

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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You are hereby invited to attend the meeting of Nassington Parish Council on **Wednesday 9th July 2025, at 7.00pm,** at Nassington Village Hall, Church St, Nassington for the purpose of transacting the following business:

SARAH RODGER, CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

You are reminded that it is unlawful to make decisions at the meeting re matters not specified on this agenda <u>AGENDA</u>

Background papers and information can be accessed by clicking the <u>hyperlinks</u>

- 1. To note attendance and receive apologies for absence
- **2. To receive declarations of interest** and/or application for a <u>dispensation</u> on items for discussion on this agenda. Code of conduct extract can be found <u>here</u>
- 3. To approve <u>Minutes</u> of the Meeting(s) held in June 2025 as previously circulated.

 Consider Resolution: To confirm the veracity of the minutes of the previous parish council meeting,
- 4. Questions or address from members of the public:

Guidelines for public participation are available at www.nassington-pc.gov.uk. No decisions or representation can be made regarding matters about which the parish council has not previously been fully apprised.

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5. Interpretation board project.

Opportunity to receive a <u>proposal received</u> for a working party meeting to proceed. Recommended action: Council's preparation of Terms of Reference to ensure statutory compliance with legislation governing local councils.

6. Planning and licencing applications:

To consider and resolve the council's response to planning applications listed below plus any other planning applications advised by North Northamptonshire Council and available <u>on its website</u> between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting to which it pertains. (Such planning applications which arrive after the preparation of this agenda that are considered at the meeting, may be subject to review at a later stage). Click on underlined hyperlinks to view: (members should acquaint themselves with the details of the application prior to the meeting – any problems with doing so should be addressed to the clerk). Only <u>MATERIAL PLANNING</u> <u>CONSIDERATIONS</u> should be considered:

 <u>NE/22/00266/FUL</u> | An amendment/additional information to "Change of use of land to the west of Jacks Green at Rockingham Forest Park to provide a range of tourist accommodation (64 caravan lodges) along with the construction of a facilities building, with supporting infrastructure, including hard standing bases with drainage and service provision and landscape planting Location: Rockingham Forest Park Wansford Road Kings Cliffe Peterborough PE8 6FR. **Recommended action:** Ratification of council's submission to planning application, submitted under delegated powers following site meeting by councillors and email correspondence with members.

7. Planning and Development policies:

- a) Neighbourhood plan: Opportunity for update following clerk's e-meetings with NNC NP officer. Recommended action: Consider options to drive the NP process forward. Clerk to work with NNP NP officer and follow advice to obtain quotes from RTPI firms for next phase. Ad-hoc working parties to meet if necessary.
- b) **Heat Nassington**: Online meeting to be held the following evening. **Recommended action**: Consider and agree possibility of meeting towards end July to address matters emerging, with alternative being decision in September.

8. Governance:

- a) Investment policy and banking <u>arrangement for investments</u>: Consider proposed <u>policy</u> (as amended following feedback re documents circulated to members on 15th June) Recommended action: Decide arrangements for investing reserve funds.
- b) Consider proposed **complaints** *policy*, as previously circulated. **Recommended action**: Approve policy with amendments if necessary.
- c) Nassington and Yarwell Joint Burial Committee: Consider repetition of last year's arrangement for NPC to pay the JBC's insurance premium and deduct from the annual grant. Recommended action: Agree proposal.
- d) Members **interests and electoral expenses** following May election. **Recommended action:** Complete paper forms (provided at meeting) which the clerk will return en masse.
- e) **Training**: **Recommended action**: i. Each member to complete Northants CALC <u>Training needs</u> <u>assessment</u>.
- f) Local Councils Explained publication: Opportunity for feedback regarding email of 22nd June.

9. Playing field

- a) Update on **new slide**, to include project sign off and invoice settlement. **Recommended action:** Agree <u>short</u> site meeting before 13th July in order to sign off for payment under delegation.
- b) Arrangements for 'grand opening', with school event, on 16th July. Note press release and official invitation.
- c) Receive RoSPA (and HAGS) reports. Recommended action: Invite quotes for repairs works
- d) Opportunity for update on **cricket club risk assessment** in light of RoSPA comments **Recommended action:** Working party to meet and undertake matrix based risk assessment, also detailing actions to mitigate risks for discussion at next meeting.
- e) Opportunity to <u>consider licence</u> for all bodies of organised playing field activities, to include risk assessment assurances and insurance/indemnity considerations. **Recommended action:** Consider addition of recently highlighted HSE <u>guidance</u> plus other considerations.
- f) Driveway **potholes**: At least one marked pothole is becoming apparent **Recommended action**: Request contractor to visit and repair.
- g) [Monthly play equipment inspection plus interim update on outstanding repairs]

10. Maintenance and Services:

- a) Street lighting electricity contract: Update on UMS market as the 4 month interim contract runs out this month. Recommended action: Delegate to clerk to agree new contract on best value principles following email consultation with members.
- b) **Hedges Recommended action:** Contracting local farm to cut playing field access road hedges in autumn whilst undertaking routine farm works.

- c) **Tree protection orders** for trees outside of the village conservation area. **Recommended action:** Agree to delegate to e-working party for submission under delegation.
- d) Nassington Nature update: Churchyard or Pocket Park observations.
- e) Rights of Way improvements report from RoW warden

11. Community / Projects:

- a) Northants CALC <u>CAN: Climate and Nature Scheme</u>. The Scheme acts as the council's key point of contact and advocate for environmental sustainability, biodiversity, and climate resilience. This voluntary role supports the council in identifying, promoting, and coordinating local action on climate and nature. **Recommended action:** To appoint a Climate & Nature Champion to represent the council in matters relating to the climate, nature, and the environment
- b) PLR update: Matters arising from recent conference include <u>rural crime team</u>; domestic <u>abuse</u>; **Recommended action:** To note any areas of concern for PLR to feedback to local team
- c) History group: Opportunity for short update

12. Financial matters:

- a) Receive and approve <u>accounts</u> to end of previous month to date:
- b) Receive and note expenditure against budget **Recommended action**: approve recommendations for virements
- c) Approve invoices / accounts for payment or paid under delegated authority: <u>HERE</u>
- 13. Receive Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:
- 14. Agree Newsletter / Social Media / community communications.
- 15. Matters to note not for decision. Future agenda items / matters to be carried forward Reminders to the clerk regarding previous resolutions can be noted. The nature of future agenda items can be openly discussed at this point, but no binding decisions can be made.

Proposals for new matters for future consideration should have regard to the <u>member's proposal form</u>