

# NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

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Note: These minutes reflect the order in which business was conducted (for time convenience of members of the public present) as opposed to the agenda order.

### **24.2374. Attendance and apologies for absence**

Present: Cllr Sam Attenborough, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, Cllr Derrick Mortimer, and Cllr Robert Peterson (chair). Apologies received from Alan Burns due to personal circumstances. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies. Officer present: The clerk. Three members of the public, until the end of item 24.2379.

### **24.2375. 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 rather than of pecuniary advantage or disadvantage to the member, 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.

### **24.2376. Approval of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes, circulated in advance of the meeting, of the meeting held in January 2024. The chairman of the meeting signed the minutes.

### **24.2377. Co-option**

It was agreed to carry co-option forward to the meeting in March.

### **24.2378. Questions or address from members of the public:**

There were none.

### **24.2379. Playing field**

- a) The licence for use of the playing field to play cricket was discussed and amendments agreed. The necessary risk assessment would be supplied to the parish council once they have been completed. It was agreed that the parish council is responsible for risk assessment of the play equipment and the close cutting maintenance, herbicide treatment and strimming of the grassed area within the area (to be designated on the final map to accompany the licence), as well as the boundary alongside the play area and gym area. The general open grassed area would be included in the ride on mower cutting of the field cutting.
- b) Tarmacking of the carpark / access lane was discussed. An indicative quote for the work suggests that grant funding options should be investigated. The cost is likely to be necessitate consideration of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as part of a decision making process. In the meantime, reports of increased pot hole problems have been received by users.
- c) Fencing: This will be revisited if necessary at a later date.
- d) New Play Equipment: The clerk had a further meeting with the preferred supplier to consider options and the council is awaiting updated quotes. Other matters to be discussed when decision are to be made include the access gates (to ensure that all users have access, whilst prohibiting unwelcome access, and that emergency services also have access), possible reinstatement of a formal sports association and additional/replacement of storage shipping containers.

### **24.2380. Planning, development, and licensing (1):**

NE/24/00037/TCA/ | T1 - Hazel - reduce upper laterals by up to 1.5m. | 35 Church Street Nassington  
it was **RESOLVED** that the council has no objections or further comment to make.

#### **24.2381. Planning and Development (2):**

Neighbourhood plan

The council is content with the latest version of the draft plan. Details for the pre-consultation open event would proceed on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 4-7pm and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 12-2pm.

#### **24.2382. Community / Projects:**

- a) There was no update regarding Heating Nassington.
- b) Churchyard / cemetery headstones – No update had been received. The clerk was instructed to request an update from the grounds maintenance contractor about the long grass to the west of the church which had been left uncut during the growing season and was to have been scythe cut and raked.
- c) Pocket Park: It was agreed that the PECT grant advised during public time at the last meeting should be dealt with by the person who had applied for and been granted it, as there were too many caveats within the terms and conditions for the council to agree to.
- d) Newsletter: Due to decreased advertising revenue and increased printing costs, the newsletter finances are less robust than they have been in less lean financial times. As the publication is an excellent means of conveying important information to every household and critical to reach people not regularly using social media. It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate the annual grant to the newsletter, and further agree that this should be £500 per financial year.

#### **24.2383. Allotmets**

A meeting of allotment holders had been held the previous week. That meeting had nominated 3 allotment holders to join an allotment committee. The committee would be able to consider matters to be brought to the attention of the council by plot holders. Any matter requiring a decision would be brought back to the full council. At the present time, Sam Attenborough is content to be the sole member of the council. The clerk would attend meetings when possible. The committee will advise the council as to allocation of budget spending. Allotment holders had been alerted to the fact that there would be an increase in rents in October 2025.

Pond: Allotment holders had raised some concerns about the pond. As the council's environmental lead, Charlotte Lemmon would liaise with the newly formed allotment committee so that facts and reasons behind and purpose of the pond and the flora and fauna it is intended to attract can be explained.

#### **24.2384. Financial matters:**

- a) Accounts to date and up to date income and expenditure against budget figures had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to note and approve the accounts and expenditure against budget to second quarter end at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. The accounts stand at:

ledger balance current account	0.00
Tailored reserve	57,629.90
Nationwide 95 day saver	88,937.96
<b>Total cash:</b>	<b>146,567.86</b>

#### **Per cash book**

Balance b/f	113,112.76
Add receipts for year	70,047.30
less payments for the year	36,592.20
Balance c/f:	146,567.86

b) 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
History group costs	Karen Palenski			LGA <sup>i</sup> <i>Error! Bookmark not defined.</i> 144

Direct debits/SOs:

Salary and pension		1394.83		LGA <sup>i</sup> S112 & pensions act
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**24.2385. Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:**

- Progress report was noted.
- Notification had been received from National Grid advising that 2 x 3w defibrillator sites had been added to the council’s unmetered supply, effective from January 2023. It was noted that backdated supply invoices would likely follow from SSE in due course.
- Feedback regarding a recent planning application was noted
- Northants Calc updates on PLR and LAP were taken as read.

**24.2386. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications would include**

- The newsletter would focus on the Neighbourhood Plan community event, with the front cover being an advert for it

<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024</b>	
<b>Approved by Nassington Parish Council:</b>	
<b>Signature of Chairman</b>	<b>Date:</b>