

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes - Nassington Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 7.00 pm in Nassington Village Hall

25.2604. Attendance and apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Sam Attenborough (chair), Cllr Elliott Clark, Cllr Alain Kinglsey, and Cllr Derrick Mortimer. Apologies received from Charlotte Lemmon and Andy Russell for personal reasons. Officer present: The clerk. Three members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

25.2605. Declaration of interests.

Dispensations were agreed for all members of the council who are also members of the cricket club, for members with allotments, for members with association/governorship with the school, 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.

25.2606. Approval of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes, circulated in advance of the meeting, of the meeting held in June 2025. The chairman of the meeting signed the minutes.

25.2607. Questions or address from members of the public:

A matter was raised about the matter of weeds in the Anglian Water compound on Station Road, over which the parish council has no jurisdiction or effect. It was agreed that the council would contact Anglian Water to highlight concerns over the overgrown appearance.

25.2608. Interpretation board project.

There was a lengthy discussion expanding proposals for installation of interpretation boards in strategic places around the parish. A working party has formed, despite the decision per minute 2599c, without council involvement and would be meeting imminently. Emphasis was stressed regarding the importance of the longevity and sustainability of the project and the importance of the boards' engagement as widely as possible with up-to-date approaches. The working party is aware that all decisions would remain with the council, or until such time as an official committee with delegated authority is formed.

25.2609. Planning and licencing applications:

- a) NE/22/00266/FUL| 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.

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the council's response to the planning application, submitted under delegated powers following site meeting by councillors and email correspondence with members.

25.2610. Planning and Development policies:

- a) **Neighbourhood plan:** Since the last meeting, at which dismay was expressed at the lack of engagement with the process from NNC, it has become apparent that there is a consultant specialist NDP officer at NNC who is very well versed in the whole Neighbourhood Plan process and will work with NPC on the next stages. NNC's submission to regulation 14 consultations are still not yet forthcoming, and a decision is yet to be made as to whether the planning authority deems an SEA to be necessary. The NDP officer will be meeting with the clerk before the next meeting to advise. In the meantime, quotes will be sought to bring the plan to date together for the next phase of the process. If necessary, ad-hoc working parties will be arranged to facilitate progression.

b) **Heat Nassington.**

An online meeting was due to be held the following evening. The decision regarding support and other considerations regarding the next phase of the project will be carried forward to the next parish council meeting in September, unless an extraordinary meeting is called in the meantime.

25.2611. Governance:

- a) A proposed investment policy and a working paper summarising option for banking arrangement for investments had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The policy was approved as adopted and it was **RESOLVED** to invest reserves with Hinckley and Rugby Building Society.
- b) A proposed complaints policy had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the policy.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to pay the invoice for the Nassington and Yarwell Joint Burial Committee insurance and deduct the payment from the annual grant.
- d) Members present signed their electoral expenses forms which the clerk will return to the local authority. Members were reminded of their legal responsibilities with respect to declaring pecuniary interests of themselves and a spouse or person with whom they live as a partner and that not declaring information such as business interests, employment, and landholdings is a criminal offence (as opposed to a civil one)
- e) It was agreed that each member will complete Northants CALC Training needs assessment as circulated via the agenda.
- f) There was an opportunity for Q&A regarding Local Councils Explained publication as previously circulated. However, it was agreed that the clerk would disseminate the information again.

25.2612. Playing field

- a) The **new slide installation** is complete. It was agreed to meet the following Friday to sign off the installation of the slide.
- b) There will be an official opening of the slide in conjunction with the school and wider community to officially open the slide. As many councillors as possible will attend.
- c) The **annual RoSPA** inspection had been circulated in advance of the meeting, along with an inspection carried out by HAGS when they recently undertook an in depth inspection of the zip slide and carried out replacement of parts as necessary. Quotes for repairs will be obtained.
- d) It was agreed that Elliot Clark and Marcus Hurcombe would progress the risk assessment with the cricket club in accordance with the terms of the playing field licence and in light of the RoSPA comments.
- e) It was agreed to recommence the project to produce licence for all bodies to use the playing field for organised playing field activities after the August recess.
- f) It was agreed to ask the contractor to visit and address the driveway potholes.

25.2613. Maintenance and Services:

- a) **Street lighting electricity contract:** Pricing options had been received and the council's current supplier, SSE, is still able to offer unmetered supply in compliance with the new Ofgem supply licence requirements of half hourly settlements. Their offer was also the most competitive, despite increased standing order charges which are associated with the half hourly settlement arrangements. It was **RESOLVED** to enter into a 36 month contract.
- b) **Hedges** It was agreed to contact a local farm to request that the hedge along the playing field access road be cut at the same time as the farm's hedges in autumn/winter, at the council's cost. The Clerk will also enquire whether the verge on the east side of the road between the village and the cemetery could be cut when the farm cuts the verges between the farm and the village, also at the council's cost.
- c) **Tree protection orders** to carry forward
- d) **Nassington Nature** update: to carry forward.
- e) **Rights of Way** improvements to carry forward

25.2614. Community / Projects:

- a) Northants CALC **CAN: Climate and Nature Scheme**. To carry forward.
- b) PLR update: The clerk reported on matters arising from recent conference including a specialist rural crime team and emphasis on domestic abuse. The council will support the PLR project via social media and publicity drives. In terms of current issues specific to Nassington, the concerns are parking challenges and traffic, especially speeding.
- c) History group: It was agreed that the clerk and chairman should meet with the history group and discuss the matter of cash payments and the council's inherent stymied position over some matters.

25.2615. Financial matters:

- a) The month end accounts to 30th June 2025 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to approve accounts at 30th June 2025 as follows:

ledger balance current account	1,341.73
Tailored reserve	86,693.74
Nationwide 95 day saver	94199.00
Total cash:	182,234.47
Per cash book	
Balance b/f	133,743.53
Add receipts for year	79,225.57
less payments for the year	30,734.63
Balance c/f:	182,234.47

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to note the variations in budgeted and actual income and expenditure and further **RESOLVED** to approve the following virements:

- i. increase reserves/brought forward balance by £10,943, being unspent budget from previous financial year.
- ii. Vire £691 from brought forward reserve to professional fees
- iii. Vire £14,557 from brought forward / reserve to NDP/grant funded planning
- iv. Vire £1,015 from brought forward reserve to history group project
- v. Vire £500 from Nassington Nature to new cost centre 'Pocket Park'
- vi. Vire £350 from arboriculture to churchyard
- vii. Vire £8,000 from reserves to NDP/grant funded planning

- c) It was **RESOLVED** to note the following receipts, details of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting with the detailed accounts:

Receipt	Goods/service
£682.79	Interest
£11,330.25	VAT reclaim

- d) 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
Urban verge cutting	Plough env'ntal	250.00	250.00	LGA ⁱ S136
Churchyard maintenance	Plough env'ntal	180.00	180.00	LGA ⁱ Act S215
Pocket Park	Plough env'ntal	20.00	20.00	PHA Act S164 ⁱⁱ
Village groundworks	Plough env'ntal	40.00	40.00	PHA Act S164 ⁱⁱ
Zip Slide Repair	HAGS SMP Ltd	1,129.01	1,354.81	PHA Act S164 ⁱⁱ
Website & email facilities	Toucan	532.00	638.40	LGA ⁱ Act S111/142
Training	Northants CALC	91.00	109.20	LGA ⁱ Act S111
Play area inspection	RoSPA	144.00	172.80	PHA Act S164 ⁱⁱ
Cemetery insurance	Clear brokers		554.27	LGA ⁱ Act S214
Slide	Wicksteed	27,560.78	33,072.94	PHA Act S164 ⁱⁱ

EnviroPlanning Consultant	Locogen	10,217.00	12,260.40	NPLocalism/T&PA 1190S61F(1),(2) ⁱⁱⁱ
<u>Under delegation:</u>				
Pocket park works	PJM contracting		110.00	PHA Act S164 ^{iv}
<u>Direct debits/SOs/Credit card:</u>				
Bark in pocket park	Amazon	95.80	114.95	PHA Act S164 ^v
Bark in pocket park	D&J Aggregates	170.84	205.00	PHA Act S164 ^{vi}
AED in phonebox	Tomato Energy	3.50	3.68	PHA ^{vii} s234
Streetlighting	SSE		72.18	PCA ^{viii} s3/ HA ^{ix} 1980 s301
Mobile phone	Lebara	.83	1.00	LGA ⁱ S111
Urn for biscuit tin/VH	Amazon	64.99	79.99	LGA ⁱ S133
Water at allotments	Anglian Water		60.88	SHAA ^x S23 & S25
Salary and pension			1,142.56	LGA S112 & pensions act

25.2616. Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:

Details of the NorthantsCALC annual conference in the autumn had been shared by email. The clerk will be attending.

25.2617. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications

An update about the slide would be included along with a note advising that there would be no meeting in August and notice to contact the council for grant applications

25.2618. Matters to note / to be carried forward

Governance regarding usage of the sports pavilion; topple tests of headstones in the cemetery and the churchyard as the council is conscious of the effects of drought and heavy rainfalls on structures in public areas.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman		Date:
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ⁱ Local Government Act 1972

ⁱⁱ Public Health Act 1875, s.164

ⁱⁱⁱ T&P ATown & Country Planning Act 1990

^{iv} Public Health Act 1875, s.164

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^{vi} Public Health Act 1875, s.164

^{vii} Public Health Act 1936

^{viii} PCAct -Parish Councils Act 1957

^{ix} HA- Highways Act 1980

^x SHAA – Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908