



MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 11th January 2012 in the Village Hall, Nassington at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Alan Burns (chairman), Terry Boulton, Tony Cully, Barbara Curtis and David Norman
Plus the clerk and 8 members of the public, including 3 candidates for co-option and 2 agents for a planning matter

**COMMENTS /
ACTIONS**

12/519 QUESTIONS OR ADDRESS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC :

- A member of the public spoke regarding some photos that he had tried to email to the clerk at the weekend showing the presence of broken bottles and glass at the play area. This was extensive, with some of the jagged edges upwards and very close to the swings and zip slide. They were pear cider bottles. It was acknowledged that this is potentially hazardous and the clerk was instructed to let the police know. It was also acknowledged that the system for checking the equipment at the playing field had lapsed over the Christmas holidays, but this would be reinstated forthwith. This led to a discussion regarding the gate at the bottom of the lane to the playing field and it was agreed that someone would discuss this with the person who lives close by to see if the closing procedure could be reintroduced and all councillors would close the gate in the hours of darkness if they noticed it open.
- A member of the public asked whether the repair of the gate to the allotments was in hand and was advised by the clerk that a contractor had been contacted with a view to quoting for repairs. Another member of the public suggested an outlet for inexpensive oak posts and offered to carry out the work for which the chairman thanked him and said the council would be in touch if necessary.

12/520 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Rachel Taylor was on holiday

12/521 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

David Norman – playing field as a neighbour

Alan Burns – churchyard wall as his wife is a PCC member and deputy churchwarden

12/522 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH DECEMBER 2011 AS PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED : It was **resolved** to adopt the minutes of the December meeting, with a correction to the numbering from the draft minutes circulated

The agenda order was altered here as most of the members of the public were in attendance for planning matters

12/523 PLANNING: (Click on the link to view in web browser)

a) 30 Woodnewton Road – Pre application consultation by agents for revised scheme with 3 four bedroom house, 1 three bedroom house, 4 two bedroom semis, and one 2 bedroom bungalow. The planning agents working for the trust which owns the land in question was at the meeting to make a pre-application presentation to the parish council. The chairman explained some of the background – this is the 3rd visit by the agents and there has been much drawing board re-visiting in the interim. This revised scheme takes account of the planning authority's housing strategy and some of the concerns previously expressed. It has a mixture of sizes of property and the corner plot neighbouring the garden of a house already on Woodnewton road now has a bungalow, affording some privacy to the garden next door. Some of the detail, such as building materials, is still to be discussed with the planners. The chairman closed the meeting to allow public input and items such as trees, highways and lighting were briefly discussed. The meeting reopened. The chairman thanked the agents for including the parish council in the prelim consultation and for taking into account the council's

previous concerns, summarising that as it stands, the parish council likes the concept and would be supportive of an application veering little from the proposals presented this evening.

b) 11/02030/FUL Erection of a portakabin to the side of warehouse to provide offices at Former Station Yard Station Road Nassington. During the course of discussions, Cllr Barbara Curtis and Terry Boulton declared interests as they live close to the area, but have not received statutory consultation letters. These are not prejudicial interests. The parish council is concerned about this application, as it does not take into account the wider issues with the whole area as development and expansion may have taken place possibly without planning authorisation. The planning history of the site indicates that an overview by the planning authority might be in order so that all parties are clear as to what businesses are operating from the site and with what permissions. The clerk is to write to the development control department asking them to review the area. The parish council made it very clear that it is not opposed to the principal of the site and welcomes economic business activities within the community, but in a regulated way for the protection and economic viability of all concerned. It was **resolved** that the parish council objects to this planning application on the grounds that it appears to be outside of the village development boundary and because it forms part of a larger enterprise which has not got specific planning permission for the business activities; it would be visible from the approach to the village and from some parts of the village.

c) 11/02010/OUT Demolition of existing garages and erection of 2 two bedroom 4 person dwellings with associated parking Garage Block Rear Of 20 Eastfield Crescent Nassington. The chairman allowed input from the floor, with the meeting closed, prior to discussion by members. The council made it clear that it welcomes the concept of additional social housing within the community, but in an organic and sustainable method of development, not by shoe-horning dwellings and causing overcrowding. It was **resolved** that the parish council objects strongly to this application on the following grounds:

- Contravention of the RNOTPⁱ as it outside the settlement boundary and therefore contrary to policy 2.
- Further detrimental effect on the parking and inherent complexities in that part of the village
- Unreasonable on the neighbours to the proposed site who have existing established access over the area on which the proposed development will take place

d) 11/01779/FUL - Fitted compressors for chillers in shop. (Retrospective) 49 Station Road Nassington. The Parish Council felt that this was a complicated application due to the amount of noise issued by the compressors. It is very sympathetic to the neighbours, and the reasonable and neighbourly approach by them was noted. Equally, the council is supportive of the village shop and the intrinsic benefits it brings to the community and would like to encourage the continuation of negotiations so that a compromise can be reached allowing the continued viability of the shop and the neighbour's use of their garden.

e) 11/02003/FUL New office extension The Workshop New Sulehay Farm Apethorpe Road Nassington. The council had no objection or further comment to make on this application

12/524 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – Due to resignations in 2011, 3 vacancies existed on the parish council. Four volunteers had expressed interest in joining the parish council and had forward précised resumes which had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. While the 3 candidates at the meeting left the room, members had an intensive discussion surrounding the individual merits of each person, trying to find a way of choosing from such a high calibre of candidates. It was eventually **resolved** to co-opt Tony Cooper, Dec Downey and Paul Dixon as members of the parish council. They were invited to join the meeting, but reminded that they could not vote or take part in decision making as they had not received 3

days notice as required by statute.

12/525 EMERGING PLANNING LEGISLATION CONSULTATIONS – Reminder about training session on Thursday 19th January. Submissions on consultations regarding the new issues, made by central NALC and New Homes Bonus had been circulated by email. Details of another planning training session at the end of February had been circulated that day and would be online on the members' webpage.

12/526 CHURCHYARD WALL – No update

12/527 FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NASSINGTON The chairman explained the background to this matter to the new members. In essence, the proposals worked on to date were for one end of a multi use games area was to be installed along the fencing line on the east boundary of the playing field, to the south of the zip slide. To date, the clerk has circulated 4 different options with price guides, the idea has been put forward on facebook and well received by the handful of people who had expressed an opinion. There was a suggestion that perhaps this is not what young people would like in the village and there might be a potential better use of money, but in the meantime, the clerk would continue to pursue the grant option and a fuller discussion can take place when the youth club officer comes to the next meeting. (The idea of a youth club had been well received on facebook)

12/528 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. **TO** approve invoices / accounts for payment, plus any advised prior to meeting:

Chq Number	Goods/Service	Payee	Nett	Vat	Gross
300020	Clerks salary	S Rodger	363.83	0	363.83
300021	Burial Board	Nassington & Yarwell Burial Board	3200.00	0	3200.00
300022	Street lighting maintenance	Eon	164.88	32.98	197.86
		TOTAL	3728.71	32.98	£3,761.69

The accounts had been circulated before Christmas. There were no issues arising

12/529 BUDGET – Setting of budget and precept for 2012/13 financial year. The accounts and budget proposal had been circulated before the Christmas holidays. The chairman explained what a precept is (the money collected on behalf of the parish council by the rating authority and paid biannually to cover the costs of running the parish council and village amenities) After some discussion, it was **resolved** to set the precept for the financial year 1/4/12 to 31/3/13 at £21,000. The budget is appended to these minutes.

12/530 OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES OR REPORTS FROM:

1. The Chairman, - Nothing to report
2. The Clerk – Nothing to report
3. Councillors – Due to the resignations (12/524) there were some spaces on parish council committees which must be filled to allow them to operate lawfully. It was agreed that Tony Cully, Dec Downey and Paul Dixon would be the allotments representatives, Tony Cooper volunteered to take responsibility for the pocket park and Barbara Curtis joined Alan Burns and Terry Boulton on the Burial Board.

12/531 OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- **Diamond Jubilee / 2012 Celebrations** Meeting on 12 January 2012 8pm at the Black Horse. It was agreed that the council will cover the cost of the marquee hire, estimated to be in the region of £2,000 plus the cost of tables and chairs.

- **Parking Issues** This would be brought up at a future meeting

12/532 CORRESPONDENCE:

- The CCP rural play scheme in the school holidays and after school in the market towns has stopped as the funding has been withdrawn.
- There is a promotion by the Woodland Trust to provide tree packs to community groups. It was agreed that there is scope within the village for some trees and this would be looked at next meeting

12/533 NEWSLETTER - Items for inclusion in the newsletter

- The new councillors
- Allotments
- The outcome of the jubilee meeting

12/534 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / AOB TO BE CARRIED FORWARD

- **Opportunity to consider future meeting scheduling – NHW / Police and safety matters and a formal meeting with the new cricket club committee members are important considerations.** The conclusion was that there is 'no hurry' for these items, although the cricket club are aware that their lease will shortly expire
- **There is a new youth worker who has some ideas for developing a youth club in the village and would like to attend a parish council meeting in February.** Agreed
- **Opportunity to consider a separate Annual Village Meeting on 25th April** It was decided that the annual parish meeting, and the annual parish council meeting would take place on the same evening as the May meeting (Wednesday 9th)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 8TH FEBRUARY 2012, 7.30PM NASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following meeting:**

Date: 8th February 2012

ⁱ RNOT = Rural North Oundle & Thrapston plan