

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes - Nassington Parish Council ~~Extra Ordinary~~ Meeting

Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

25.2636. Attendance

Present: Cllr Elliott Clark (chair), Cllr Marcus Hurcombe, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, and Cllr Andy Russell and from minute 2640 Cllr Matt Blakeley. Apologies received from Derrick Mortimer for personal reasons. Officer present: The clerk. Also present, North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) ward councillor Simon Fairchild.

25.2637. 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 or registerable under the council's code of conduct 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 to act in the best interest of the council as duly appointed members of the council as priority in any decision-making process.

25.2638. Approval of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes, circulated in advance of the meeting, of the meeting held in October 2025 with a correction to note that there was a spelling mistake in the chairman's name. The chairman of the meeting signed the minutes.

25.2639. Questions or address from members of the public:

There were no members of the public, but the session was used as an opportunity to hear update from Simon Fairchild. He updated the meeting on the council's intentions regarding hyperlocal devolution, the emerging local plan and the corporate plan. He will attend as many meetings as possible, but with the number of councils in the ward, there will be inevitable clashes with other parishes.

25.2640. Co-option of new members to the parish council.

It was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Matt Blakeley to the council. He signed his declaration of office and joined the meeting.

25.2641. Planning and licencing applications:

- a) Update on NE/22/00266/FUL –judicial review process update. The solicitors have advised that the crown court has been the papers

25.2642. Planning and Development policies:

- a) **Neighbourhood plan:** There was no update and the clerk has not had opportunity for an e-meeting with NNC NP officer.
- b) **Heat Nassington.** No update has been received.
- c) **Huntingdonshire District Council: Preferred** Options draft Local Plan to 2046 and its sustainability appraisal. It was noted that the previously mooted 'Sibson Garden Village' site was not included as part of the preferred options and the plans for warehousing between the A605 and Alwalton junctions of the A1 were not evident, although there was warehousing development included to the south of the A605 junction, beyond the services.

25.2643. Community / Projects:

- a) **Village Hall:** A communication had been circulated in advance of the meeting from the chairman of the village hall CIO/trust outlining the fiscal challenges faced and plans going forward. It was agreed to ask that the council is supportive in principle to the needs of the CIO and will continue in its previously

stated position of underpinning this important community asset. The councillors felt that the various items should be itemised and specified in priority order and then costed out. There are a number of funding options available, including the North Northamptonshire Council member's grant which can give small amounts to causes. NNC Ward Cllr Simon Fairhill stated that he is happy to help with grant applications and to discuss a small grant towards the oven. He mentioned specifically Augean and Awards for All as grant sources.

b) Correspondence from Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough had been circulated in advance of the meeting and was noted. It was acknowledged that the number of dwellings stated was based on very old data and the charity had been notified.

c) Details of North Northamptonshire Council Big50 initiative and upcoming online presentation had been circulated in advance of the meeting and noted. The clerk would attend and councillors were invited to.

25.2644. Governance:

a) There was an introduction to the emerging 'assertion 10' digital and data requirement as part of AGAR procedures in the spring, relating to the current financial year. Draft FOI publication policy, draft ITC policy (adopted from model in the current practitioners guide – see 5.122) and website accessibility statement were circulated in advance of the meeting. The policies would be reviewed at the next meeting, with a 'Bring your own device' section in the ITC policy.

b) There was a discussion regarding training needs. The clerk undertook to re-circulate the pertinent information, along with supporting papers and Good Councillor guides.

c) The latest NJC pay settlement was noted, along with the fact that it is to be back dated to April.

d) It was noted that re-enrolment duties in compliance with The Pensions Act 2008 have been actioned

e) The terms and conditions for the previously designated investment account with Hinckley & Rugby Building Society were approved, three members in addition to the clerk /rfo were decided as Cllrs Lemmon, Kinglsey and Clark.

25.2645. Playing field

a) The 'Farmy' see-saw frameworks will be replaced by HAGS, free of charge. There is a lead time of up to 8 weeks.

b) The monthly inspection will be reported at the next meeting, and the loose handle on the new slide reported to the supplier.

c) The clerk had met with the grounds works company regarding the boundary of the playing field and agreed that the trees highlighted during the arborist inspection would be removed along with the overgrown brambles by the zip slide, during the upcoming winter months. The following winter, the dead ash to the south east of the storage containers would be pollarded to reduce the risk of failure.

25.2646. Maintenance and Services:

a) **Churchyard:** A request received regarding noticeboard in the churchyard had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was decided that the option proposed was not accepted by the council, and the preferred siting was to keep the new noticeboard in the same site, but lower down so it would be on shorter posts and sit almost on top of the wall. The council's concerns were based on facilitating grasscutting and the disturbance of human remains during the installation of posts if the noticeboard were to be moved into the churchyard, as the posts would need to be driven to a relatively deep to support the weight of the noticeboard.

b) Allotments:

- Permission for annual bonfire in November was agreed.
- The request for storage area for non burnables in readiness for future skip / collection service in a compound to east of the pond area, shielded from public view by vegetation but close to the central haulage track constructed from plastic pallets 4x8 was discussed. This was agreed in principle on the understanding that it is monitored to ensure that only allotment arisings are deposited, with a view to a skip in the spring.

- Compost arisings against the dry stone wall had been reported and would be investigated during the upcoming inspection and monitored going forward.
- It was noted that a new tenant of allotment 4b has taken on responsibility of poly tunnel and disposal on relinquishing the plot
- It was agreed to nominated Councillor Marcus Hurcombe to lead on allotment affairs, bringing matters for decision to full council meetings.
- It was agreed to meet on 29th November at 10am to familiarise and inspect the allotment site with committee members.

c) Highways:

- It was agreed to continue with S136 arrangements with highway authority whereby NPC takes on responsibility for highway verge grass cutting. The new financial arrangements were noted. The clerk will request an updated map from the highways team, for the avoidance of doubt regarding areas to be cut.
- The groundworks contractor had reported damage to a CityFibre pot that had been mis-installed so that it sat proud of the ground and damage was unavoidable. A short term repair had been effected using wood whilst the contractor sought information regarding sourcing a proper replacement. The council is concerned that this must only be short term as it could be a risk to pedestrians.
- The council had been contact about a proposed new gravel drive on highways property. The correspondent had been advised that this was a North Northamptonshire Council highways issue and the parish council has no jurisdiction whatsoever, but that it would need permission.

d) AED in phone box:

- It was noted that the electricity supplier had gone out of business and that Ofgem had allocated British Gas as the new supplier, who had offered a BGLite contract.

25.2647. Financial matters:

a) Budget for 2025/26: Matters to take into account in preparation of the budget include a TPO survey, poppy wreath, allotment skip, joint burial committee requirements, churchyard expenditure, village hall support. The council acknowledged that the previous year's marked increase should have been sufficient for requirements going forward

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve invoices / accounts for payment or paid under delegated authority, and note income as listed below

a) The month end accounts to 31st October 2025 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** to approve accounts at 31st October 2025 as follows:

ledger balance current account	167.96
Tailored reserve	65,037.46
Nationwide 95 day saver	95,306.00
Total cash:	160,511.42
Per cash book	
Balance b/f	133,743.53
Add receipts for year	114,176.29
less payments for the year	87,408.40
Balance c/f:	160,511.42

b) **Receive and note expenditure against budget.** Virement of income from grants to cost centres for NEAT and the new slide project was approved.

Goods/service	Supplier	Nett	Gross	Power
Payroll services	DCK Payroll	30.00	36.00	LGA ⁱ S111
Churchyard maintenance	Plough env'ntal	270.00	270.00	LGA ⁱ Act S215
Urban verges	Plough env'ntal	500.00	500.00	LGA ⁱ Act S136

Pocket Park	Plough env'ntal	40.00	40.00	PHA Act S164 ⁱⁱ
Village groundworks	Plough env'ntal	60.00	60.00	PHA Act S164 ⁱⁱ
Blue Plaques	Ward Signs	1,720.20	2,064.24	LGA ⁱ Act S144
History group leaflets	Peterborough Print	64.55	97.71	LGA ⁱ Act S144
Allotment groundworks	PJC	150.00	150.00	SHAA ⁱⁱⁱ S23, 25
Tree works	JW&MA Rowlett	950.00	1,140.00	PHA Act S164 ⁱⁱ
Training	Northants CALC	30.00	36.00	LGA ⁱ Act S111
Land registry disbursements	Wellers Headley	41.67	50.00	LGA ⁱ Act S111
Churchyard headstone insp	Fenland stoneworks	300.00	360.00	LGA ⁱ Act S111
N'hood plan support	Your Locale	1,500.00	1,800.00	T&PA 1190S61F(1),(2) ^{iv}
Padlocks at cemetery	Amazon	36.73	44.07	LGA ⁱ Act S214
PO Box	Royal Mail	205.50	246.60	LGA ⁱ Act S111
AED in phone box	Tomato energy	2.58	2.71	PHA ^v s234
Street Lighting	SSE	365.02	383.28	T&P / HA ^{vi}
Payroll costs July – Oct			3427.68	LGA ⁱ Act S111

Income

Goods/Service	Payer	Nett	Gross
Interest since July meeting			1,450.72
Grant (slide)	Augean		23,500.00
Grant (NEAT project)	Joint Cambs authority		10,000.00

25.2648. Official announcements, notices or reports / Correspondence / representations of note:

It was noted that correspondence had been received regarding permission for extension to permitted hours for a licenced event within the village. The clerk had advised the correspondent that the parish council has no jurisdiction over such matters and that they should contact the local licensing authority.

25.2649. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications

Seasonal wishes plus an invitation for grass roots organisation to prepare for following year's remembrance, as there had been reported discussions on social platforms.

25.2650. Matters to note / to be carried forward

Unity Bank signatories and signing of mandate by all members, TPOs, nomination of a new Nassington and Yarwell Joint Burial Committee member, report on the allotment inspection on November 29th, cricket club update, training update, assets of community value/Black Horse Pub

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 10TH DECEMBER 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 SHAA – Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908

^{iv} T&PA Town & Country Planning Act 1990

^v PHA – Public Health Act 1936

^{vi} Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 / Highways Act 1980 s301