibility for the following:

- Winslow and Villages Community Board – Cllr West
- Formulating responses to planning applications – nobody wanted sole responsibility for planning, so it was agreed that Cllrs would follow the process already in place where two Cllrs are chosen by the Clerk to respond to an application.
- Footpaths and Hedges – Cllr Wyke
- Motorised Vehicle Activation Sign (MVAS) – Cllr Collyer. The Clerk will contact David Carter who currently looks after the MVAS and will pass his details onto Cllr Collyer to arrange to collect the equipment. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Collyer**
- North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC) – Cllrs to take it in turns to attend online meetings and report back to full council. Cllr West will attend the first meeting
- Play Area and Recreation Ground – To be inspected monthly by each Cllr as per bin rota
- Pond – nobody wanted sole responsibility for the pond, so this will be the responsibility of all Cllrs
- Village Sign, Pumps and Planting Areas – Cllr Nicholson

10. Matters around the village

a) Nash recreation ground and play area

- **To receive an update on Phoenix field**

NPC to discuss signing an agreement with Adaptainer Ltd to cover any costs for recovering the delivery vehicle delivering the 40ft container should it become stuck at the Phoenix field

Cllr Nicholson advised that the container is being delivered w/c 26th May, and the carrier will not deliver unless we sign a document to say that if the truck gets stuck at the field, the Council will pay to recover it. He advised it is not as simple as using a farmer to recover the lorry due to legal implications, e.g. the chain being used needing to be tested. If it were to get stuck, it would cost approximately £1500 to recover the vehicle and without this agreement in place the container will not be delivered.

Cllr Nicholson doesn't believe the lorry will need to go onto the grass area and he has provided the carrier with a video of the area. The form is to be signed at the point of delivery. Cllr Nicholson confirmed the carriers own insurance will cover any accidents; this agreement just covers the lorry getting stuck.

It was questioned whether the container could be dropped off at the gate to the field and a farmer is used to move it into position. Cllrs did not believe this would be possible.

Cllr Lascelles asked if we could send an email to the carrier with a caveat that we will sign the form providing the lorry doesn't deviate from the plan for delivery.

Cllr Nicholson proposed that the Council agree to him signing the form as is, but he will send an email requesting the company stick to the path and not deviate from the delivery plan. If the response is a no, Cllr Nicholson is to sign the form anyway. **Action: Cllr Nicholson**

Cllrs unanimously voted in favour of this approach.

Cllr Evans will chase up the Village Hall Committee for their £1000 payment towards the cost of the container. **Action: Cllr Evans**

Cllr Nicholson advised that the grass in the orchard needs cutting. The Clerk has asked our contractor to cut this area and will ask again. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Nicholson has received a quote for £450 + VAT for spraying to kill the weeds at the orchard. Cllrs unanimously agreed to this price. Cllr Nicholson to let the Clerk know when this will take place and the Clerk will send a Nash alert asking people to stay away from the area. **Action: Cllr Nicholson/Clerk**

Cllr Nicholson required approval to purchase a 75m hose for £35, a tap connector for £24, and a water butt for £60 to be used to water the orchard. Cllr Lascelles wanted to know if a water butt would be used to catch water from the container. Cllr Nicholson confirmed this is not the case. Cllrs unanimously approved these costs.

b) Street and road signs

Cllr Nicholson advised he is frustrated that we still do not have all signage in place, despite the signage being approved approximately 12 months ago.

Cllr Lascelles questioned whether the Parish Council actually want the signs as he feels they are unsightly. It is the village entrance signs that are currently missing, and Cllrs felt they are needed.

The Clerk was asked to escalate this issue with our Ward Cllr, John Chilver. **Action: Clerk**

c) Footpaths and hedgerows

Cllr Collyer advised that High Street to Ladies Walk is now hugely overgrown. The Clerk has spoken to the land owner who will cut the hedgerow back but has given no indication of when this will be done.

Cllrs asked if the kissing gates Henri Boothby was looking after had been installed, but nobody was sure of the situation with them.

d) Any other matters around the village

- Update on the village pond

Cllr Nicholson advised he felt we needed to understand who is responsible and who is liable for any issues with the pond. Is the pond flooding due to the bores under the road not being wide enough? If so, is this the responsibility of the Bucks Council / Bucks Highways.

The Clerk was asked to escalate to John Chilver and speak to the Highways Area Technician. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Lascelles suggested asking residents to add reports on the pond and flooding at the corner of Stratford Road to Fix My Street to highlight the issues. The Clerk will add this to the newsletter report and send via a Nash Alert. The postcodes to use are MK17 0EW for the pond and MK17 0ES for Stratford Road flooding issue. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Lascelles would like the Parish Council to set a priority list of projects we should be promoting. Cllr West advised he hadn't given this any thought as he is trying to get to grips on the current

situation with items on the agenda. He asked Cllr Lascelles if there was anything of interest to him, but Cllr Lascelles did not have anything specific at this time.

Cllr Nicholson felt the pond was the biggest project.

It was agreed that for the July agenda, ideas for village projects would be added. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Wyke felt litter in the village is a big issue and Cllr Collyer believes a speeding group is a good idea. Cllr Lascelles would like more MVAS machines and new village gates.

11. Buckinghamshire Council

There were no Buckinghamshire Cllrs in attendance and no report provided.

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

There was nothing to report.

13. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)

There was nothing to report.

14. Future meetings

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

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 questioned whether to recognise Mike Williams' 11 years of service to the Parish, for example with a new bench and plaque. Cllrs to discuss at the next meeting alongside village projects.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 21.14

Chair:

Date:

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