

NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30 pm.GMT

22/1970. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllr Alan Burns, Cllr Elliott Clark, Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Alain Kingsley, Cllr Charlotte Lemmon, Cllr Paul Monks, Cllr Derrick Mortimer, Cllr Robert Peterson (chairman) and Cllr Shane Rickwood. Officer present: The clerk. One member of the public present.

22/1971. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mortimer declared an interest in matters pertaining to the preschool.

22/1972. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was *RESOLVED* to approve minutes of the meeting of December 8th, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

22/1973. QUESTIONS OR ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

There were no questions.

22/1974. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

Since the last full advisory group committee meeting, several sub-committee groups have taken place, including site selection, sustainability, housing and environment. The advisory committee will be meeting again in February.

The Design Code has been signed off and formally taken on by the council.

The environment and biodiversity/ecology group has had a number of meetings and site visits/exploratory walks and will continue to do look at the wide remit covered by this group. It was agreed that the clerk should use parish online/land registry and local knowledge to establish landownership where necessary, noting that the land registry service will attract a modest financial outlay. The group is keen to engage with landowners and the wider public as part of the investigations and will make direct contact and use the village communications (the newsletter and facebook)

22/1975. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

a) 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.

It was *RESOLVED* that the council has no objections or further comment to make.

b) NE/21/01337/FUL | Improvements to and resurfacing of internal access road | Rockingham Forest Park Wansford Road.

Following an extensive discussion considering matters brought the council's attention by neighbours and comments submitted to the planning portal by statutory consultees, it was agreed that whilst the council does not object to the application, it would want to see the following restrictions put in place:

- Use of the internal access road must be restricted only for vehicular use, to reduce the potential impact to the vulnerable areas during migratory bird nesting and habitation times.
- The timing of the works must be outside of the season when the migratory birds are present.
- The site's ecological report must be reviewed at it is out of date.
- The botanical value of the surrounding meadows and grassland must not be compromised.
- The importance of the management of the surrounding area has been highlighted by this application and brought to the council's attention.

22/1976. COMMUNITY MATTERS / PROJECTS:

a) Fenn Close Update

The application process for interest in the Fenn Close sites went live earlier in the week. This process has changed from that previously experienced with phases I and II of the site, because eligibility criteria, the bidding agent and the local government structure in Northamptonshire have all changed. Previous dealings by the council used to rural district matters has changed to urban centric Unitary council with officers less experienced with rural exception sites

and associated factors. The applications are now far more arm's length, with the council officers autonomously making decisions rather than in collaboration with the rural housing association. Without having access to established contacts with whom the parish council can establish facts, there is a concern that people unsuitable for a rural environment or people without tangible links to Nassington could be given priority over the people who the parish council understood it was supporting by giving its support to the scheme. The remaining ward councillors would be contacted to be informed of these concerns and asked to help identify housing officers.

b) Christmas tree on green

The kind donation from Fotheringhay Christmas trees and invaluable help from Mee Farmers and Codman Construction were acknowledged. It was decided to wait until the summer to discuss options for the green for next year, as there were concerns about how tall a planted tree might grow.

Regarding the green and path, the clerk was asked to contact the mole management firm the council contracts and to investigate possibilities for reinforcement of the path further into the field, in readiness for a future meeting.

c) Nassington preschool

- A grant request had been received and distributed before the meeting along with a paper, unsolicited by preschool, provided by the council outlining a ground rent review. It was agreed that the council is unable to provide the full amount of the grant request. However, It was **RESOLVED** that the council will offer a grant of £4000 match funding and will freeze ground rent for three years, until 2025. In addition, the suggestion will be made that the preschool board consider using the council's groundworks contractor to complete its works, at the same time that the path is laid.

Councillors noted that there would be a level of disappointment if the opportunities for fundraising at the jubilee event in June were not taken up.

d) Nassington history group:

The council reiterated its agreement to take on responsibility for the history archive, with the possibility that the website would come within the council's existing ISP arrangements going forward. There is also the possibility of applying for heritage lottery grant funding at a later date, to allow for the repository of information to be properly digitized and originals archived with the county archivist.

e) Nassington defibrillators:

- Information regarding *installation of AED units* on public highway had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was noted that one of the sites is possibly under the ownership of the Longhurst Group and that installations on the highway will require section 50 licences. The council will support the section 50 process as much as it is able to, either via existing arrangements with county highways or via the licence that will form part of the upcoming speed indicator siting arrangements. The council is also in general support of the process to link in with existing UMS (electricity supply) MPAN (the meter) and pay for the cost of the electricity to keep the AEDs at optimum temperature.
- A *grant request* had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that the parish council is unwilling to fund a fixed AED and adamant that it would not want a plaque with its name on in any circumstance. It would like to fund a roving AED that can be taken on school trips and other excursions away from the village.

22/1977. GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

a) Budget:

It was agreed to set the following budget for the year 2022/23

Precept	50,750.00	Salary	10,000.00
Interest	150.00	Pension Provision/NIC	600.00
Allotment Rents	300.00	Clerks expenses	150.00
Pavilion Lease	-	Office expenses	500.00
Preschool		Professional fees	1,000.00
Misc	-	Training budget	400.00

NCC highways	534.00	Website	1,200.00
NDP grant	-	Street Lighting	950.00
Wkg income	51,734.00	Playing Field	1,500.00
Reserves	120,880.00	Footpaths / Environment	1,750.00
		Burial Board	2,200.00
		Insurance	750.00
		NALC & SLCC	400.00
		Meeting facilitation	300.00
		Audit	565.00
		Allotment Expenditure	600.00
		Churchyard	850.00
		C'man's allowance	150.00
		Fwd Contingency (to reserves)	11,119.00
		Elections	250.00
		VH Grant	1,000.00
		Highways / amenities	2,000.00
		Tree inspection/works	3,000.00
		Cohesion / wellbeing	4,000.00
		History Group	500.00
		Grant funding	6,000.00
		<u>Sub total</u>	<u>51,734.00</u>
		Facilities reserve	55,626.00
		Safety reserve	4,000.00
		General Reserve	38,000.00
		Cohesion reserve	10,000.00
		Election reserve	2,000.00
		Working cash	51,734.00
		Total reserves	109,626.00

b) Precept

It was *RESOLVED* to raise a precept demand for £50,750.00, which is 2% increase against the precept demand of the previous year, but may not be 2% on the taxpayer, once the rating authority applies band D equivalent calculations.

22/1978. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

It was *RESOLVED* to approve the following accounts for payment:

GOODS/SERVICE	PAYEE	NETT	GROSS
Neighbourhood plan	Yourlocale	1,500.00	1,800.00
Mole control	Pestforce		275.00
PAYE	HMRC		511.70
Bench	Earth anchors	356.00	427.20
Water at allotments (since 2020)	Anglian Water		276.06
Dog bin collection	North Northants	15.55	18.66
Grant	Burial Board		600.00
Salaries and pension			690.13

22/1979. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE / REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE:

- It was *RESOLVED* to purchase a pack of *hedgehog highway archways* £2.50 each to give away or to sell at the garden show
- A new article about the future use of oil heating and phasing out of oil fired heating over the next 8-18 years was noted.

- The resignation of one of the unitary ward councillors was noted.

22/1980. NEWSLETTER / SOCIAL MEDIA / COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS.

Information would be included in the newsletter regarding the phasing out of oil fired heating. The neighbourhood plan environment working group would prepare an article for inclusion and there would be a stand-alone 'save the date' full page.

22/1981. MATTERS TO CARRY FORWARD:

The February meeting would ratify the grant payment to the burial board to alleviate cash flow challenge caused by the roofing works at the gate porch.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9TH FEBRUARY 2022

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman		Date:
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