

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



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

Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7.00 pm in Nassington Village Hall

25.2636. Attendance

Present: Cllr Matt Blakeley, Cllr Elliott Clark (chair), Cllr Marcus Hurcombe, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, and Cllr Andy Russell. Officer present: The clerk.

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.

However, following a review of the code of conduct subsequent to matters highlighted during a training session, it was agreed that the interests would be reviewed next month as the current blanket dispensation procedure could be seen to circumvent the entire code of conduct principle.

25.2638. Approval of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes, circulated in advance of the meeting, of the meeting held in November 2025 with a correction to note that there was a mistake in the attendee'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 and nothing of public note, not on the agenda, was raised.

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

The council regrettably noted the resignation of Derrick Mortimer. There were two vacancies on the council, but no candidate had come forward to be considered for co-option.

25.2641. Planning and licencing applications:

- a) Update on NE/22/00266/FUL –judicial review process update. Papers had been circulated in advance of the meeting and taken as read. Next steps are unknown in terms of payment requirements. However, it was agreed that a broad approach may be circumspect in the event of a renewed planning application. The council's environmental and ecological priorities for this area of important biodiversity and ancient habitat would be discussed with ELF for advice in terms of a cohesive approach to future events.

25.2642. Planning and Development policies:

- a) **Neighbourhood plan:** It was agreed that the clerk would forward email correspondence with the NP consultant at North Northamptonshire Council to councillors, with a view that a meeting can be arranged with the NNC NP consultant and bring back to the council at February meeting.
- b) **Heat Nassington.** Information from the NEAT/Heat Nassington steering committee had been circulated and taken as read. It was agreed that as Matt Blakeley is both a councillor and member of the steering committee, he would act as a conduit between the two.

25.2643. Community / Projects:

- a) **Big50:** The clerk and chairman had attended an online seminar about the Big50 project, outlining a 25 year project to shape Northamptonshire. The follow up information had been shared with members, taken as read and noted.

- b) **Black Horse Pub:** It was agreed to attempt to contact the owner of the Black Horse to discuss the future of the business. The application to include the Black Horse as an asset of community value.
- c) **Tree survey:** It was agreed to employ services from Rebecca Peace.

25.2644. Governance:

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the FOI publication policy (with a charge of 10p per copy in the relevant section), the ITC policy which had been adapted from a model in the current practitioners guide, and the website accessibility statement. These had been circulated in advance and are to ensure compliance with emerging 'assertion 10' digital and data requirement as part of AGAR procedures in the spring, relating to the current financial year.
- b) Training needs: There is a gradual training needs assessment, using the NCALC Councillor Development Framework. There is an acknowledgement that capacity is challenging for members.
- c) The application for new Hinckley & Rugby Building Society account was signed confirming acceptance of terms and conditions for a 90 day account.
- d) The papers for Unity Trust Bank were not available to sign and would be signed at the next meeting.

25.2645. Playing field

- a) The monthly inspection will be reported at the next meeting. The loose handle on the new slide had been reported to the supplier who had carried out a site inspection and had confirmed all in order.
- b) Cricket club: The clerk will forward contact details for the cricket club chairman to the Nassington Parish Council chairman.

25.2646. Maintenance and Services:

- a) **Churchyard:** The council's suggestion of leaving the noticeboard in the same place (east facing), but lower at head height had been passed to the PCC, along with the council's view that siting alongside the path facing the church was not favoured. The PCC is opposed to the east facing option. It was agreed to respond with a suggestion of the noticeboard just inside the gate, on the right, south facing. This would necessitate removal of the litter bin.
- b) **Allotments:** There had been an inspection of the allotments by a number of members.
 - It was acknowledged that one particular allotment holder and committee member puts in a great deal of time and effort at the site.
 - It was agreed to purchase hard core to complete the remainder of the central haul road.
 - The matter of flooding was discussed at length. It was agreed to monitor the situation for the time being.
 - Three allotment holders would be contacted with reminders to maintain the land and use the allotment for cultivating'
 - Compost arisings are not directly against the dry stone wall, but the allotment holder would be reminded to maintain a distance so as not to compromise the wall.
 - It was agreed to attempt to identify a party to independently inspect the dry stone walls for safety.

25.2647. Financial matters:

- a) **Budget for 2025/26:** The budget was discussed in detail and will be finalised at the next meeting.
- 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	3,474.37
Tailored reserve	53,037.46
Nationwide 95 day saver	95,568.42
Total cash:	152,080.25
Per cash book	
Balance b/f	133,743.53

Add receipts for year	114,438.71
less payments for the year	96101.99
Balance c/f:	152,080.25

Goods/service	Supplier	Nett	Gross	Power
Payroll services	DCK Payroll	37.50	45.00	LGA ⁱ S111
Churchyard maintenance	Plough env'ntal	90.00	90.00	LGA ⁱ Act S215
Urban verges	Plough env'ntal	250.00	250.00	LGA ⁱ Act S136
Village groundworks defined.	Plough env'ntal	20.00	20.00	PHA Act S164 ^{Error! Bookmark not defined.}
History group leaflets	Peterborough Print	315.95	315.95	LGA ⁱ Act S144
Allotment groundworks	PJM	24.34	24.34	SHAA ⁱⁱ S23, 25
Training	Northants CALC	92.00	110.40	LGA ⁱ Act S111
Office 365	Microsoft (S Rodger)	87.49	104.99	LGA ⁱ Act S111
Backpay	S Rodger		192.35	LGA ⁱ Act S111

Income

Goods/Service	Payer	Nett	Gross
History Group cash			735.84
Interest			262.42

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

Correspondence from Elton Parish Council about Huntingdonshire Local Plan had been circulated. It was agreed to submit an objection as outlined.

25.2649. Newsletter / Social Media / community communications

Happy New Year, councillor update and casual vacancies, mention of tree surveys, inviting input and ideas for siting trees, grant funding applications and invitation to become involved with the neighbourhood plan group.

25.2650. Matters to note / to be carried forward. There were none

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14H JANUARY 2026

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman		Date:
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ⁱ Local Government Act 1972

ⁱⁱ SHAA – Small Holding and Allotments Act 1908