

# NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes - Nassington Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

### **25.2619. Election of a chairman of the council**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Elliot Clark as chair of the Nassington Parish Council. (Sam Attenborough had resigned from the council in July, following the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July.)

### **25.2620. Attendance**

Present: Cllr Elliott Clark (chair), Cllr Marcus Hurcombe, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, and Cllr Derrick Mortimer. Apologies received from Alain Kingsley and Andy Russell for personal reasons. Officer present: The clerk.

### **25.2621. 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.

### **25.2622. Approval of Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes, circulated in advance of the meeting, of the meeting held in July 2025 with a correction to note that Marcus Hurcombe had sent his apologies for not being able to attend via another member. The chairman of the meeting signed the minutes.

### **25.2623. Questions or address from members of the public:**

There were no members of the public, however several matters arose around issues at the allotments. It was agreed that at the next meeting, consideration for nomination of a replacement councillor for the allotment liaison role would be discuss.

### **25.2624. Interpretation board project.**

The project has not proceeded as agreed and anticipated. The meeting agreeing to carry the project forward stated per minute 2599 in June ".... an inaugural working party meeting would be held to take an overview into what the project hopes to achieve and how to take it forward. The clerk, chair and vice-chair will be involved initially along with any councillors and members of the wider community who would like to become involved." Despite this decision, a working party was formed without council involvement and had presented to the council in July.

A subsequent project plan paper had been submitted to the council for consideration. It was clear that a great deal of work had been expended to date, but it was agreed by council that the project was not heading in the direction anticipated and in accordance with the briefing paper on which the decision in June was based. It was agreed to defer this project for some months due to the council's current capacity challenge which in turn means that it is unable to allocate the due consideration and level of input it requires. It was noted that a claim had been received for expenditure for a mock up interpretation board. The council reluctantly agreed to reimburse these costs, noting that it was paid to a company with whom the council has an account already. The council noted that, for the avoidance of doubt, no expenditure whatsoever has been agreed for this project to date and none should be made.

An approach had been received regarding the village sign. It is understood that there might be a degree of misunderstanding, so the matter will be deferred for now

### **25.2625. Planning and Development policies:**

a) **Neighbourhood plan:** It was agreed to receive updates at a later meeting, following clerk's e-meetings with NNC NP officer. The clerk will forward project information to Cllr Lemmon in the meantime

b) **Heat Nassington.**

A draft of a grant application for stage 2 of the viability study into renewable heat / power for Nassington had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to . .

#### **25.2626. Governance:**

a) Meeting dates for the remainder of the municipal year would remain as previously scheduled (second Wednesday, apart from April, at 7pm).

#### **25.2627. Playing field**

a) The **new slide** post installation RoSPA inspection had identified an issue with the lack of chamfering of the metal. The supplier had attended to site and completed rectification measures.

b) The cricket club risk assessment would be discussed at December's meeting.

#### **25.2628. Maintenance and Services:**

a) **Village hall bench** It was **RESOLVED** to procure a memorial bench following receipt of family donation towards purchase.

b) **Blue Plaque Trail** It was **RESOLVED** that the History Group can £5 charge for booklets. It was also agreed that at the next meeting there would be a discussion to allow the history group to operate in a similar way to that of other village organisations such as the newsletter, working autonomously with grant input from the parish council where necessary.

#### **25.2629. Community / Projects:**

a) Northants CALC **CAN: Climate and Nature Scheme**. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Charlotte Lemmon as the parish Climate & Nature Champion to represent the council in matters relating to the climate, nature, and the environment .

b) Right of Way NM27. The landowner has installed new drains and repaired a broken drain in an area of a field which had traditionally become flooded thus causing the right of way to be impassable. It was agreed that as part of the council's ecological commitments, a contribution of no more than £1,500 would be made to the landowner for the provision of a pond area to help alleviate future flooding and contribute to increased biodiversity.

#### **25.2630. Financial matters:**

a) Monthly and quarterly accounts will be approved at a future meeting.

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

<b>Goods/service</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Power</b>
Payroll services	DCK Paytoll	30.00	36.00	LGA <sup>i</sup> S111
Churchyard maintenance	Plough env'ntal	180.00	180.00	LGA <sup>i</sup> Act S215
Urban verges	Plough env'ntal	500.00	500.00	LGA <sup>i</sup> Act S136
Pocket Park	Plough env'ntal	40.00	40.00	PHA Act S164 <sup>ii</sup>
Village groundworks	Plough env'ntal	40.00	40.00	PHA Act S164 <sup>ii</sup>
Audit fee	PKF Littlejohn	420.00	504.00	LGA <sup>i</sup> Act S111
Post installation inspection	RoSPA	420.00	504.00	PHA Act S164 <sup>ii</sup>

#### **25.2631. Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:**

It was noted that the council had received a clean audit with no referral in the interim from the auditor and notices had been published accordingly. This will be formally minuted following a future meeting.

#### **25.2632. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications**

Notification of casual vacancies and notice to contact the council for grant applications would be included in the November newsletter.

**25.2633. Matters to note / to be carried forward**

The ratification of permission to burn one managed bonfire would be included in the next meeting.

**23.2634. Exclusion of public**

It was **RESOLVED** under the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960 to exclude members of the public present from the following agenda item as content could be prejudicial to the public interest

**25.2635. 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 proceed with judicial review procedures which had been circulated by email in advance of the meeting, at a maximum cost of £400 although the council understands that technically the window within which such a application can be submitted is likely to have passed. The applicant and council have intimated that they would accede to such a process, making the legal challenge more likely to succeed, with the outcome that the court accepts the submission and revokes the permission for the application.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

**Approved by Nassington Parish Council:**

<b>Signature of Chairman</b>		<b>Date:</b>
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<sup>i</sup> Local Government Act 1972

<sup>ii</sup> Public Health Act 1875, s.164