

**Minutes of the Nash Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.30pm**

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

In attendance: Cllr Chilver, Buckinghamshire Council, 5 members of the public (MoP)

In the absence of the Chairman of Nash PC, Cllr Evans was unanimously voted in as Chair of this meeting.

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr Collyer.

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

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

**4. Public participation session**

A MoP who lives close to the pond spoke about the issues with the pond, including a silt build up, overgrown weeds and a number of trees he feels could fall down onto his property/land.

Mr John King is concerned by the pond and feels it looks a mess. He is helping to restore the bridge back to its original state. He talked about a scheme available to farmers which provides grants for allowing their land to be flooded. He suggested that the stream to the pond has a dam adding to slow the water flow and which would allow water to flood into fields. However, he doesn't want to make the flooding in neighbouring villages any worse. Some of the land the water would flood into belongs to him, and some of the land belongs to Mrs Harwood.

Cllr West had concerns that if this is done, the gardens near the stream might be affected. Mr King believes the gardens are at least 150 yards away.

Cllr Chilver will take this up the flood defence team at Bucks Council and will suggest a site visit, although this won't happen until after the summer holidays. **Action: Cllr Chilver**

Mr King is happy to come back to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss further if needed.

Cllr Nicholson mentioned the pipes under Winslow Road and whether these are wide enough to cope with the volume of water.

An agenda point to discuss the pond situation is to be added to the September agenda. **Action: Clerk**

**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**

There were no comments made.

## 6. Finance

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

### a) Payments and Receipts and financial position on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 as circulated

The information in the finance reports for May and June 2025 was unanimously approved.

## 7. To receive updates on matters around the village

### a) Nash recreation ground and play area

Cllr Nicholson confirmed the pétanque court has now been installed.

- To discuss whether to reimburse Nash in Bloom £75 for the first cut to the field  
Cllrs unanimously agreed to reimburse Nash in Bloom £75
- To agree to paying £90 to have Phoenix field 'destoned' and to pay £25 every 2 weeks to have the field cut  
Cllrs unanimously agreed to spend £90 on destoning the field and to paying £25 every 2 weeks for the field to be cut
- To discuss spending £600 to paint the 40ft container  
Cllr Nicholson advised the materials needed to paint the container works out to approximately £600 and Cllrs unanimously agreed to spend this money. Cllr Evans believes the Village Hall Committee would be able to put together a team to paint the container and Cllr Nicholson will make contact with the chairman.

### b) Street and road signs

Cllr Chilver hadn't seen the email sent to him by the Clerk regarding the missing signage, so he asked for it to be resent and he will escalate to the Local Area Technician who he is due to meet w/c 28<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Chilver believes the issue is more to do with the sub-contractor than it is to do with budgets. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Chilver**

Cllr Chilver was asked how this can be escalated at Bucks Council and Cllrs were advised they can send a question into Bucks Council's next scrutiny meeting. The details for this meeting can be found on the Bucks Council website and the Clerk was asked to look into this. **Action: Clerk**

### c) Footpaths and hedgerows

High Street to Ladies Walk is still overgrown. The Clerk was asked to contact the land owner again to get the hedgerow cut back. **Action: Clerk**

### d) Any other matters around the village

- To discuss whether to install a safety ring adjacent to the pond following recommendation in the RoSPA report

The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote and bring back to the September meeting for Cllrs to make a decision. **Action: Clerk**

## 8. To agree to signing the Devolved Services agreement for 2025/26 following Bucks Council scrapping the 4 year agreement approved in March 2025

Cllrs noted their frustration with Bucks Council and the Clerk advised that payment had not been made by them so far. Some councillors questioned signing the new agreement, but it was ultimately approved to enable payment. 4 Cllrs in favour / 1 Cllr against

## 9. To discuss Councillor training

Cllr Lascelles advised he felt there needed to be a welcome pack given to new Cllrs. He will produce this welcome pack and share with Cllrs for comment. **Action: Cllr Lascelles**

The Clerk will look into training courses that new Cllrs might be interested in attending. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed that an agenda point allowing Cllrs to introduce themselves and give insight into their working background would be added to the September agenda. **Action: Clerk**

#### **10. To discuss ideas for village projects**

Cllr Lascelles had produced a document that had been shared with all Cllrs prior to the meeting. He put forward a proposal to form a projects sub-committee which was unanimously agreed to. Cllr Lascelles will produce an I Would Like/Request Form, projects sub-committee Terms of Reference, project process and a project register which he will share with Cllrs for feedback. **Action: Cllr Lascelles**

The proposal to leave £3000 in reserves and to spend all other reserves on projects was discussed. The Clerk advised that 3-12 months precept should be held in reserves, with smaller councils holding closer to 12 months. It is necessary to hold this money for emergencies such as needing to engage with a solicitor, receiving an unexpected bill, unexpected work required to an asset such as the pond, etc. The Clerk advised against spending the reserves and only leaving £3000 in the account and recommended looking at other funding options for projects such as grants. Cllrs agreed that other funding options should be explored when projects are proposed.

It was agreed that a WhatsApp Group should be set up for Cllrs to improve communication between meetings. The Clerk will set this group up with disappearing messages every 7 days to minimise the risk of WhatsApp messages being included in any FOI requests. Cllrs were asked to send their mobile numbers to the Clerk in order for the WhatsApp group to be created. **Action: All Cllrs/Clerk**

#### **11. Buckinghamshire Council**

Cllr Chilver mentioned an application for a new solar farm that had just been received. The proposal is to have the solar panels in Thornton and the sub-station in Nash. He highlighted issues such as the volume of traffic during the construction phase, an increase in flooding, lack of infrastructure, loss of agricultural land and the impact on the scenery. A meeting will hopefully take place on 5<sup>th</sup> August with representatives from the Parish Council and the developer, and Cllr Chilver will try to attend but he will be on holiday on this date.

He is meeting with the Highways Local Area Technician next week and will raise the issue of the missing signs and the flooding that has returned at the corner of Stratford Road. Cllrs mentioned the possibility of installing yellow lines on this corner, but Cllr Chilver advised that it is more complicated and expensive to do than you would think.

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

Now known as the North Bucks Community Board. A meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> July. The Clerk has been sent some follow up documents which she will share with Cllrs. **Action: Clerk**

#### **13. North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)**

There was nothing to report.

#### **14. Future meetings**

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	NPC Meeting
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	NPC Meeting

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

The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution, and declared the meeting closed at 21.15.

Chair: .....

Date: .....

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