

# NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30 pm in Nassington Village Hall

### **21/1957 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Present: Cllr Alan Burns, Cllr Elliott Clark, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Paul Monks, Cllr Derrick Mortimer and Cllr Robert Peterson (Chairman) and Cllr Shane Rickwood Officer present: The clerk. Two members of the public present until item 4 / minute 1960.

### **21/1958 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none, but as a point of order, with the expectation that Alain Kingsley might become co-opted prior the planning items, she declared an interest in item 7/minute 1962.

### **21/1959 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN NOVEMBER 2021 AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED.**

It was *RESOLVED* to approve the minutes of the November parish council meetings. The chairman signed the minutes.

### **21/1960 OPPORTUNITY FOR CO-OPTION**

It was *RESOLVED* that Charlotte Lemmon and Alain Kingsley be co-opted to the parish council. They both signed their declarations of acceptance of office and joined the meeting as members.

### **21/1961 QUESTIONS OR ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

There were none.

### **21/1962 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Following the feedback to AECOM consultants in November at the workshop per minute 1949, a revised version of the Design Code to accompany the plan had been submitted for approval and circulated to all members. The council is pleased with the document as it brings together the defining features of the village without being overly prescriptive or inequitable. It was agreed that the council is content to approve the second version of the code for inclusion in the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan.

### **21/1963 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**

- a) NE/21/01682/TPO/ | T1 - Holm oak, to reduce crown by up to 1.5m to limit shading and spread of tree | 30 Church Street Nassington. It was *RESOLVED* that there were no objections or further comments to make.
- b) NE/21/01663/FUL | Remove existing detached store and garage building and construct new outbuilding with car parking, storage and roof space. | 38A Church Street Nassington. It was *RESOLVED* that there were no objections.
- c) A licence application from Mee Farmers to support online sales of alcoholic beverages was considered. It was *RESOLVED* to submit no objections.
- d) There was a discussion regarding the current situation regarding the sale of the Black Horse pub premises. The sale that the council was previously told about has fallen through because the buyer withdrew following a change of mind but remains under offer by a different party. The sales agent advised that the premises had been surveyed for mortgage purposes the previous week. An application for Asset of Community Value would be submitted as soon as the pub is under new ownership
- e) Details of NE/21/01337/FUL | Improvements to and resurfacing of internal access road | Rockingham Forest Park Wansford Road Kings Cliffe had been circulated when notification received from the planning authority, prior to the meeting but following publication of the agenda. It was agreed that there appears not be no reason for objection providing there would be no impact from surface run off that input from highways officers was fully taken into account.

- f) Details of NE/21/01744/FUL | Portal frame extension to units 6A and 12, with 6 additional parking spaces | Unit 6A Kings Cliffe Industrial Estate Wansford Road Kings Cliffe had been circulated between the agenda publication and the meeting, and would be held over to the council's meeting in January.

**21/1964 COMMUNITY MATTERS / PROJECTS:**

- a) Allotments: Eviction notices have been served on three allotment holders. Two are yet to clear the plots A fourth allotment holder had avoided eviction by removing excess fowl from his site. The clerk was instructed to write to a further allotment holder who has ducks on the plot to insist on their removal.

It was agreed that there would be an inspection of the allotments on January 16th at 10am. Following this, the council would identify definitively which plots are let, which are being worked, and which are being neglected long-term to the extent that eviction processes should commence. This will identify which plots would be kept and which are to be cleared and covered. The intention is to keep all cultivated allotments together; clear and cover plots for future use (with material that will suppress the weeds to avoid nuisance and to keep the plot weed free for future holders) and possibly create a pond and biodiversity area in the main uncultivated part of the allotments land.

The matter of excess storage buildings on plots would be addressed so the inspection would take this aspect into account.

- b) Pocket parks update – the clerk will continue to endeavour to find out how to receive permission to access the land to the east of the pocket park to take down the tree which has ash heart rot. An arboriculturist will be contracted to survey the trees on the council's land and recommend works to be carried out. The pocket park trees will be included.

- c) Christmas tree update. The council is most grateful to Andrew Codman for digging the hole on the village green and to Mee Farmers for collecting the tree from Fotheringhay Christmas Trees, installing it in the hole and raising volunteers to decorate the tree. There are still some decorations to go on the tree and possibly some more lights.

- d) History group: It was agreed that the parish council would be the custodian of the village history project, with secure storage remaining for the time being in its current venue. The council will continue to pay for the modest costs of the project, those being primarily stationery and an online presence.

- e) Playing field: Some trees and boughs had fallen in recent high winds. It was agreed to instruct the council's groundworks contractors to cut them as necessary to a manageable size and to stack / lay in the scrub part of the field boundary, off the playing field.

Moles continue to cause nuisance and the pest control contractor has been reminded to attend.

The council has been approached by the Nassington and Yarwell Garden Show committee regarding the possibility of it siting a storage container alongside those already sited on the playing field. The council concluded it was not keen that there be a further container on the field which, in line with Fields in Trust stipulations, is for recreation. The request would be turned down.

- f) Policing priorities: The ongoing questionnaire to inform the local force of people's concerns would be publicised.

The clerk was asked to contact the relevant authorities about potential neighbourhood amenity breaches in the field leading to Wilgar Bridge.

- g) It was noted that the PCC intends replacing and slightly resiting the wooden noticeboard in the churchyard with an eco-timber version. The latest legal note from NALC re closed churchyards was circulated with the agenda.

**21/1965 GOVERNANCE MATTERS:**

- a) Accounts to date and a first draft budget for discussion, further consideration and decision at January meeting had been circulated with the agenda. The intention is to continue to build funds for the community facilities, ensure the council has a robust budget to bring the neighbourhood plan to fruition

and provide continued high amenity value to the community. There would be a reluctance to increase the precept beyond 2%. Members would advise the clerk of any specific items they would like included in the budget and community groups would be encouraged to apply for funding,

- b) It was agreed to continue with SSE for supply following the cessation of the current contract in March 2022. The clerk will place a contract for the most cost effective electricity tariff on offer from the various brokers with whom the council is in discussions.
- c) It was ***RESOLVED*** to formally ratify the resolution to adopt the model North Northamptonshire Council code of conduct as agreed under delegated powers.

## 21/1966 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

It was ***RESOLVED*** to approve the following payments:

Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Gross	Power
Grasscutting	Plough		510.00	HA <sup>i</sup> S96 PHA <sup>ii</sup> S164
History group website	Paul Tate		71.96	LGA <sup>iii</sup> 142
History group sundries	Paul Tate		42.80	LGA <sup>iv</sup> 142
Training	NorthantsCALC		26.60	LGA <sup>v</sup> 111
NDP consultancy - consultation	YourLocale	2,500.00	3,000.00	Localism T&C PA 1190S61F(1),(2) <sup>vi</sup>
Salary	Sarah Rodger	590.52		LGA Error! Bookmark not defined. 112
Pension	Nest		99.61	Pensions Act 2008)

## 21/1967 RECEIVE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE:

The closure of council facilities over the period between Christmas and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 was noted.

## 21/1968 AGREE NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS.

New councillors; the crime consultation per 1964f above; a call for community wishes for funding or projects and environmental initiatives would all be covered in the newsletter.

## 21/1969 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / MATTERS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD

Danielle Black, Integrated Neighbourhood Manager for South Peterborough Primary Care Network North Integrated Care Partnership, would be addressing the council at the January meeting to talk about neighbourhood integration and networking.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021 7.30PM		
<b>Approved by Nassington Parish Council:</b>		
Signature of Chairman		Date:

i HA- Highways Act 1980

ii Public Health Act 1875

iii LGA – Local Government Act 1972

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vi T&CPA Town & Country Planning Act 1990