

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

24.2387. Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Sam Attenborough, Cllr Alan Burns, Cllr Elliot Clark, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, and Cllr Derrick Mortimer (chair of the meeting, ex officio vice chairman). Apologies received from Rebecca Downey and Robert Peterson due to personal circumstances. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies. Officer present: The clerk. Two members of the public.

24.2388. 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.

24.2389. 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.

24.2390. Co-option

Applications from two potential candidates had been received in advance of the meeting and circulated to members. Following a short question and answer session, the candidates were thanked for attending and advised that the council would contact them at the soonest opportunity with results of the council's decision.

24.2391. Questions or address from members of the public:

There were none.

24.2392. Planning, development, and licensing (1):

- a) 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.

24.2393. Planning and Development (2):

- a) Neighbourhood plan update – initial feedback following the public open event the previous week reported that there had been a pleasing number of visitors to the event. The feedback would be received at the council's meeting April and in the meantime, the latest draft would be made available on the council's website, along with a means of commenting online. The clerk was instructed to request a breakdown of costings on the latest invoice from the consultants supporting the project.
- b) Heating Nassington update. It was agreed to appoint an alternative energy committee to take forward a grant-led feasibility process to ascertain the feasibility of a community heating project in the parish. Statute facilitating this process includes the Local Government Act 1972, section 101 and 103, the Localism Act 2011, Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012, Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 and Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. The purposed of the committee would be to lead and advise on grant application to gain funding to ascertain feasibility of alternative power sources, in conjunction with emerging local plan, using NetZero government funding. The council reiterated its support for this project and the incredible

drive taken to bring the initiative to this stage. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate application for grant funding to the newly formed alternative energy committee.

24.2394. Community / Projects:

- a) Churchyard / cemetery headstones – No update had been received.
- b) Pocket Park: It was **RESOLVED** to appoint a local council specialist consultancy or legal company to carry out the process of transferring legal ownership of the pocket park to the parish council, using best value principles in the appointment process.
- c) It was further **RESOLVED** to update of existing land registration documents by specialist legal services and arrangement of PO box service for succession purposes.

24.2395. Allotments

Following a meeting of the allotment committee, the following point were agreed:

- Anglian Water/stopcock: The clerk was instructed to contact Anglian Water to arrange inspection of the stopcock next to the water meter. The stopcock appears to be broken.
- It was **RESOLVED** to procure a further delivery of MOT grade stones for the driveway
- It was agreed that trees would be planted alongside the newly erected fencing.
- There was a discussion to consider the wide-ranging points of view following a request to allow managed and controlled bonfires at the site. It was **RESOLVED** to maintain the council’s stance that fires would not be allowed on the site.

24.2396. Playing field

It was **RESOLVED** to allow siting of a fourth container at the playing field, in the space between two of the existing ones and on condition that the entire site is cleared of the accumulation of discarded equipment and other detritus that has amassed over the years. Other agendaed playing field items would be carried over to the next meeting.

24.2397. 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 29th February 2024. The accounts stand at:

ledger balance current account	4,560.40
Tailored reserve	52,669.90
Nationwide 95 day saver	89,238.27
Total cash:	146,468.57

Per cash book

Balance b/f	113,112.76
Add receipts for year	70,921.83
less payments for the year	37,366.02
Balance c/f:	146,468.57

- 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
Pest control	Peterborough pestforce		288.00	PHA ⁱ , 1875 s.164
Office costs	S Rodger	234.48	255.00	LGA ⁱⁱ 1972 s111
history group printing	Peterborough print		17.50	LGA ⁱⁱ 1972, s.144
Water at allotments	Wave/Anglian Water		22.86	SHAA ⁱⁱⁱ S23-26
N’hood planning	YourLocale	3,500.00	4,200.00	LA ^{iv} 2011 & TPA ^v 1990,
Meeting facilitation	Nassington Village Hall		256.00	LGA ^{vi} 1972 s111

Grant	Nassington newsletter		500.00	LGA ^{vii} 1972 s142
Direct debits/SOs:				
Jan streetlighting	SSE	17.18	20.62	PCA ^{viii} 1957 s3/ HA ^{ix} 1980 s301
Dec streetlighting	SSE	17.18	20.62	PCA ^{viii} 1957 s3/ HA ^{ix} 1980 s301
Dec streetlighting	SSE	92.61	97.24	PCA ^{viii} 1957 s3/ HA ^{ix} 1980 s301
Jan streetlighting	SSE	92.61	97.24	PCA ^{viii} 1957 s3/ HA ^{ix} 1980 s301
Webhosting (CCard)	WIX	90.00	108.00	LGA ^x 1972 s142
PAYE direct debit	HMRC		845.78	LGA ^{xi} S112
Salary and pension			1394.83	LGA ^{xii} S112 & pensions act

24.2398. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications would include

The website would be updated with a document reading facility and the latest version of the draft Neighbourhood Plan uploaded and an electronic comments submission provided too. The newsletter would advise people of this and encourage people who had been unable to attend the open public event to engage with the online process. The Heating Nassington project would be highlighted too.

24.2399. Co-option

There was a lengthy discussion which considered the considerable attributes that each candidate would bring to the council. Ultimately, it was felt that Mr Russell's work experiences meant that his skill set would contribute to some of the project matters that the council would be facing imminently. The clerk was asked to let both candidates know the outcome and to let the second candidate know that the decision had not been made lightly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 10TH APRIL 2024

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman	Date:
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ⁱ PHA - [Public Health Act, 1875](#)

ⁱⁱ LGA - [Local Government Act 1972](#)

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

^{iv} LA- [Localism Act 2011](#)

^v TPA - [Town and Country Planning Act 1990](#),

^{vi} LGA - [Local Government Act 1972](#)

^{vii} LGA - [Local Government Act 1972](#)

^{viii} PAct -[Parish Councils Act 1957](#)

^{ix} HA- [Highways Act 1980](#)

^x LGA - [Local Government Act 1972](#)

^{xi} LGA - [Local Government Act 1972](#)

^{xii} LGA - [Local Government Act 1972](#)