

# NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.32 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.

### **20/1963 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Alan Burns (Chairman) Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Dec Downey, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Robert Peterson. **Absent:** Ruth Rigby and Susie Tinsley, however after the meeting it transpired a technical issue had caused a problem with receipt of agendas. **Officer present:** The clerk. **Members of the public were present.**

### **20/1964 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **20/1965 MINUTES**

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

### **20/1966 ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

There was none.

### **20/1865 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS:**

- 20/01564/FUL | Single storey rear and first floor rear extension; porch canopy to front door; demolition of existing garages to be replaced with a new detached double garage and incidental use above. (Resubmission of 20/00504/FUL) | Swans Nest Fotheringhay Road, Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- 20/01337/AMD | Non material amendment to allow minor internal modifications, with associated elevational changes; minor parking provision changes without impacting the number of parking spaces pursuant to 18/00627/FUL - Change of use of barns and associated land from agricultural to wedding venue | Land And Buildings Adjacent To Bluefields Farm Nassington Road Apethorpe – the council made no comment.
- 20/01533/FUL | Change of use of barns and associated land from agricultural to wedding venue, with associated vehicular access, car parking, landscaping; open roof canopy to the side; two free standing pergolas to the rear and installation of a ground source heat pump (consisting alterations to previously approved scheme 18/00627/FUL) | Land And Buildings Adjacent To Bluefields Farm Nassington Road Apethorpe Northamptonshire. Information regarding Apethorpe Parish Meeting's (APM) proposed response to this application had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that Nassington Parish Council had similar concerns relating to the highways issues raised by APM especially relating to the much used bridleway.
- 20/01506/TCA/ | T1 Yew - to remove and replant same species in garden - 46 Station Road Nassington. Application was understood to have been withdrawn.

### **20/1866 COMMUNITY MATTERS / PROJECTS:**

- a) Update on Christmas project: The Christmas tree project was a great success and had brought about much positive comments. Susie Tinsley was congratulated as the lead councillor project and Rob Peterson too for his works. The clerk was instructed to thank the families involved for their support and generosity.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** that the bench on Woodnewton Road would be moved to St Marys Green, by the paved bus stop area, but facing south-south east direction overlooking the churchyard rather than looking

towards houses. These are in addition to the two benches and bases in Northfield Lane and Eastfield Crescent.

- c) Defibrillators update: The council is very pleased that a individual led campaign to install AEDs in strategic places around the parish has been a success to date. The council supports the campaign wholeheartedly and will include the devices on its insurance cover. The parish council's device at the village hall, whilst not being one installed as part of the project, has been marked as part of the smart water initiative.
- d) Newsletter update: There is to be a Christmas publication and to be back in circulation in the new year. The new personnel are in place.
- e) Playing field grass path update: The council felt that the boardwalk option would necessitate works that would be prohibitive to the setting, such as pile-driving equipment. It was **RESOLVED** that because the work in question was relatively specialist and therefore obtaining quotes would be a time consuming exercise, a previous quote for similar work had been almost double the cost, because the supplier has carried out work for the parish council on two previous occasions and would be a strong contender for the works following tender, the council felt the approach to waive financial regulations and standing orders in this instance was consistent with best value principles. It was **RESOLVED** to instruct the works to proceed.
- f) Street lighting update: The project is in hand and the paperwork ready to formerly submit to Salix for approval, then to the government for final approval.
- g) Church neighbour wall update: The neighbour to the churchyard had been in touch to firstly apologise for not being in touch sooner and to confirm that a tree surgeon has been appointed to start investigations and that they were aware of the situation and would be monitoring.
- h) 2021 Census: This was a heads-up for the upcoming census – the council is being asked to help reach people to explain the importance of completing the census forms.

#### **20/1867 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:**

- The audit approval and publication of public notice were noted.
- Budget considerations for finalisation in January: Ideas for the following month's budget were discussed and included a community cohesion budget for a party event and fund-raising opportunity, possibly a replacement units for the sloped area where the slide is. Economic and social recovery/health and wellbeing are items to be considered, including the possibility of a community mini-bus.
- Information regarding church drainage works had been received from the churchwardens had been circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no objections to this work proceeding and the parish council supports the efforts to prevent further damage to the church building.

#### **20/1868 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Invoices and accounts for payment or paid under delegated authority would be circulated via the minutes and paid in January.

#### **20/1869 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE:**

- A request had been received that the parish council financially support the cost of hosting the history website. This was agreed and would be actioned under delegation.
- The government has issued orders that all birds are to be housed to avoid the spread of avian flu. The clerk would pass on the instructions directly to allotment holders at the earliest opportunity and to the wider village via the newsletter.

#### **20/1870 NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS.**

To include: Council vacancies / new outdoor gym / path to playing field improvement / benches project / acknowledgement and thank you for the defibrillator project as well as village businesses / next year's projects / Christmas issues / community cohesion project.

**20/1871 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.

**20/1872 REPORT FOLLOWING ONLINE INTERVIEWS WITH POTENTIAL PARTNER CONSULTANCY TO CARRY FORWARD A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.**

Both consultants had impressed the parish council. There was a discussion comparing the merits of each option. It was decided to proceed with YourLocale.

**20/1873 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CONCERN RECEIVED AND PASSED TO PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

The clerk was instructed to pass on concerns received regarding a potential contravention of planning. The clerk is also to circulate email received from a concerned landowner about the parish councils alleged involvement with a property in the village.

**20/1874 COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATE**

It was clarified that there is a distinction between the businesses put forward for parish council thank you certificates and a small gift for appreciation as significant contributors to life in the village during lockdown and the community list of people that had been suggested to the councillor leading on this project. The clerk will arrange certificates for the community businesses and organisation.

The councillor leading on this project is co-ordinating a list of nominees received from people in the parish and distributing gifts of kindness donated by people in the village – this is a separate initiative separate to the parish council.

The Chairman wished everyone a happy Christmas and declared the meeting closed at 9.10pmGMT

<b>Approved by Nassington Parish Council:</b>	
<b>Signature of Chairman of following meeting:</b>	<b>Date:</b>