



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Friday 4th February 2011 in the Village Hall, Nassington at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Barbara Curtis (Chair), Yvonne Banke, Alan Burns, Stephen Hewitt, David Norman and Rachel Taylor. Also present Sarah Rodger-Clerk, 3 members of the public (representing Nassington Cricket Club)

This meeting had been called specifically to discuss matters pertaining to the sports pavilion in Nassington and representatives from the cricket club had been invited in order that matters could be discussed in open and frank discourse. In order to facilitate discussion, it was agreed that the members of the cricket club could partake in all discussion, but that decisions would be made by the councillors present.

11.338) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Mike Ford had a previous commitment and Darren Lee had a work commitment, Paul Burgess had a previous commitment.

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11.339) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

David Norman Neighbour (personal interest)

*Declarations
of interest*

11.340) EXISTING BUILDING – During recent email exchanges and the preamble to this meeting, it had been made plain to the council that the building had been damaged during the heavy snow in December which had consequently caused substantial water damage to the ceiling, carpets and furniture. The clerk had discussed the matter with the council's insurance brokers who advised that the council would have to demonstrate that the damage was caused directly as a result of the heavy snow (co-incidentally the insurers had issued a leaflet on this matter shortly before Christmas which had been distributed via email in the interim and which explained what constitutes snow damage). The brokers also pointed out that there is an excess of £250 and the 5% no claims discount would be lost, amounting to approximately £60. Only the building is insured, not contents which means that the furniture and carpets are not insured. It was agreed that an insurance claim would be lodged and that Mr Taylor from the cricket club would email the clerk with photographs and a quote for repair, in accordance with the insurance company's instructions and that he would talk to the builder working on the site to ask him to confirm in writing that the damage was caused by the weight of the snow. In the meantime, the roof would be covered with sheeting in order to minimise further ingress of water. The repair is required urgently as the cricket season is due to commence at Easter.

11.341) REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW BUILDING – DISCUSSION RE THE NEEDS OF THE CRICKET CLUB AND THE WIDER NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF SPACE AVAILABLE, SELF SUFFICIENCY, LONG TERM VIABILITY AND CURRENT ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGES. The cricket club representatives had brought along a sketch which summarised its needs and requirements from a new building which will be planned to fit on more or less the same footprint as the existing building. It would consist of 2 changing areas, and area for the umpire, WC facilities and a bar area. The envisaged cost would be somewhere in the region of £150-200,000 (£80-90 per square foot). The vision is to bring the cricket club's facilities to the standards required for its promotional aspirations. The plans for the building would satisfy funding sources and would be sustainable in the long term. It is envisaged that the land would be leased to the cricket club and that the cost of building and maintenance would be funded by the cricket club, but ultimately owned by the Parish Council. The building could be used by other organisations in the village, at reasonable times when not being used by the cricket club and the design should take additional users' needs into account.

Chairman's Initials:

11.342) CONSIDER FINANCING OPTIONS – DISCUSSION RE FUNDING SOURCES AND CONSIDER APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES TO DATE – The cricket club will cover the costs of planning and drawings. There could be an option for additional funding sources to contribute to the costs of the overall project once additional users were identified (e.g. youth users, other sports organisations). The cricket club suggested that funding would be available from the ECB¹, but planning permission might have to be in place prior to this being granted. With regard to the expenses to date, the architectural technician is claiming for outstanding work. The cricket club explained that it had financial commitments for training facilities on the playing field and currently has no spare cash. However, the representatives of the cricket club would take the matter back to their committee for further discussion to see whether any funds may be available in the future.

11.343) LEASE REQUIREMENTS – The existing lease between the Sports Association (which has, to all intent and purpose, ceased to be) and the Parish Council expires in October 2012 and would not be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of fund granting sources. It was agreed to send the existing lease to the conveyancer at Corby Borough Council, who set up the lease for the land leased to preschool, and ask for his advice and opinion and a quote for the work, with a view to getting a new lease drawn up. The cricket club would not be employing its own lawyers, but did have a member who works in a legal environment and would ‘cast an eye’ over the documents. The cricket club would pay half the legal costs

11.344) CONSIDER ANY OTHER PERTINENT POINTS REGARDING THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FACILITIES AT THE PLAYING FIELD There was a brief discussion regarding the possible culprit of ongoing vandalism at the playing field and a further discussion which confirm that the parish council’s strimmer has been stored at the playing field since it went missing a few years previously

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:		
Signature of Chairman of approving meeting:		Date: 9th March 2011

¹ ECB = English Cricket Board