

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 14th October 2020 in the Village Hall, Nassington at 7.30 pm.

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.

20/1940 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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

20/1941 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

20/1942 MINUTES:

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

20/1943 ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

There was none.

20/1944 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS:

- a) 20/00863/FUL | Siting of timber framed garden building for use as ancillary living accommodation (granny annexe) together with 1.9m high x 4m wide side access gate off Runnell Lane, and 2m high timber fencing along part of the side boundary, adjacent to Runnell Lane | | 2 Parkway Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- b) 20/00979/FUL | Retrospective planning permission for air conditioning unit | 19 Homefield Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections to make but would comment its stated adversity to retrospective planning applications per se plus stating the awareness that there are some concerns about the noise from this unit, and its proximity to neighbouring properties and the important that the LPA satisfies itself that it's compliant with all regulations.

20/1945 NATIONAL / LOCAL PLANNING AND POLICY ISSUES:

- c) There was a brief update re potential planning consultants to promote current strategic plan to East Northamptonshire Council. From the local consultants, likely to be familiar with current issues surrounding the future of the local plan within East Northamptonshire, the one who is able to consider taking work on at the current time was unable to offer guidance as to the emerging local plan being a way of facilitating the community's aspirations. However, a Neighbourhood Development Plan might offer the solution required – the clerk will endeavour to set up meetings with the consultant and additional Neighbourhood Development Plan specialist consultants.
- d) Black Horse pub: The building, which was bought just prior to the March coronavirus lockdown started, is up for sale. The council will monitor the situation.
- e) It was resolved to support Cycle West project, linking to Northants cycleways to Peterborough.
- f) The government was currently consulting on a white paper on a revision of the planning system. The council will respond in a manner reflective to its current policy and setting as a rural community in open countryside, taken from training and facilitation sessions from CPREⁱ and SLCCⁱⁱ

20/1946 COMMUNITY MATTERS / PROJECTS:

- a) Lighting upgrade update: It was agreed that the parish council is content to proceed with the project on the basis that approximately half of the expenditure will come from the government interest free loan scheme managed by Salix and the other half from reserves. The cost will be slightly more than the tender submission due to back shields to stop lights shining into properties.
- b) Benches and noticeboards – The council’s initiative in the additional bench project had been acclaimed by the medical surgery as an excellent example of support for social prescribing initiatives. However, siting of a bench on Woodnewton Road was proving to be a challenge as there are fewer readily apparent sites and an increased perception of a nuisance factor to be caused on the part of the residents there. The council expressed disappointment that potentially there will not be seat on Woodnewton Road for village residents and visitors. Details of alternative sites had been distributed in the interim since the last meeting, It was agreed to purchase two new benches to be sited at Easfields Crescent and Northfield Lane and give ongoing consideration to Woodnewton Road, with siting on one of the public verges where there is no pavement on the north side of the road being the preferred option.
- c) Path from green to playing field – There was no update.

20/1947 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

- a) Accounts for the six months to end September had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to approve as an accurate record of the council’s financial position. The balances currently stand at:

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| Current account | 41,062.58 |
| Less Uncleared payments: | - |
| Less Uncleared receipts | |
| ledger balance current account | 41,062.58 |
| Tailored reserve | 93,822.04 |
| Pockit prepayment card (petty cash) | 157.38 |
| Total cash: | 135,042.00 |
| Per cash book | |
| Balance b/f | 98,036.31 |
| Add receipts for year | 49,848.47 |
| less payments for the year | 12,842.78 |
| Balance c/f: | 135,042.00 |

With £38,784 budgeted still to spend and £1774 to receive on revenue, rather than projects and £92,550 in reserves.

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to note implementation of NALC/SLCC acceptance of pay settlement for staff and approve pay increase in accordance with ‘Green Book’ employment contract terms.

20/1948 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

| Goods/Service | Payee | Nett | Gross |
|---------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| Clerks salary | S Rodger | | 564.49 |
| Pension | Nest | | 97.65 |
| SSE | Electricity | 138.59 | 145.51 |

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| August cuts | Plough | | 360.00 |
| September cuts | Plough | | 360.00 |
| Yellow 'egg' cover for playaarea | Online play spares | 7.90 | 9.48 |
| Litter bin collection | East Northamptonshire Council | 15.55 | 18.66 |
| Streetlighting maintenance | Eon (2 quarters) | 330.12 | 396.14 |
| Datas protection fee | ICO | | 40.00 |
| Conservation equipment | Klug conservation | 90.00 | 104.40 |

20/1949 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE:

- Northants CALC AGM has focussed on community resilience and social prescribing.

20/1950 NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS:

There was a discussions regarding the possibility of the newsletter team getting a paper copy of a newsletter circulated before the end of the year.

The parish council is content to allow the PCC to use the playing field at Remembrance Sunday, with the beacon as the focal point.

20/1951 MATTERS TO NOTE – NOT FOR DECISION. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / MATTERS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD:

There was nothing brought up.

20/1952 UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

It was *RESOLVED* to exclude members of the public present from the following agenda item as content could be prejudicial to the public interest.

20/1953 TENDER FOR OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT.

It was *RESOLVED* to appoint HAGS as the council's partner for the outdoor gym project.

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| Approved by Nassington Parish Council: | | |
| Signature of Chairman of following meeting: | | Date: |

ⁱ CPRE – Campaign for the Protection of Rural England

ⁱⁱ SLCC – Society of Local Council Clerks