



## MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 in the Village Hall, Nassington at 7.15pm**

**Present: Councillors: Barbara Curtis (Chair), Yvonne Banke, Paul Burgess, Darren Lee, David Norman and Rachel Taylor. Also present Sarah Rodger-Clerk, PCSO Philip Dobson, Jonathan Luchow from Northants Youth Club Association and 3 members of the public**

### ACTION / NOTES

Before the meeting started, the Chairman explained that generally people spoke at the start of the meeting, but that the agenda item pertaining to each of the visitors would be opened to the floor to allow useful participation

**10.308) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr Mike Ford had sent apologies as he had a prior family commitment and Cllr Stephen Hewitt had 'flu. Apologies accepted.

**10.309) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Darren Lee	10/303 He has an allotments (personal interest only)	<i>Declarations of interest</i>
David Norman	10/314 Neighbour (personal interest only)	

**10.310) MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD IN NOVEMBER AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED.**

It was *RESOLVED* to adopt the minutes

**10.311) CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER** Nobody had come forward yet.

**10.312) POLICE LIAISON** – A number of incidents have been reported surrounding the bus shelter at the junction of Apethorpe Road and Church Street. PCSO Philip Dobson had previously advised by email that there had been a number of complaints received about anti-social behaviour (ASB) at the bus shelter at the junction of Apethorpe Road and Church Street in Nassington. If over three calls about one ASB matter are received in a year, that incident is allocated a crime number. PCSO Dobson explained that he understood it is a historic issue and that steps had been taken in the past to try to alleviate the problem. At present, it seems that the disruption is being caused by 10-13 year olds. There was a long discussion about the various problems. PCSO Dobson suggested that the council could consider moving the shelter to St Marys Green, but this was discounted as an immediate option due to funding. The next agenda item was opened in order to facilitate useful 'cross subject' discussion.

**10.313) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS**—Jonathan Luchow, Northants Youth Club Association youth worker for this area was in attendance. He works closely with PCSO Dobson. He explained that his role is to facilitate youth clubs for young people and identifying volunteers to be trained into a support role. A start up fund is available. The idea would be to involve the young people from the very outset so that the facilities could be tailored to their requirements. It was agreed that an item would go in the newsletter advising of the possibility of the youth club and asking for volunteers aged 16 or older. Jonathan and PCSO Dobson would visit the middle school to explain to the young people what will be happening.

**10.314) PRESCHOOL UNIT –**

The meeting was attended by two of the preschool project team and the architect overseeing the building. There was a protracted discussion about the pros and cons of the facilities available for dealing with foul waste from the new building. The preferred option would be a self contained sewage treatment package plant, but the cost differential between that and a septic tank with drainage onto the playing field to the west of the new building was considered by the preschool to make that option non viable. The council's concern about the spoil from a septic tank system stemmed from the possibility of pathogens and the wider community concern / perception of risk. After full and frank exchanges and full consideration of all the issues, it was agreed that:

1. The options available were not the Council's preferred option. (The preferred option is a self

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contained plant)

2. As a self contained plant was not possible, a septic tank on the car park with overspill drainage running under the land leading to the car park, although this had not been put forward as an option by the consultants brought in to consider the options, which indicated that it would not be possible. The preschool is led to believe that the overspill drainage system should be constructed in a loop
3. If points 1 and 2 prove not possible, subject to the test results being satisfactory, the installation should be as per the architects drawing 1112.2013, with assurances of a satisfactory maintenance contract for the duration of the lease or the life of the foul water system, should it be replaced, with a copy of an annual inspection to the Parish Council. The system must only be used according to the manufacturer. The preschool will be responsible for any repairs, and for the clean-up expenses should any spillage occur and for the correction and costs of putting right any damage.
4. The septic tank will be in the carpark

The discussion then turned to the matter of the trees on the western edge of the carpark, which were subject to discussion and agreement at a previous meeting. A tree other than the one for which the council had given permission to remove was partly pulled out by the builder. A full and frank exchange ensued, with a strong denunciation expressed by some of the councillors, and the preschool equally adamant that the removal of the wrong tree was a genuine error. The Parish Council expressed its disappointment with the action and the Preschool agreed that once the work is complete, a replacement tree would be planted.

#### 10.315) PLANNING

- a) **10/02031/FUL** Walnut Farm, Mill Road, Nassington- Change of use from agricultural land to horse pasture and ménage No comment or objection
- b) **10/01996/FUL** 40 Woodnewton Road Nassington To substitute a double garage for a studio garage with studio accommodation – It was **RESOLVED** that the council would submit an objection, due to the fact that the plot on which the proposed garage would be will have a greater impact than those on other plots on the site because it is on the main road, rather than a side/residential road and it is the first house on the approach/entrance to the village. The council is also concerned that the word 'accommodation' in the application suggests additional living/habitable space rather than ancillary studio use

#### 10.316) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. **RESOLVED** To approve the following payments:

Cheque Number	Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Vat	Gross
300134	Clerks salary	S Rodger	357.03	0	357.03
300135	Cemetery precept / grant	NandY Burial Board	1200.00	0	1200.00
300136	Purchase & installation of zipslide tensioner	Fenland Leisure	225.00	39.38.	264.38
300137	Electricity consumption	Eon UK	157.94	27.64	185.58
300138	50% SLCC membership	SLCC	67.50	0	67.50
		Totals	2007.47	67.02	<b>£2,074.49</b>

2. **Receive accounts:** These had been distributed
3. **Budget update:** Information had been received regarding the possible costs of the upcoming election and it was decided to budget for £800 expenditure

#### 10.317) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

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1. **Churchyard Wall:** It was agreed that as well as consulting English Heritage for advice, it would be useful to involve the conservation officer at ENC
2. **Pavilion:** The architect has not yet received / responded to the invitation to attend a meeting. It was agreed that all relevant documents would be forwarded to members
3. **Planning:** There had been no update to outstanding issues
4. **Grit bins:** The clerk had put in requests for grit bins in various strategic points around the village, but none were conformed to the NCC criteria. The council may buy its own bins and salt and install them, after obtaining a licence from NCC, in the village. It was agreed that the clerk should investigate this option

#### 10.318) OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS

1. **The Chairman** – None
2. **The Clerk** – The clerk had circulated information in advance about her absence in April due to the village twinning visit. It was agreed to postpone the April meeting and combine it with the annual parish meeting evening date later that month
3. **Councillors:**
  - Burial Board – Tandee Nursery had trimmed the holly trees. Cllr Yvonne Banke was planning to attend the January meeting of Yarwell parish council, as clerk of the burial board

#### 10.319) CORRESPONDENCE:

- A tree preservation order for 30 Woodnewton Road had been received
- The issuing of bus passes had transferred from ENC to NCC and there is a possibility that the library services, including the mobile library, will be utilised to facilitate this.
- Information regarding a community safety grant
- 'The print room' at ENC
- Victim support appeal for funding (the council felt that this was not appropriate)
- Letter from parishioner regarding lack of grit bin in The Drove

#### 10.320) NEWSLETTER:

- The preschool building area will be landscaped.
- Youth Club – pre-advice and looking for volunteers
- Bus Shelter – ASB and priority for the local police
- Grit bins
- Vacancies

#### 10.321) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / AOB TO BE CARRIED FORWARD

- 2012 Jubilee and 2011 Royal Wedding

The meeting closed at 22.08

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011, NASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Approved by Nassington Parish Council:**

**Signature of Chairman  
of following meeting:**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

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