



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8th September 2010 in the Village Hall, Nassington at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors: Barbara Curtis (Chair), Mike Ford, Stephen Hewitt, Darren Lee, David Norman and Rachel Taylor. Also present Sarah Rodger-Clerk.

ACTION / NOTES

10.262) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Yvonne Banke and Paul Burgess on holiday. Apologies accepted

10.263) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

David Norman	10/265 As a neighbour (personal interest only)
Rachel Taylor	10/265 On the preschool committee (personal & prejudicial interest)
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Mike Ford	10/268 allotments as his wife is an allotment holder (personal & prejudicial interest)
Darren Lee	10/268 allotments as he is an allotment holder (personal & prejudicial interest)
Everyone expect Rachel Taylor	– 10/269 Parking

Declarations of interest

10.264) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 4TH AUGUST 2010 AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED.

Cllr Mike Ford's apologies were added to the minutes and the date in 10.254 altered, however, the minutes could not be approved because there were not enough people present at both minutes to make a quorum

10.265) PRESCHOOL UNIT AND PROPOSALS FOR REPLACEMENT COMMUNITY/SPORTS COMPLEX– A member had had a telephone conversation with the architect regarding an outstanding invoice. The outcome of this conversation was that in return for payment of the invoice, the council would receive any hard copies plus all electronic copies of plans to date in and that this would be full and final settlement of the account. There was a vote with 4 people in favour, but Cllr David Norman abstained from voting. A letter had been received from the cricket club in August explaining that it was disturbed by the positioning of the preschool unit – it became apparent that at the meetings regarding the positioning of the unit, there was some confusion as to where it would be sited. The meeting resolved that the clerk approach the preschool with a request the children's outside play area be 'squared off' making it more of a rhombus shape so as not to encroach on any possible future vehicular access.

10.266) PLANNING

- a) **10/01193/FUL** 7 Homefield Nassington Northamptonshire PE8 6EP Extension of existing garages into the roof to form studio rooms on plots 1, 13, 14, 15 and 16 a change to planning consent [EN/04/00998/FUL](#) (13.10.2004) – Retrospective (at number 7) AMENDED . Resolved to object to the height of the garages, the external staircase and importantly the possible change of use to form additional accommodation or for commercial use
- b) Augean appeal against refusal for planning permission for low level nuclear waste at landfill facility in Kings Cliffe, The council considered authorising Cllr Heather Smith to act as the council's proxy in common with other parish councils at the appeal hearing, but decided it would like to see her appeal report before making a decision
- c) Consider any issues that demand the attentions of the enforcement officer at East Northants council or environmental services. The Council resolved to strongly object to the revised plans received for 27 Station Road because the development was not built to plan and the applicant knowingly proceeded without planning permission. The council is very mindful of precedent being a factor in appeal inspectors decision making process and is aware that planning permission will not factor highly in development in the village if this is not challenged.

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The clerk was instructed to speak with planning enforcement again about the situation with regard to cars parked on the junction of Apethorpe Road and Church Street.

- d) Plans for 'Rockingham Forest Holidays' at old KSR land – A revised Scoping report consultation had been received the day before the meeting with a deadline before the next meeting, It was agreed to circulate the report and convene a special meeting

10.267) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Cheque Number	Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Vat	Gross
300100	Clerks salary and expenses	S Rodger	376.08	2.98	379.06
300116	Repair of street light on Fotheringhay Rd	Eon	23.47	4.11	27.58
300117	Architect services	JED designs	2070.00	362.25	2432.25
300118	Legal fees for preschool lease	Corby Borough Council	300.00	52.50	352.50
300119	Playarea inspection	ROSPA	78.00	13.66	91.66
	Water at allotments	Anglia Water **	76.96	0	76.96
300120	Emptying dog bin at playing field	East Northants Council	13.66	2.39	16.05
		Totals	2938.17	437.89	£3,376.06

**** Addendum** – Although the payment to Anglia Water was authorised, the invoice was incorrect so it was not paid.

2. **Receive accounts:** Noting receipt of £20 allotment rents
 3. **Approve audit:** The audit had not been received back from the auditors

10.268) OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS

1. **The Chairman** – A community report document had been received from St André de la Marché, Nassington's twinned town. The chairman would be attending a Parish Watch meeting the following evening and Andrew Codman's wife had advised that he had resigned
2. **Councillors:**
- Allotments – The road through the centre of the allotments is very uneven following the installation of the underground water pipe. A member undertook to investigate borrowing some plant to rectify this. The south gate post is rotten – at the next meeting, a decision would be taken as to what to replace it with and quotes
 - Burial Board – A surveyor has been appointed to bring the plans to submission stage.
 - Other committees – the meeting of the Policy & Resource committee is on Monday 8th November in the village hall at 7.30pm

10.269) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

1. **Rospa report** The builders of the new preschool until would be approached to see whether any topsoil could go under the zip slide
2. **Other community safety issues** The gates to the play area need attention as they are not fixed correctly
3. **Northants Fire service** – A scheme is being launched to look at the possibility of having community volunteers in a support role for home safety checks. The council supports the idea in principle, but wants to know a little more about how it would work in practice.
4. **Village benches** – This would go forward to the council work gangs
5. **Parking** The matter of parking on the green and outside the school was discussed, and a

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reminder to go in the newsletter. With regard to The Drove, one house has a white line outside to remind people that emergency vehicle access is needed. Spire Homes has written asking people not to park on the green area, but the feeling abroad is that there are simply not enough parking spaces. The clerk was to raise the issue again with Spire Homes and the county council to see whether there is any possibility of resurrecting the previous scheme to grasscrete the green in part for parking

6. **Speed limit of Woodnewton Road** The council is in full support of the proposal to move the 30mph speed limit outwards, past the new development at Homefield and the entrance to the neighbouring field.

10.270) FOOTPATHS AND GRASSCUTTING It was *RESOLVED* to accept the proposal for increase for 2011/12 season for grasscutting of 2.5% to £1104 for the season (£138 per month)

10.271) PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT POLICIES: There were no comments

10.272) NEWSLETTER:

- Planning.
- Parking – school zig zags

10.273) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / AOB TO BE CARRIED FORWARD

- The Queen's diamond jubilee

The meeting closed at 21.50

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 13TH 2010, NASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following meeting:**

Date: 13TH October 2010

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