



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 9th February 2011 in the Village Hall, Nassington at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors: Barbara Curtis (Chair), Yvonne Banke, Paul Burgess, Alan Burns, Mike Ford, Stephen Hewitt, Darren Lee, David Norman and Rachel Taylor. Also present Sarah Rodger-Clerk, and 1 member of the public

Before the meeting started, the David Sidgwick addressed the meeting on behalf of an organisation called 'Local Democracy in Action' (LDA) This is a group of self appointed, rather than elected, 'stakeholders' who have formed the group to raise awareness about and mount opposition to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (Eric Pickles) granting permission for Augean's plans to use the East Northamptonshire Resource Management Facility at Kings Cliffe for the disposal of low level radio active waste. Mr Pickles will make his decision on May 24th after due consideration of the report submitted by the planning inspector following the appeal hearing – the appeal was brought about by Augean against NCC¹'s decision to turn down its application. Mr Sidgwick tried to explain some of the background to the issue and went on to explain that LDA was in the process of organising village meetings to call parish polls, which are in effect referendums on local issues. Two pertinent points emerging were that the cost to the parish council would be about £600 and the meeting to call the poll is being called by electors, not the parish council.

11.345) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None

**ACTION /
NOTES**

11.346) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

David Norman	11.351 Neighbour
Rachel Taylor	11.351 Chairman of preschool
Barbara Curtis	11.348 Chairman of Parish Watch
Mike Ford	11.353 Wife is an allotment holder
Darren Lee	11.353 Allotment holder

None of the declarations were made as prejudicial

*Declarations
of interest*

11.347) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of 12th January 2011 – the chairman signed & initialled the minutes.

11.348) APPLICATION FOR PROPOSALS TO RECEIVE LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AT THE EAST NORTHANTS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FACILITY This matter had been dealt with under the open forum prior to the start of the meeting. The council agreed to look into the matter of a referendum and consider at the next meeting. There was no volunteer to attend the next meeting of LDA which Mr Sidgwick had said was on 28th February in Nassington. The clerk said she would if possible

11.349) PLANNING - 11/00060/FUL 29 Station Road Nassington Peterborough Northamptonshire PE8 6QB Two storey side extension to existing dwelling **RESOLVED** No comment or objection

11.350) UPDATE ON PAVILION PROJECT – There had been a PC meeting the previous Friday at which the cricket club were present and contributed to proceedings at which it was broadly agreed that there would be a new building on the original footprint, possibly slightly larger than the existing building. The cricket club are planning to fund the project and are agreeable to a 'joint usage' arrangement whereby the building could be used for community use at times that it is not required for cricket club activities, by prior arrangement. The clerk was told to go ahead and lodge the claim for damage to the pavilion without the documentation that the insurance brokers had requested. There was a protracted discussion around the outstanding fees for the pavilion/community centre project that had been abandoned. The issues are: the council has been issued with an invoice, nobody is aware of having been advised that there would be fees applicable for the work that was commissioned and the council feels that the standard of work did not warrant the level of fee levied. It was agreed that Cllrs Burns and Burgess would speak with the architectural technician and act as the council's negotiators in trying to bring the matter to a mutually satisfactory conclusion.

Chairman's Initials:

Councillors undertook to furnish Cllrs Burns And Burgess with relevant and pertinent anecdotal information which they felt would substantiate the background to the issue and bear out the points made at the meeting

11.351) PRESCHOOL BUILDING –

There was nothing to discuss although the clerk advised that she had requested clarification as to the exact location of the tarmacked area at the bottom of the drive. The council did not feel this was necessary.

11.352) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Cheque Number	Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Vat	Gross
300144	Clerks salary	S Rodger	357.03	0	357.03
		Totals	357.03	0	£ 357.03

2. **Receive accounts:** These would be circulated

3. **Audit for year ending 31 March 2011** – Consideration of the council's governance arrangements and statutory obligations. The following had been circulated, but not in time for due consideration so would be held over until the following meeting

- Review the effectiveness of the system of internal control
- Review the effectiveness of system of internal audit
- Carry out an assessment of the risks facing the council

11.353) OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS

1. **The Chairman** – None

2. **The Clerk** – None.

3. **Councillors:**

- Burial Board – Cllr Yvonne Banke reported that she was expecting an imminent meeting with the loss adjustor regarding the wall that had been hit by a car.

The burial board had met to discuss the proposed extension to the cemetery and had decided that it would extend along the Nassington Road to the north of the existing site, rather than to the east. The land is owned by the same land owner so this change would have little effect. A planning application would be applied for before too long.

- Allotments – There was little to report other than some of the more untidy allotments had been tidied up.
- Pocket Park – Mr White who is the Parish Council's grass cutting contractor had asked that the lower branches of the apple trees could be pruned to allow the grass underneath to be cut

11.354) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

- Youth Club proposals – no feedback
- Land near allotments / Church St – the allotments had been tidied. Copies of the information received from the anti-social behaviour legislation would be forwarded to Cllr Banke for consideration

11.355) CORRESPONDENCE

- Information had been received regarding Queen Elizabeth II challenge – this would be carried forward for further consideration
- E-Update from Northants CALC had been circulated

11.356) NEWSLETTER

- Cllr Banke would write about the proposed extension to the cemetery

Chairman's Initials:

- “Stand and Deliver” had been submitted
- Dog mess was again becoming an issue

11.357) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE WHICH HAD BEEN OMITTED FROM THE AGENDA)

The meeting closed at 21.18

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9TH MARCH 2011, NASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following meeting:**

Date: 27th April 2011

¹ NCC = Northamptonshire County Council