



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Friday 5th February 2011 in the Village Hall, Nassington at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Barbara Curtis (Chair), Yvonne Banke, Paul Burgess, Alan Burns, Mike Ford, Darren Lee, and David Norman. Also present Sarah Rodger - Clerk.

ACTION / NOTES

11.358) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Rachel Taylor - holiday

11.359) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

David Norman 11.362/63/65 Neighbour
 Barbara Curtis 11. 361 Chairman of Parish Watch
 Mike Ford 11.369 Wife is an allotment holder
 Darren Lee 11.369 Allotment holder
 None of the declarations were made as prejudicial

Declarations of interest

11.360) MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED. It was *RESOLVED* to adopt the minutes of the extra meeting on 4th February 2011 – the chairman signed & initialled the minutes, however the minutes of the actual parish council meeting on 9th February were not adopted because they had not been received in time for councillors to read them properly

11.361) NOTE OUTCOME OF PARISH MEETING HELD EARLIER IN THE EVENING REGARDING PARISH POLL ON LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AT THE EAST NORTANTS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FACILITY Before the meeting this evening, there had been a parish meeting, called by 6 electors in order to discuss and resolve to call a parish poll. This is part of a cluster of local villages managed by a self appointed group calling itself 'Democracy In Action'. The Parish Council noted that two questions for the poll were agreed at the meeting with 23 people voting in favour. There was a short discussion. In essence the Parish Council felt that by having tabled its objection in the proper democratic and lawful way during the planning process, and having reiterated that objection at the appeal stage, there was not a great deal more it could do.

11.362) UPDATE ON PAVILION PROJECT There was a discussion concerning the replacement lease for the cricket club. The length of the lease was discussed in detail and the clerk instructed to advise the conveyancer that it would be a 25 year lease. The trustees of the current lease to the sports association would be approached with a view to surrendering that lease in favour of the new one and the cricket club would be leased land rather than a building, altering the present arrangements. The cricket club must supply plans that show the exact area of land that they would like to lease, detailing the precise footprint, with dimensions and showing the proximity of other existing landmarks in the vicinity. It was envisaged that in the long term, the cricket club would insure and maintain the building.

11.363) EXISTING PAVILION – There was nothing to report yet on the insurance claim over the snow damage to the pavilion.

11.364) PLANNING – No planning applications had been received, but the clerk reported that a scoping report had been received, outlining what a proposed Environmental Impact assessment will take into account when looking at expansion of the hazardous waste site at Kings Cliffe. A scoping report is a technical paper which usually just gets sent to bodies whose members have a suitable level of understanding of its contents and implications, but as the site in Kings Cliffe has potentially far reaching effects and is seen as contentious, the circulation has been widened to include Parish Councils and the wider community. A scoping report precedes an Environmental Impact Assessment which precedes or forms

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part of a planning application. It was agreed that members would look at the Scoping Report and if necessary a meeting would be called to agree a response.

11.365) PRESCHOOL NEW BUILD A request had been received from the preschool by email and circulated to members asking whether some of the redundant metal barriers around the perimeter of the car park could be moved to enclose the area where the new foul water waste treatment tank was housed underground in the carpark. The area above the 'tank' is already surrounded by a raised kerb, but the preschool was conscious of the fact that there could be damage to car wheels and trims if drivers had not spotted the kerbing. The council agreed that it was important that the area was clearly marked to avoid confusion or accidental damage and it agreed that the barriers could be moved. The matter of the BT cabling laid in the incorrect place was noted, and the council is waiting to see what the outcome is; it is likely that a revised wayleave would be issued. A letter had been received from a member of the public who had witnessed some young people seemingly using the new building as a rebound wall with a football. The Parish Council is always aware of the potential for misuse of facilities by third parties in certain parts of the village and would do its best to reinforce the fact that this kind of behaviour is not acceptable.

11.366) UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS REMAINING FROM COMMUNITY COMPLEX PROJECT There was nothing to report as the planned meeting with JED designs about outstanding matters and fees had not yet happened, but Cllr Burns again asked that councillors and the clerk send any information that could help give the whole picture behind the misunderstanding over the management of the community complex.

11.367) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Cheque Number	Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Vat	Gross
300145	Clerks salary & expenses	S Rodger	443.44	0	443.44
300146	Water at allotments	Anglian Water	61.34	0	61.34
		Totals	504.78	0	£ 504.78

2. **RESOLVED** To approve the following payments dated 31st March 2011 in order that the annual accounts include all payments made:

Cheque Number	Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Vat	Gross
300147	Clerks salary	S Rodger	357.23	0	357.23
300148	PAYE	HMRC	125.20	0	125.20
		Totals	482.43	0	£ 482.43

3. **Receive accounts:** These had been circulated and there were no matters arising
4. **Audit for year ending 31 March 2011** – Consideration of the council's governance arrangements and statutory obligations. Documents had been circulated just before the February meeting which allowed for the following considerations
- Review the effectiveness of the system of internal control and publish a statement on internal control in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations (2003)
 - Review the effectiveness of system of internal audit in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006 and consider

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arrangements for audit of accounts to 31 March 2011

- Carry out an assessment of the risks facing the council and report as necessary, in accordance with audit regulations
- Consider and decide audit arrangements for year ending 31 March 2011

The documents outlining the first 3 points were approved and adopted and signed by the chairman and the clerk was instructed to continue with the Northants NALC¹ internal audit arrangements that had been in place for the past 8 years or so

11.368) OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS

1. **The Chairman** – None
2. **The Clerk** – Would be having some time off during the Easter school break and apologised for being ill with flu since the last meeting.
3. **Councillors:**
 - Burial Board – Cllr Yvonne Banke reported that the planning application would be submitted to ENC² within the next few weeks. Nothing had happened with the insurance claim for the cemetery wall
 - Allotments – The AGM would be taking place on 30th March. Some allotments would be coming free shortly
 - Pocket Park – The council is enormously grateful to Mr & Mrs Burgess (Cllr Paul Burgess) for their hard work in pruning back the lower branches in the pocket park so that Bill White, the contractor, can cut underneath all the trees. It was reported that the pocket park now looks splendid.

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

- Youth Club proposals – nothing came of the visits by the Oundle Youth bus – no young people turned up to speak with Jonathan Lucklow and no volunteers had come forward either
- Land near allotments / Church St – the allotments had been tidied and there have been visits to the area by environmental health. Cllr Banke had studied the anti-social behaviour/neighbourhoods documentation and advised that it was not applicable
- The council is not interested in pursuing the Queen Elizabeth II fields challenge to protect any open spaces in the village

11.370) ELECTIONS – MAY 2011 There was a general discussion about the election

11.371) CORRESPONDENCE There had been none of note – general emails had been forwarded on receipt

11.372) NEWSLETTER

- Allotment availability

11.373) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A hole has appeared in the ground in the churchyard and would be further investigated by the clerk

The meeting closed at 21.20

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 27TH APRIL 2011, NASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following meeting:**

Date: 27th April 2011

¹ NALC = National Association of Local Councils

² ENC = East Northamptonshire Council