

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13th November Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

These minutes record the order in which matters were addressed, as opposed to the agenda order.

24.2480. Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Sam Attenborough (chairman), Cllr Alan Burns, Cllr Elliott Clark, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, and Cllr Derrick Mortimer. Apologies received from Andy Russell for personal reasons. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies. Officer present: The clerk. Three members of the public present.

24.2481. 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.

24.2482. Approval of Minutes

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

24.2483. Questions or address from members of the public:

The matter of the challenges driving on Church Street near the church, which had been covered per minute 2470 in October's meeting, was revisited. The points discussed at the last meeting were reiterated. The arrangement to continue with the new traffic cones to try to alleviate parking on the corner would continue, but the possibility of re-visiting the matter was not rejected, as the council appreciates the serious concerns regarding safety.

Questions regarding the future of The Black Horse and stolen items at Eastfield Crescent were raised, but the parish council has not directly received information regarding either matter.

24.2484. Planning and Development (1):

- a) NE/24/01022/PDU | Change of use from Office (Class E) to dwelling (Class C3). | Office 44 Station Road Nassington Peterborough. It was **RESOLVED** that the council would offer no objection or further comment.
- b) NE/24/01009/FUL | Barn conversion into annex, including new windows, air source heat pump and wood burner flue. | Fulbrook Farm Buildings Church Street Nassington. It was **RESOLVED** that the council would offer no objection or further comment.

24.2485. Planning and Development (2):

- a) Neighbourhood plan: The council noted that the two open drop-in events had attracted a few visitors and comments submitted would be sent to the consultants along with the other submissions received via other means.

24.2486. Governance:

- a) Burial Board update: The position regarding the appointment of the new clerk had fallen through, primarily due to the length of time it had taken to formally put a meeting in place and the indication of the challenges working by committee might bring. It was agreed that the council would support the newly formed Burial Board if it concluded that the importance of the position dictated that remuneration

by way of an honorarium was felt to be appropriate. The clerk to Nassington Parish Council is carrying out the role of caretaking pressing matters at the cemetery and would call a meeting of the Burial Board which Cllr Burns kindly agreed to chair as he has experience of that body and would help set it on the right course. (having been appointed to it in May 2011) .

b) It was agreed that the council would make contact with the Nassington Preschool, the Village Hall Committee, and The Queens Head pub to advise that it would be starting the process with North Northamptonshire Council to have those organisations listed as assets of community value, within the meaning of The Localism Act 2011 and ancillary legislation.

c) The pay settlement reached between the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC – on behalf of the employers) and the unions (on behalf of all employees) was noted. The council ratified the clerk's pro-rata increase, back dated to 1st April, with corresponding pension contributions and deduction to be applied.

24.2487. Playing field

a) Details of proposed repair and maintenance works to access lane and car park were discussed. Three firms had been approached to quote for the works, with two responding. It was agreed to proceed with the proposal provided by AMT contractors, but with the provision of a 1 metre apron of additional asphalt either side of the three new speed bumps. The intention is to carry out regular/annual maintenance inspections with the annual RoSPA inspection being the trigger, with works if necessary, and budgeting to enable this.

b) The new trim trail equipment has been installed. The maintenance, repair, and restoration works on much of the other play equipment has been completed.

The grant application for the replacement slide has been submitted. The council remains resolutely committed to the new slide project.

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint the preferred supplier who had last installed street furniture for the council to install the new picnic tables at the playing field.

It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk be instructed to write to the cricket club to instruct the immediate removal of the fencing and posts that have been installed alongside the play area.

24.2488. Planning and Development (2)

a) Heat Nassington (NEAT) Committee report: Details of contracts for paid consultants / project manager for the project had been distributed in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to approve these, in the knowledge that the council would not be exposed financially as the means of paying would be received from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Local Authority. The consultation process is underway, with residents and businesses being encouraged to complete questionnaires.

24.2489. Community / Projects

a) **Allotments:** The bonfire agreed at the last meeting is ready but has not yet been lit as prevailing conditions have not been suitable. There was a brief discussion regarding the importance of checking the pile for wildlife before it is lit.

A quote had been received for the complete clearance of 5 vacant allotments, to include to cut down any bushes/trees, scrape area over with mini digger removing surface vegetation, and rotovate area. Plus to cut back and top trees in community area and removal of non-combustible or non-compostable from the vacant plots along with a pile that has been collected on site by clearing. And to rebuild the dry stone wall using material already in situ. The total cost is £3,150. Arrangements for the clearance of an additional plot that is being vacated will be made by the current plot holder.

It was noted that the trees being removed had previously been planted by plot holders over time although the agreement bars the planting of trees. The allotment committee and the council will be strict in enforcing this aspect of the agreement.

b) A request for reinstatement of a noticeboard at junction of Church St/Apethorpe Road and Northfields Lane had been received. The council declined the request and it was **RESOLVED** that the clerk

be instructed to make arrangements for their removal, ideally using the preferred street furniture installation supplier.

c) **Churchyard.** It was *RESOLVED* to approve the revised management programme which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The clerk and Cllr Lemmon would meet with the contractor to discuss the details. A working group would be undertaking clearance and biodiversity improvements at the churchyard in December – all council members were invited to take part. The clerk would be meeting a tree surgeon regarding the magnolia trees.

d) **Arboricultural inspection:** It was *RESOLVED* to appoint Rebecca Peace to carry out a repeat of the 2022 survey, paying particular attention to the tree brought to the council’s attention at the foot of the path from the village green to the playing field.

e) **Highways:** The clerk gave a short report of the matters she had brought to the attention of Kier/North Northamptonshire Council highways at the recent meeting. Yellow lines in the conservation area had been discussed – should they be permitted, they would be a narrower version of regular DYLS plus the biggest challenge would be enforcement as the issues with parking tend to occur when there would be fewer personnel to issue parking tickets. Pot holes and surfacing had been discussed at length, along with persistent flooding by the village green and at the lowest point on Fotheringhay Road.

The clerk will liaise with Cllr Mortimer to arrange to install 20mph signs. The SID project will proceed asap. It was agreed to budget £300 for decorations for the village green cherry tree.

24.2490. Financial matters:

a) The accounts to 31st October 2024 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was *RESOLVED* to approve accounts at 31st October 2024 as follows:

ledger balance current account	379.92
Tailored reserve	83,628.92
Nationwide 95 day saver	91,816.01
Total cash:	175,824.85
Per cash book	
Balance b/f	141,210.77
Add receipts for year	57,169.58
less payments for the year	22,483.50
Balance c/f:	175,896.8

b) It was *RESOLVED* to note the following receipts and approve the following payments, details of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Receipt	Goods/service	Supplier			
£330.23	Interest	Since last meeting			
£231VAT refund	Allotment rates				
Goods/service	Supplier	Nett	Gross	Power	
Grasscutting	Plough environmental		890.00	PHA ⁱ S164HA ⁱⁱ SGA215	
Benches for playing field	Earth Anchors	1,848.00	2,217.60	LG(MP)A s19iii	
Allotment clearances	JM		450.00	PHAivS164HAVSGA215	
SID repairs	Elan City	344.02	412.82	HA ^{vi} 1980 s274A	
Playground repairs	Playscape	1,540.40	1,848.48	PHAvii S162A	

Direct debits/SOs/Credit card:

streetlighting	SSE	106.51	114.33	PCA ^{viii} 1957 s3/ HA ^{ix} 1980 s301
AED in phonebox	SSE	8.64	10.37	PHAx s234
Parking cones	CC	106.20	127.44	RTRA S72 ^{xi}

& pensions act

24.2491. Announcements and correspondence

- a) A communication regarding civic protocols was noted

24.2492. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications would include

Matters to include in the next newsletter include:

- Playing field – replacement and renovated equipment.
- Playing field – lane and car park improvements
- Churchyard management programme
- 20mph advisory speed limit
- NEAT questionnaire reminder
- Budget input
- Neighbourhood plan regulation 14 – thanks for taking part
- Burial Board clerk advert

24.2493. Items for following agendas:

The council would like to investigate the possibility of claimed rights of way under what is known as the 20 year rule.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 11TH DECEMBER 2024

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman		Date:
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ⁱ Public Health Act 1875

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ⁱⁱⁱ Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19

^{iv} Public Health Act 1875

^v Public Health Act 1875

^{vi} HA- Highways Act 1980

^{vii} Public Health Act 1875

^{viii} PCAct -Parish Councils Act 1957

^{ix} HA- Highways Act 1980

^x PHA – Public Health Act 1936

^{xi} Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984