

Nassington Parish Council Meeting
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2007 in the Village Hall

1. 10 Minutes of Free Time

The Clerk mentioned that Mr A Codman had asked if the Parish Council were going to mention the passing away of Richard Mould. It was unanimously agreed that the meeting should record its sadness at the passing away of Richard Mould and sincere condolences were extended to all his family. Mr A Codman mentioned the damage to property in Nassington and particularly the tree next to his premises.

2. Apologies; Mrs S Rodger, Mrs Y Banke and Mrs B Curtis.

3. Declaration of Interest on any item on the Agenda: Mr P Burgess in respect of the planning application in Westmoreland Close.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 11th July 2007: These were approved being proposed by Mr B Farrow and seconded by Mr P Burgess

5. Accounts for Payment

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| P Norman Smith | Salary 13/06 to 12/09/07 | | |
| 65 hours @ £9.50 | | £617.50 | |
| Expenses | | £ 33.80 | £651.30 |
| ENC Parish Dog Bins 01/04 to 31/07/07 | | | £ 14.63 |
| ABB Limited Street lighting Quarterly Maintenance Sept 07 | | | £185.58 |
| Nassington Village Hall rent Youth Scheme | | | £ 39.00 |
| Playsafety ROSPA annual inspection | | | £ 88.13 |

These payments were approved being proposed by Mr B Farrow and seconded by Mr A Codman.

6. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

A. Churchyard Wall: Mrs Philippa Joyce Secretary of the Nassington Parochial Church Council asked if there was any comment on the letter that had been sent to the Chairman Mrs S Rodger on the issues of the repairs to the wall. The Clerk pointed out that as the Chairman was not at the meeting there was nothing that could be said as the meeting had no record of the contents of the letter. Mrs Joyce was concerned that no decisions would be possible before the next PC meeting and repair was becoming urgent. There was some discussion about the proof that the PC is liable for the upkeep of the churchyard. Mrs Joyce said there were a number of letters pre-dating the 1972 act that showed that the PC accepted this liability. She agreed to let the Clerk have copies of letters from the Parish Council accepting responsibility for the repairs to the wall (these have now been received and circulated).

B. Land Registry: Mr P Burgess reported that the land registry had only registered the playing fields so far and required further information on the other plots we wish to register. It was agreed that we should pursue the allotments, village green and the pocket park, and given the requirements by the land registry it was agreed that we would not proceed with the balance.

C. Asset Register: The Clerk had distributed Mrs Y Banke's suggested asset list and it was considered that the pavilion and the bus shelter were undervalued. This would be referred to the next meeting

7. Allotments: There was nothing of significance to report, however Mr A Codman felt that another member of the PC should be on the allotment committee. On that basis Mr B Farrow agreed to join the allotment committee.

8. BDO Notice of Conclusion of Audit: The asset list was considered to be a weakness and also it was identified that an internal audit check was required. The annual return was approved by the Parish Council and the weaknesses have been addressed.

9. Sports Association/Playing Fields: Nothing to report

10. Youth Shelter: There was nothing to report

11. Web Site: Again there was nothing to report

12. Planning

Application EN/07/01510/LBC First floor partitions and some ground floor partitions. Replacement of sashes to four windows to front elevation at 50 Station Road Nassington Peterborough Northamptonshire PE8 6QB

Application EN/07/01491/FUL Single Storey front extension and associated works to roof slope at 2 Westmorland Close Nassington Peterborough Northamptonshire PE8 6QR

There was no objection or comment in respect of both these applications and they were proposed by Mr S Hewitt and seconded by Mr B Farrow

13. Correspondence:

- The Clerk reported that Bill White the contractor for cutting the grass had written to the PC indicating that he was prepared to extend his contract at an increase over the current year of 5% giving a total of £1030. This was agreed, however the PC required clarification from Mr White that this acceptance was subject to the strimming of the grass areas between the children's activities on the playing field being included and the inclusion of grass area of the former rubbish heap behind the church.
- The Clerk referred to the ROSPA report and it was agreed that this would be an item on next month's agenda.
- The Clerk also read a letter to the PC from Mr & Mrs Dolby regarding non payment of their account. Following a discussion it was agreed that as a gesture of goodwill we would be prepared to pay £50.00 towards the cost, and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

14. Future Agenda Items

The Clerk advised the meeting that Caroline Turner of ACRE had asked if she could speak at the October meeting on the subject of Parish Plans. This was agreed subject to the talk being no more than fifteen minutes.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm .