

MINUTES
Nassington Parish Council Planning Meeting
Wednesday 9th April 2008

EN/08/00410 Single storey side extension at 1 Lyveden Bungalow Fotheringhay Road
Nassington Peterborough Northamptonshire PE8 6QX

Cllr Yvonne Banke disclosed a personal interest the applicant is on the NandY Garden Show
Committee as is Mrs Banke

RESOLVED: No comments, no objections

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**Present: Councillors: Sarah Rodger (Chair), Yvonne Banke, Paul Burgess, Andrew
Codman, Barbara Curtis, Brian Farrow & Jane Norman**

plus PCSO Paul Webster from Oundle Police

08.01) 10 Minutes of Free Time

- PCSO Webster explained that in response to the comments made at the March PC meeting, a door-to-door 'survey' was carried out in some parts of the village. As a direct response to this, the Community Safety Panel had agreed that anti-social driving and behaviour in Nassington should be one of the 3 priority areas for the Oundle team over the next few months. The team will be targeting driving which contravenes section 3 or 34 of the 1988 Traffic Act (Careless & inconsiderate driving), commonly known as a Section 59 – 2 offences in the space of 12 months can result in the confiscation of a vehicle. As there have been a number of incidences in parts of the village concerning vehicles being tampered with, the team were speaking to people wandering around late at night to check that they are not 'up to no good'. The inappropriate use of the bus shelter was an issue about which the team were aware and would be mindful of this in their monitoring of the village.
- PCSO Webster urged the PC in the strongest terms to send a representative to the forthcoming Joint Action Group meeting on 25th April. He felt it very important that Nassington had a voice and an ear to the ground at this meeting concerned with community safety.
- The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) had inadvertently been omitted from the agenda. It was agreed that Cllr Yvonne Banke would report on the burial board, the allotments and the pocket park and Cllr Brian Farrow agreed to prepare a Footpaths and Rights of Way report.
- Cllr Sarah Rodger mentioned that she had been asked to say a sentence as part of the welcoming part of the licensing service on 19th April for Bishop John Flack, the new Priest-in-charge of the benefice.
- It was agreed that the PC could spend an amount of money (maximum £60) on a personalised gift for the Marie (town hall) of St André de la Marche to commemorate the 10th year of the twinning
- Thanks were extended for the work in lengthening of the ditches in Ruisbrick Lane

08.02) Apologies

- Cllr Guy Burgess
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08.03) Declaration of Interest on any item on the Agenda

- Cllr Yvonne Banke – planning, item 15. Personal interest as she is on a village committee with the applicant

08.03 Declaration of Interest on any item on the Agenda/contd.....

- Cllr Andrew Codman on the Rural North, Oundle & Thrapston plan, item 7, Personal and prejudicial interest as he is one of the parties proposing alterations to the site suggested by the plan to date
- Cllr Sarah Rodger on the churchyard wall, item 6d, personal interest as her husband is a churchwarden and item 11, new pavilion/preschool

08.04) Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 12th March 2008

- Item 14 – Byways – Delete ‘Mrs Smith’ as she was not at the meeting

08.05) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED:

1. That the following cheques be signed and invoices paid

Payee	Goods/Service	Chq N°	Amount £
NCALC	NCALC membership 2008/9	100653	153.00
NCALC	Internal audit service	100654	132.30
Peter Riddington Inv 397719	Supply and plant external hedge at allotments (Invoice for £1880)	100655	1,450.00
		TOTAL	1,735.30

AND

2. That a retention be made from the invoice from Peter Riddington in accordance with the tender specification for any remedial work necessary after the growing season

AND

3. That the invoice to Allianz Cornhill be paid at a future meeting as it is not yet due, and some items are to be added, whilst some issues on values remain unresolved

08.06) Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Land Registry
 - A short letter indicating that the matter was in hand had been received and stating that they intend to make a visit to the village.
- b. Youth Shelter
 - It appears as though a string holding one of the exposed bales has been cut. It is almost certain that this has been done with a blade, not by rodents. The matter was discussed and it was generally agreed that the shelter could either be repaired – Cllr Sarah Rodger agreed to contact Chug Tugby, the strawbale building specialist, to see what his charge for repair would be. Another option is for a breeze block structure similar to the new cricket score box to be built. The 3rd is for a more modern ‘smoking shelter’ or youth shelter to be erected.
- c. Bus Shelter
 - A general discussion took place about the ongoing matter of the reported inappropriate use of the bus shelter. As no prices had yet been obtained, a final decision about the future of same could not be made.

- d. Churchyard footpath
 - Thanks were extended to Cllr Brain Farrow for keeping on top of the County Council RoW people as well as the contractors and getting the work done just in time for the forthcoming licencing service. No comeback or complaints had yet been received. As an aside, it was noted that a badger latrine is evident in the churchyard and it was suggested that environmental health at East Northants council should be alerted
- e. Street lighting in Fenn Close
 - Cllr Andrew Codman reported that all seemed to be in order with regard to the street lights in the 2007-built part of Fenn Close and the clerk was asked to confirm same to the County Highways department

08.07) Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston plan – Statement of Site representations

The pertinent part of the statement of site representations had been distributed by email in advance of the meeting in order that councillors were able to appraise themselves of the issues

At this point Cllr Andrew Codman left the meeting having declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he is one of the parties proposing alterations to the site suggested by the plan to date

RESOLVED: That the following comments were made against each of the proposed sites. All of the proposed sites were objected to

- 00277 Land west of the Jitty, Nassington
 - The land is inaccessible from the highway being off an unadopted road which is unsuitable for heavy vehicular use or future adoption.
 - The land has been cultivated especially for use by wildlife and would severely impact on a designated area of important open space
- 00076 Land north of 27 Northfield Lane, Nassington
 - outside the village boundary,
 - limited access
 - flood plain
- 00154 Land south of Manor Farm, Church Street, Nassington
 - This land should not be included in the village boundary as it outside the curtilage of any property and unsuitable for development as it has no highway access
- 2796 Land south of Apethorpe Road, Nassington
 - Green field, in preference to brown field
 - Way outside the village boundary,
 - Far too large
 - Likely to lead to infill between in and current edge of village This land should not be allocated in preference to the site put forward in NAS1 as it is in open countryside, in green field land whereas the NAS1 site is brown field, being the redevelopment of an almost defunct farmyard, 2796 is way too large for a development in a village Nassington's size – the infrastructure of the village simply cannot cope . The alternative site is way outside the village boundary and development between that site and the edge of the village would be inevitable over time.

08.08) NCALC Internal Audit Service Terms of Reference with particular reference to Parish Councillors toolkit and the role of the clerk.

A short discussion took place during which it became apparent that the role of the clerk had been increasingly diminished and that other councillors, in particular the chair and vice chair were carrying out many of the tasks that should be under the remit of the clerk. The discussion was not very fruitful.

RESOLVED: That as the evening's agenda was a full one and this particular item needed a great deal of attention, it would be deferred until the next meeting and discussed in full then. It was agreed that nothing but accounts and essential matters would be covered at the May meeting.

08.09) Allotments

Cllr Yvonne Banke reported on the Allotments AGM (AAGM) which had been held the previous week. There had been a good turnout and Cllr Andrew Codman had chaired the meeting. In general there was no negative feedback from the allotment holders. The issues raised were:

- Gate and lock –this had been discussed and dismissed at the AAGM
- The hedge was welcomed and was agreed to be straight
- The allotment holders would like a 'communal hut' which is a matter for future discussion
- Rents of £279 were collected, 4 more were still to come
- Rent increase for 2009 were mentioned by the Parish Council representatives
- There are only 4 plots vacant now

The PC meeting congratulated the Allotment Committee representatives for their sterling efforts

08.010) Sports Association / Playing Field

- Goal Posts – After a rather arduous procurement process, these had finally arrived and had been received by the Coles family and are now in situ on the playing field
- A report of how the 'fencing' around the cricket square covers was made and a brief discussion ensued regarding ongoing discord between the various users of the facilities.

08.011) New pavilion / community centre project

Questionnaire & distribution. – A number of helpful comments were made as to how the questionnaire might benefit from improvements, namely the correct use of current upper school classification, a brief explanation of what precept means, to make it more obvious that a name is not required – the form could be anonymous and details of where to deposit the completed forms.

08.012) **Stamford Homes Development:** It is understood that the development will be limited to only the first six homes until the housing market improves.

08.013) Speed limits on Woodnewton Road

The clerk had been asked to include this item with a view to the matter of moving the speed limit signs to include the new development on the west edge of the village on the Woodnewton Road. Cllr Sarah Rodger advised the meeting that this had been pre-empted in 2007 and a proactive letter sent to the Highways Department then. The clerk was asked to furnish Cllr Jane Norman with e-copies of the relevant correspondence.

08.014) Graffiti – East Northants anti graffiti initiative

Cllr Sarah Rodger asked the clerk to confirm to the Community Safety team that the Parish Council would monitor and report on graffiti in accordance with their written request earlier in the year.

08.015) Planning

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08.016) Correspondence

Letter from BDO Stoy Hayward advising that the audit of the 2007/08 PC Accounts had been arranged for 18th July with the accounts available for public inspection from 2 through 15 June 2008

08.017) Future agenda items

Acceptance of the accounts, Chair's allowance and reimbursement of website fee, committee payments and matters covered by the Parish Council Toolkit