

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7.30 pm GMT

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.

20/1953 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

PRESENT: Cllr Alan Burns (Chairman) Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Dec Downey, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Robert Peterson, Cllr Ruth Rigby and Cllr Susie Tinsley. One member of the public present. Officer present: The clerk.

20/1954 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

20/1955 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the October 2020 meeting as a proper record of that meeting. The chairman will sign the minutes at an appropriate time once Covid restrictions allow.

20/1956 ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Bench project: A resident reiterated previously voiced reticence on the part of some residents in Woodnewton Road to support the community initiative encouraging short distance walks for people as part of the increasingly commonplace social prescribing approach to well-being improvement taken by health service professionals, as well as resting places for long distance walkers who stop in the village.

20/1957 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS:

- 20/01202/FUL | Erection of timber outbuilding in front garden | 60 Station Road Nassington Peterborough Northamptonshire PE8 6QB. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- 20/01279/FUL | Single storey rear extension. | 3 Prebendal Close. It was **RESOLVED** that The council has no objections or further comment to make.

20/1958 COMMUNITY MATTERS / PROJECTS:

- **Speeding:** It was **RESOLVED** to investigate the possibility of purchase of moveable Speed Indicator Device to be affixed to various points in the village, including all 4 village approaches and exits, with partial grant funding from ward councillor empowering communities fund and possibility of funding from the Police Commissioners road safety fund.
- **Lighting upgrade update.** Consider Salix borrowing and resolve to borrow £11,578 being 49% of the cost of the new streetlighting project costs for 5 years. The loan repayments will come to around £2,315 per year which is will be offset by the savings made when offset against current streetlighting costs. The parish council will pay for the cost of remaining upgrades from reserve funds. The cost cannot be borrowed from the government scheme as they are not covered directly by carbon emission reductions, as they are 'aesthetic' or technical improvements. These cover brackets on telegraph poles and new poles. There is no intention to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of loan repayments or the other improvements.
- **Benches project –** The chairman reminded the meeting that this is a health and well-being initiative, both for the current COVID times and to support people who are less able, physically frail and mentally vulnerable. Spire Homes is very happy for the parish council to place the benches on their land. No concerns have been received in reply to an email advising of the intent at the junction of Eastfield and Northfield and there is general support at Northfields Lane near Ruisbrick Lane, with businesses there in full support of the whole initiative. The person nearest the 'no ball game' green overlooking the

allotment view has no problem with a bench on the green there and is supportive. The council's intention has been publicised on social media as expected numerous suggestions from a handful of people ensued. Comments of thanks have been received from people who themselves, or their close family members, are using them for exactly the intended purpose of assisting people to leave the house with more confidence.

The council voiced disappointment that a bench could be conceived as being a potential nuisance and that there is such opposition to one being positioned somewhere where there is a lovely view and where there is a public footpath close by. It was agreed that there is not a level of positive engagement from people living on the Woodnewton Road to support this initiative supporting the community.

A suggestion of placing a bench on Church Street near to the spring/stream, overlooking the conservation area was put forward. If this site does not proceed, it will go on the St Marys Green bus-stop area.

- Defibrillator / phone box update: It was noted that a new MPAN has been set up with the electricity providers and a contract set up with SSE for supply.
- Newsletter update: A newsletter will be published before Christmas .
- Consultation - How new council (NNC unitary authority) should allocate social housing. Consider and approve the council's response.
- Playing field matters update:
 - The outdoor gym is in hand and will continue into the new year. Plough environmental will continue to clear the area and then level and lay
 - Considerations for the grass footway had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The two current options are a boardwalk using eco-timber/recycled plastic decking type material or an aggregate path bound with cement.

20/1959 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

- North Northamptonshire Council update: It was agreed that at the at the current time, the parish council does not want to participate formally in the "Rural Coordination Group" preferring to work with NorthantsCALC and North Northamptonshire Council on finding solutions to liaising with the local council sector and the importance of rural issues.
- Information from NALC re elections has been circulated with the agenda.
- The clerk was reminded of the importance of organising a date for a working group meeting with Neighbourhood Development Planning consultants.

20/1960 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		579.50
Pension	Nest		97.65
SSE	Electricity	147.43	154.79
July/Oct/Nov cuts	Plough		910.00

20/1961 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE:

- The burial board is unlikely to raise the precept for the 2021/22.
- The council agreed to take up the offer of the donation of a Christmas tree to be sited on the village green. The clerk was given permission to spend in accordance with financial regulations delegated powers.

- In addition the parish council is happy to support a community 'secret santa' type idea to give gifts to children in the village as well as organising thank you gifts and certificates from the parish council on behalf of the community.

20/1962 NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS:

- The new newsletter committee will be meeting shortly and there will be a publication in time for Christmas. There will be time after the following meeting to include submissions, but these will include a huge thank you to the village businesses for everything they did during lockdown and since plus helpful points for people in need.

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.44pm

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