

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

22.2082 Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, Cllr Derrick Mortimer, Cllr Robert Peterson (chairman) and Cllr Shane Rickwood. Officer present: The clerk and two members of the public. Apologies received from Alain Kingsley and Elliott Clark due to personal commitment and from Alan Burns and Paul Monks due to prior work commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

22.2083 Declarations of Interest

Shane Rickwood declared a personal but nonpecuniary interest in the matter tabled to be discussed under the planning item.

22.2084 Approval of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve minutes, circulated in advance of the meeting, of the meeting held in October. The chairman signed the minutes.

22.2085 Questions or address from members of the public:

There were no questions. However, an email had been received in lieu of attendance at the meeting, asking that the council revisit an earlier decision, and adding some more information. The matter related a previously addressed request discussed in July (minute 2067) relating to planting a sweet chestnut tree, in memorial. The correspondent asked that the council reconsider the request to have a tree planted on parish council land, for public benefit, but at the playing field rather than the village green as previously suggested. It was agreed that this suggestion should be followed up, and that potentially the southern boundary of the field, towards the west gate, could be considered. Factors such as deer guards and watering must be considered as part of the decision-making process along with the point of view of the cricket club committee.

22.2086 Neighbourhood Plan:

8th December was put forward as the target date – the clerk will contact all parties.

22.2087 Planning and Development:

NE/22/01344/FUL | Restyled facades with cladding and render to existing dwelling and new natural slate roof and oak frame to existing front porch and new canopy | 8 Westmoreland Close: It was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.

22.2088 Governance Matters:

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to apply for planning application for pollarding of trees in churchyard
- b) The National Joint Council pay settlement between the employers and unions was noted for implementation. In the case of local councils, the employer is NALCⁱ. The settlement has been agreed at £1,925 per annum backdated from 1st April 2022, (pro-rata in the case of part time employees) plus, from 1st April 2023, one additional day's leave.
- c) Matters for consideration for next year's budget to carry forward to December and January meetings would focus on supporting the community through the potential upcoming period of additional need of community facilities and warm spaces. The prospect of increased fuel costs for the village hall may require consideration of an additional or increased grant to support the use of this important village amenity.

22.2089 Community / Projects:

- a) Climate change impact and mitigation:

- Update on feedback from garden show: Charlotte Lemmon and Frances Hurst, who are the lead people in the Neighbourhood plan environmental sub-committee, were congratulated on the stand and the level of interest it attracted, at the garden show in August. There has been some follow up activity, including a guided bat walk in the village, and the group is looking at ways of maintaining the interest. In terms of immediate environmental impact actions, it was agreed that the council would contact the person who is engaged with Refill Revolution in Oundle to ascertain whether there is a possibility of the mobile shop stopping in Nassington on occasion.
- EV focus meeting feedback: Charlotte Lemmon had represented the parish council at Electric Corby CIC and NNCⁱⁱ jointly hosted meeting in October regarding solar powered electric car charging points and associated schemes. The presentation at that meeting had widened to include electric car share schemes and solar generated micro-generation schemes, whereby neighbours can buy surplus solar generated power from one another.

It was agreed that the parish council would invite Electric Corby CIC representatives to a future meeting, or a stand-alone meeting, to investigate further.

- It was decided against attending the upcoming Northants CALC climate change conference due to the cost and current limited benefit/council benefit. – details and potential attendees

b) Allotments:.

- It was agreed to ban on bonfires at the allotments on the basis that all waste produced on the plots is compostable, bonfires are anti-social and potentially dangerous, especially with the increasingly dry summers expected and there will be provision on occasion of rubbish clearance.
- Allotment clearance: It was agreed that a skip would be hired and that members of the council and allotment volunteers would transfer the rubbish into the skip.

c) Warm hubs:

- It was agreed that the parish council would underwrite the costs of the December community Christmas lunches at the cricket club that are scheduled to be hosted on the Saturday and Sunday for the residents of Nassington, but not the Friday event which will be organised by the community outreach team at the local surgery. This arrangement is on the understanding that food will be provided and cooked by third parties and brought to the event.
- The council is content to support reasonable additional fuel costs for the village hall and possibly for 'seed funding' for community groups at the village hall.

22.2090 Highway matters:

- a) **SID:** The chairman undertook to translate the data into readable and useful formats now that the full cycle of sites has been completed. This will be brought to a future meeting.

22.2091 Financial matters:

It was *RESOLVED* to approve the following payments:

Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Gross	Power
Grasscutting Oct inv <i>S136</i>	Plough	360.00	360.00	<i>HAⁱⁱⁱ S96 / PHA^{iv} S164 / LGA</i> <i>Error! Bookmark not defined.</i>
Neighbourhood Plan	YourLocale	3,500.00	4,200.00	<i>Localism T&C PA 61F(1),(2)^v</i>
Defib pads	CHT	39.00	51.60	<i>PHA^{vi} 1936 S234</i>
PAYE	HMRC		535.01	<i>LGA 1972</i> <i>Error! Bookmark not defined.</i> <i>section 111</i>
PAID in Oct				
Poppy wreath	RBL		23.98	<i>LGA 1972</i> <i>Error! Bookmark not defined.</i> <i>section 111</i>
Website SSL certificate	TSOhost	49.53	59.53	<i>LGA 1972</i> <i>Error! Bookmark not defined.</i> <i>section 142/111</i>

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Electricity Oct	SSE	102.61	107.74	PC Act and Highways Act ^{vii} S301
Staff costs	Oct		715.98	LGA 1972 ^{Error! Bookmark not defined.} section 111

22.2092 Receive Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:

- a) PLR event – Unfortunately, there will not be a representative from Nassington Parish Council at the event
- b) A detailed item of correspondence had been received regarding increased incidences of dog fouling in the parish. The emails in question had been assistive dialogue, rather than just complaint which was appreciated. There was a discussion about the wider issues, and it was acknowledged that the problem does indeed seem to be particularly persistent at the present time. As a first step, the extent of the problem, the surrounding issues, and the potential consequences would be included in the next newsletter insertion.

22.2093 Newsletter / Social Media / community communications.

A Christmas greeting from the parish council would be included in the newsletter, along with details of the ban on bonfires at the allotments, a strongly worded section regarding dog fouling and equests for grant funding, to assist with upcoming budget preparations.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14TH DECEMBER 2022

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman		Date:
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ⁱ NALC – National Association of Local Councils

ⁱⁱ NNC - North Northamptonshire Council

ⁱⁱⁱ HA- Highways Act 1980

^{iv} PHA - Public Health Act 1875

^v T&CPA Town & Country Planning Act 1990

^{vi} PHA - Public Health Act 1936

^{vii} Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 / Highways Act 1980 s301