

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

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

In attendance: Buckinghamshire Cllr: Cllr Chilver and 4 members of the public (MoP)

1. To receive apologies for absence

None received, all Cllrs were present.

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 25th September 2025

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

4. To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 27th October 2025

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

5. Public participation session

A MoP mentioned he had been asked by the PC to help remove the waste to be cleared from the pond and spread it on his land. He explained that this is no longer allowed and he is therefore unable to help on this occasion.

A MoP raised her concerns around Nash Park and the building work taking place with diggers seen working very late into the evening. She wanted to know who owns the field they are working on. The police have been seen visiting the site. Cllr Chilver was asked what the PC could do and he advised the PC to submit an enforcement order to allow Bucks Council to investigate any planning breaches. He mentioned that there used to be an emergency contact number to use and he will try and find it and share it with us. **Action: Clerk to submit planning breach notice to Bucks Council**

6. To receive updates from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Chilver mentioned the waste centre closure and advised that Bucks Council has managed to form an agreement with MK Council to allow Bucks residents to use the sites at New Bradwell and Bleak Hall. Refuse sacks can also be used along with the waste bin while the site is closed. Bucks Council will be communicating the changes to residents in due course.

7. Planning

(a) Planning applications

PL/25/3594/FA - Os 21, Winslow Road

Demolition of an existing dilapidated field shelter and erection of new stable block

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

PL/25/4169/FA - 79 High Street

Single storey side/rear and first floor extension

Cllrs resolved they had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

(b) Ongoing Planning Matters

To receive the written report about ongoing planning matters

Cllrs noted the report. No comments were made.

(c) **Any Other Planning Matters of Relevance to Nash**

- To discuss the quote received from ONH to review the Nash Neighbourhood Plan and agree next steps

Cllr Chilver advised the PC to wait for the new local plan to be adopted in the next 2 years and then review the Nash Neighbourhood Plan once the local plan is in place. Cllr Lascelles believes the PC can carry out the work of reviewing the plan, with a planning consultant checking it over once done.

Cllrs agreed to wait until the Bucks Local Plan is in place before working on the Neighbourhood Plan.

- To discuss working with Parishes affected by the Shenley Park development in Whaddon and the impact it will have on the A421 and surrounding road network

Cllrs agreed that improvement is needed to the A421 but believe this won't happen. Cllr Chilver confirmed there is a deadline for comments early in December and PCs want help with a transport assessment as they are very critical of the traffic modelling that has been submitted. MK Council is also critical of the application. The application is in the new local plan, so Cllr Chilver believes Bucks Council is in favour of this application passing. He advised that the traffic study carried out about dualling the A421 showed very little improvement to traffic times if dualling was to be implemented. The final report is yet to be released.

Cllrs agreed they were happy to be involved in the collaboration and the Clerk will go back to Shenley Brook End Parish Council to find out what they need from Cllrs. **Action: Clerk**

- To discuss working with Whaddon Parish Council and Beachampton Parish Council on a joint three-village response to the Shenley Dens Farm planning application for 1000 new homes

Cllr Chilver advised to wait until an actual application is submitted. At the moment, it is just a proposal within the MK Local Plan.

Cllrs agreed to find out what other affected parishes are looking to do at this stage. **Action: Clerk**

8. Finance

a) To consider and approve as appropriate the information provided in the finance reports for September and October 2025

Cllrs approved the finance reports for September and October.

b) To discuss moving to the Scribe Accounts finance package as per the quote/information circulated to Cllrs

Cllrs decided not to move to Scribe Accounts and to continue using Excel for financial records and reporting

c) Draft 2026/27 budget and precept approval

Cllrs asked for a budget meeting to be set in October to allow more time to agree the budget. Cllr Lascelles raised some queries which the Clerk addressed.

Cllrs resolved to approve the draft budget and to set the precept figure for 2026/27 at £25,467. Cllr Lascelles abstained from voting.

9. To receive updates on matters around the village

a) Nash Recreation Ground and Play Area

There was nothing raised.

b) Street and road signs

Cllr Collyer advised there is a sign down at the end of the High Street and a sign by the bench on Stratford Road near the crossroads is falling off. He has reported both via Fix My Street. Cllr Collyer has repaired the sign on Winslow Road.

c) Footpaths and hedgerows

There was nothing raised.

d) Any other matters around the village

- Pond – it has been agreed that one sleeper is to be removed, and one sleeper is to remain in place. Cllr Collyer will now speak to the contractor to get the agreed work started. **Action: Cllr Collyer**
- **To consider purchasing solar panels for the MVAS machine** – Cllr Collyer advised that the current MVAS can be moved to another location and he is waiting for David Carter to confirm where this location is. He would like to investigate costs for a solar panel for the MVAS as he currently has to charge the battery. He will investigate and report back to the PC. **Action: Cllr Collyer**

Cllr Collyer has been contacted by residents who want to set up a speed watch. Newton Longville PC has offered to train residents and will allow them to use their speed camera. The police need to approve locations before anything can start.

- To discuss the Parish Council paying towards postcrete and gravel to be used for the installation of new kissing gates – Henri Boothby has approached Cllr Collyer about this, stating that the previous council had agreed to pay for the materials. The Clerk has checked old minutes and cannot find anything, and Cllr Nicholson agreed he did not remember this. As it is the landowners responsibility to maintain the kissing gates, Cllrs agreed not to contribute financially. However, they are happy to help to install the gates if this is needed.

10. To approve the Nash Parish Council IT policy as circulated by the Clerk

Cllrs voted in favour (5 in favour / 1 opposed) of approving the IT policy and the Clerk will add to the website.

11. To discuss the following:

- Parish Communication – Cllr Lascelles wants to communicate with residents more effectively. There is already a newsletter, Nash Alert, Facebook page, WhatsApp group, NPC website and village website in place. It was agreed that Cllr Lascelles would add wording to the WhatsApp group and Facebook page regarding Nash Park, but he would circulate the wording to all Cllrs for agreement first. Once Bucks Council confirms the arrangements for the waste sites, he will also add to the WhatsApp Group and Facebook page. **Action: Cllr Lascelles**
- Petanque league – Cllrs Lascelles confirmed he has set up a league and he wanted agreement that the pétanque court could be used. Cllrs agreed to this.
- Path reclaiming – Cllr Lascelles will organise a village tidy up which will include removing vegetation from the pathways. Any expenditure is to be agreed by full council before the tidy up takes place. The idea of providing volunteers with vouchers they could use at the pump was dismissed. **Action: Cllr Lascelles**
- Path maintenance – same as path reclaiming – as above.
- Public footpaths – Cllr Lascelles suggested a monthly village walk starting in Spring to monitor the pathways. **Action: Cllr Lascelles**
- Benches – the bench by the crossroads is in need of repair which Cllr Collyer is happy to do if the PC covers the cost. Cllr Nicholson would like to see a bench at the top of the High Street by the pump. The Clerk will speak to a contractor used in another parish for costs to install a 3 seat bench. **Action: Clerk / Cllr Collyer**

- Community shop – Cllr Lascelles will pull together a report which he will present to Cllrs when he is able to. **Action: Cllr Lascelles**
- Welcome wagon – The church previously produced a welcome leaflet which Cllr Lascelles wants to resurrect and distribute to existing residents via the next newsletter. He will send to Cllrs for comment prior to distribution. The leaflet will then be sent to all new residents. The leaflet will be sponsored, and the sponsors will provide new residents with a token welcome gift. **Action: Cllr Lascelles**
- Christmas tree recycling – offered by Bucks Council. No action for the PC.
- Parish Boundaries – Cllrs were not in favour of reviewing the parish boundaries. No action to be taken.
- Council welcome pack – Cllr Lascelles will pull together a document and share with all Cllrs for comment. **Action: Cllr Lascelles**
- Website & emails – Cllrs discussed the quote circulated by the Clerk for a new website and email addresses. Cllr West and Cllr Lascelles had some questions on two-factor authentication, web access and email storage. They will send their questions to the Clerk who will liaise with the contractor. If Cllrs are happy with the response to these questions, Cllrs agreed to set up a new website and email accounts based on the proposal and quote received from Aubergine. **Action: Cllr West / Cllr Lascelles / Clerk**
- Policies and Procedures – The Clerk advised that all policies and procedures can be found on the parish council website.
- Village gates – The Clerk advised that Highways only approves one type of village gate which are expensive. Cllrs decided not to pursue this, no action required.
- Financial reporting – no action required.
- Funding options available to Parish Councils – Cllr Nicholson will investigate lottery funding options and report back to the PC. **Action: Cllr Nicholson**
- Open actions as a standing agenda point – it was agreed that a list of all open actions would be added under approval of the minutes at each meeting. **Action: Clerk**

12. To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

Cllr Collyer and the Clerk attended a meeting with trustees of the graveyard. The trustees confirmed there is £60,000 available, but this needs to be distributed amongst other churches. The PC has requested £30,000 to take on the responsibility of the graveyard. Cllrs agreed they are happy for this to be pursued. It could take up to 2 years for the charity commission to agree, so we await further information from the trustees before this is brought back to a PC meeting to be voted on.

12 Future meetings

To note the date of future NPC meetings:

Wednesday 28th January 2026

Thursday 19th March 2026

Thursday 21st May 2026

Thursday 30th July 2026

Thursday 24th September 2026

Thursday 19th November 2026

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 21.55.

Chair:

Date:

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