

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

23.2297. Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Sam Attenborough, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Derrick Mortimer, Cllr Robert Peterson (chairman), and Cllr Shane Rickwood. Apologies received from Alan Burns, Elliott Clark, and Charlotte Lemmon due to personal commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies. Retrospective apologies received from Alain Kingsley Officer present: The clerk. Also present: Gary Kirk from YourLocale Neighbourhood Plan consultants

23.2298. Declarations of Interest

Dispensations are in place for all members of the council who are also members of the cricket club, for members with allotments, for members with association with the preschool, and for members with association with the church. The council has previously acknowledged that associations with and membership of other organisations might on occasion be pecuniary in nature, but felt those to be incidental to the member's council role, that the roles would not conflict, and that members would put their statutory duty as duly appointed members of the council as priority in any decision making process.

23.2299. Approval of Minutes

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

23.2300. Questions or address from members of the public:

There were none.

23.2301. Planning, development, and licensing:

There were no applications to consider.

23.2302. Neighbourhood plan:

The latest version of the draft plan had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Gary Kirk from YourLocale consultants and members took part in open and constructive discourse. There was a wide ranging discussion covering the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to date. Key points:

- Members would send their proposed typographic errors/corrections to the draft plan within a week for onward transmission to Yourlocale as one submission.
- Any policies allowing development sites within the plan would enshrine planning conditions to protect the integrity of community benefit and protect sustainability.
- It was agreed that within the plan, there would be an executive summary, pointing readers to the appropriate part of the document for the pertinent section of the plan.
- It was acknowledged that there are elements of statutory compliance that will guide some aspects of the plan
- Further discussion is needed to establish a renewable energy policy. An option is to have a guiding policy rather than narrow specifics, perhaps with different guides for domestic / solar and wind, as examples. The policy could be facilitating in open terms. Some NPs are able to call on the policies of their next tier planning authorities to inform the NP policies, however, part of the challenge is that the North Northamptonshire emerging local plan is scant on policies relating to renewable energy. Options to inform next steps include the NP environmental group input and including consultation at an open house event to gauge public support
- An open event would be held to gauge whether there is general support or otherwise for the emerging policies
- This would be followed by a formal 'Regulation 14' consultation which would target the whole community and statutory consultees.

- The NP is then finalised to include representation from and
- to the regulation 14 consultation, approved by the council and submitted to the planning authority (North Northamptonshire Council) which then validates the plan and carries out a regulation 16 formal consultation. The plan is then submitted for independent examination and finally for referendum within the parish.
- A further challenge is North Northamptonshire Council's (NNC) unwillingness to support the neighbourhood planning process by carrying out a Strategic Environment Screening (SEA) which is an important part of the process. It appears that NNC is the only planning authority covered by the statutory NP section of the 2011 Localism Act which does not support parish councils in this respect. YourLocale has been in discussions with the planning authority for some years over this matter, which stems from the pre Unitary time, when East Northamptonshire Council was the planning authority in question declining to fulfil what is suspected to be part of its statutory duty to support a neighbourhood plan body. It was agreed that the council would also make strong representation expressing its displeasure at not complying with the legislation. Gary Kirk will advise the chairman of suggested wording to support a submission to the MP, and the CEO and Leader of North Northamptonshire Council.
- The matter of funding was discussed. The government had yet to approve the next round of neighbourhood planning grant funding. The council had anticipated additional funding for the NP process and agreed that should the grant fund not be forthcoming, costs will be funded from reserves.
- The next steps for the plan would be featured in the newsletter and at the garden show on August bank holiday Monday

23.2303. Community / Projects:

Allotments: The clerk and a councillor had met at the allotments to discuss the boundary matter raised at the last meeting and also discussed the central road surfacing and safety fencing at the plot with the scrape pond. Costs for materials had been sought and shared in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to purchase 3 tonnes of MOTgrade1 roadway surface material to be delivered to the allotment site and spread by volunteers at the site. It was further agreed to purchase fencing materials and pay for installation of a safety fence to prevent children accessing the pond area unsupervised.

It was further agreed that a volunteer is permitted to strim plot 19 and confirmed that the tap was fixed by a volunteer.

23.2304. Financial matters:

Accounts to date and up to date income and expenditure against budget figures had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts to year end at 30th June 2023 as:

ledger balance current account	1,160.92
Uncleared payments	2,200.00
Nationwide 95 day saver	87,125.23
Lloyds commercial card	-9.54
Tailored reserve	68,682.58
Pockit prepayment card (petty cash)	0.24
Total cash:	154,742.55
Per cash book	
Balance b/f	113,112.76
Add receipts for year	57,264.61
less payments for the year	15,617.94
Balance c/f:	154,742.55

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following virements, details of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting:
- Increase earmarked recreation reserve by £11,789 to reflect additional carried forward unspent fund.
 - Vire £4,500 deficit to NDP project, as unspent fund held at year end
 - Vire £63 to a new cost centre called carol singing/biscuit tin
 - Create a new cost centre called Bank Charges and vire £158 to that CP from office expenses
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments, details of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Goods/service	Supplier	Nett	Gross	Power
Grasscutting	Plough environmental		470.00	PHA ⁱ s164 HA ⁱⁱ s96 HA ⁱⁱ s136
HAGS	Playground repairs	2,484.93	2,981.91	PHA ⁱ s164
NNC	Dogbin emptying		60.32	LA ⁱⁱⁱ ss5-6
History group printing	Easiprint	14.40	14.40	LGA ^{iv} 111
Allotment fencing	Oakfield	345.14	414.17	SHAA ^v s23, 25
Noticeboard pins	Amazon	4.95	5.94	LGA ^{iv} 111
Direct debits:				
Streetlighting electricity	SSE	108.63	114.05	PHA ^{vi} s234
AED March/ April payt	SSE	8.60	9.03	PHA ^{vii} s234
Debit card:				
Web hosting	Tsohost	47.88	57.46	LGA ^{iv} 111
Domain name	Tsohost	7.95	9.54	LGA ^{iv} 111
Online mapping	Geosphere	9.38	16.88	LGA ^{iv} 111
Salary and pension			769.58	LGA ⁱ S112 & pensions act

23.2305. Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:

- The matter of the roadway to the playing field was discussed. It was agreed that the cost of resurfacing the carpark was prohibitive at the current time. It was agreed to ask the contractor to insert an additional two speed bumps, but with gaps in the centre for accessibility. It was further agreed to request £1000 each from the cricket club and the preschool towards the cost of the roadway.
- The matter of an interpretation board in the churchyard was briefly discussed and would be carried forward for further discussion.

23.2306. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications would include

- Information about the playing field roadway improvements would be included .
- An update about the neighbourhood plan

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman		Date:
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ⁱ Public Health Act 1875

ⁱⁱ HA- Highways Act 1980

ⁱⁱⁱ LA - [Litter Act 1983](#)

^{iv} [Local Government act 1972](#)

^v [SHAA – Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908](#)

^{vi} PHA – [Public Health Act 1936](#)

^{vii} PHA – [Public Health Act 1936](#)