

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes - Nassington Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 9th September 2020 via electronic communication in a virtual setting at 7.30 pm BST

In accordance with provision laid down by The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, during a period of encouraged 'social distancing', this meeting was held by means of internet video and telephone communication in a virtual setting, using Zoom software. All members were always able to hear proceedings and members of the public had been given opportunity to attend.

20/1930 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Present: Cllr Alan Burns (Chairman) Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Dec Downey, Cllr Robert Peterson and Cllr Ruth Rigby. Apologies were received from Rebecca Downey due to personal commitments and Paul Monks and Susie Tinsley due to business commitments. It was resolved to accept these apologies. Officer present: The clerk.

20/1930 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Peterson declared personal non-pecuniary interests in the planning matters to be discussed.

20/1931 MINUTES:

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the June 2020 meeting as a proper record of that meeting. The chairman will sign the minutes at an appropriate time.

20/1932 ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

There was none.

20/1931 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS:

- a) 20/00863/FUL | Siting of timber framed garden building for use as ancillary living accommodation (granny annexe) | 2 Parkway Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- b) 20/00821/FUL | Extension to the side of the dwelling, an addition to the 20th century element of the dwelling; Aesthetic improvements to the exterior of the dwelling including new heritage windows, new painting of external elements and replacing brick construction with stone. | 46 Station Road Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- c) 20/00822/LBC | A new extension to the side of the dwelling, an addition to the 20th century element of the dwelling; Aesthetic improvements to the exterior of the dwelling including new heritage windows, new painting of external elements and replacing brick construction with stone; Minor alterations to internal layout and the rebuilding of broken staircases to the 2nd floor. | 46 Station Road Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.

20/1932 NATIONAL / LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES:

- The government white paper on planning reform was noted in terms of how it could affect the parish council's aspirations, although it was still 'early days' and a precis dissemination will be circulated when it is received, for further consideration of the matter at October's meeting.
- It was agreed that the Chairman plus two from Rob Peterson, Dec Downey and Tony Cooper would make up a working group. They will speak with three planning consultants from which one will be appointed to promote the council's current strategic plan to East Northamptonshire Council and carry out professional assessment of likelihood of success.
- It was **RESOLVED** to have Nassington parish area designated as a neighbourhood plan area.
- It was agreed that the working group as outlined above will meet with potential specialist neighbourhood planning consultants to partner a parish council led Neighbourhood Development Plan working party in developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Nassington, with primary focus on the allocation of land for development of new community facility (village hall, play area and muga).

20/1933 COMMUNITY MATTERS / PROJECTS:

- The resignations from the hub group were noted. The hub group has been paused for the time being. Once planning in terms of the local plan, the government white paper, the local government reorganisation and the input of planning consultants becomes a little clearer, there may be a necessity to reinstate the group.
- Resident led defibrillator project: The chairman gave a brief outline of an approach made by a resident Nassington family who are very keen that each person in the village is within 500 metres of a defibrillator. They have bought a unit that is sited on the side of their house. The intention is that there will be at least seven in the village. A request has been made for public contributions for the next unit, which will be sited in the red phone box at the junction of The Drove and Apethorpe Road and if the monetary target is reached, the promoters will purchase a next one, bringing the total in the village to four (including the one at the village hall already in situ). It was **RESOLVED** that the council supports this initiative completely, will be happy to take on ownership / responsibility and insurance liability. It was further resolved to allow installation in the phone box and to purchase a set of “defibrillator” signs to replace the “telephone” ones therein.
- Update on benches and noticeboard: Generally speaking, the benches have been well received by those using them, especially as they offer respite to people who may need a short rest whilst exercising. One of the benches has not been sited as originally agreed and has caused an issue as it is close to a residential setting and has the potential to attract a nuisance factor. It was agreed that the clerk would circulate a map of potential sites and a decision made at the October meeting.
- History group update: Physical meetings have not taken place due to current coronavirus restrictions. The project has been continuing in the background, with a website having been prepared and social media preparation in hand. Individuals are scanning heritage documents for digital storage. The current socio-economic situation, worldwide, caused by the Covid19 pandemic has had an impact locally which has been captured for future historians as part of the project. The council recorded its endorsement for the project and willingness to offer practical support going forward.
- Village hall update: The trustees are investigating the possibility of re-opening the hall in line with the Covid19 restrictions lawfully prevalent at any given time should demand necessitate. In the short-term, the village hall is required until the new community hub project comes to fruition. In order to offer suitable premises, the trustees are investigating maintenance works plus some improvement works, in particular the windows and possibly men’s facilities.
- Nassington Newsletter – There is a requirement for new officers and an editor. The clerk will work with the remaining committee members to look at alternatives, including an online possibility, and advertise for an editor.
- Pocket park – an enquiry had been received regarding maintenance of the area. It was agreed that a working party would be organised to clear the area over a weekend in the autumn. The area will be added to the village amenity grass-cutting schedule. The area will also be considered for a new bench.
- Stepping stones / crossing over river Nene backwater. It was agreed to make formal representation to Cambridgeshire County Council as highway authority to reinstate a crossing over the backwater in line with the definitive map.
- Pathway between green and playing field: The indicative quote received demonstrated that the project requires a formal tender with various options that would offer various cost options.

20/1934 GOVERNANCE MATTERS: The internal auditors report had been received and circulated. It was resolved to note the contents and implement as part of the minuting process.

20/1935 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

It was *RESOLVED* to approve invoices / accounts for payment or paid under delegated authority:

Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Gross
Clerks salary	S Rodger		564.49
Pension	Nest		95.09
Grass cutting & tree works	Plough		TBC
<u>Benches</u>	Earth Anchors	2498.00	2997.60
Noticeboard	Earth Anchors	1099.00	1400.40
Installation	Uk Ext. Works	500.00	600.00
Streetlighting maintenance	Eon	165.06	198.07
Water at allotments	Wave		188.10

20/1936 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE:

- There was a brief discussion regarding the poor state of a tree just to the east of the churchyard. It was agreed that works and necessary planning applications can be dealt with under devolved powers.
- The clerk was instructed to reiterate the bulging wall at the house neighbouring the churchyard.
- Northants CALC AGM was noted.
- The ENC Champions initiative was noted.
- The community website needs re-constructing – the clerk will do so as soon as possible.

20/1937 There were no matters to note or to carry forward or communicate.

20/1938 It was *RESOLVED* to exclude members of the public present from the following agenda item, under the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960, as content could be prejudicial to the public interest

20/1939 LIGHTING TENDERS

In response to invitation to tender for replacement of parish streetlighting with LED fittings, three of the five companies approached submitted acceptable tenders. *IT WAS RESOLVED* to appoint Zeta Lighting as the council's partner for this project. It was agreed that the clerk and Rob Peterson would meet with the supplier and look at each light setting individually. The clerk will work with Zeta to submit energy saving data to Salix, the government's funding managers for this project, in order to ascertain funding available to borrow interest free.

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.59pm

Date of next meeting: 14 th October 2020	
Approved by Nassington Parish Council:	
Signature of Chairman of following meeting:	Date: