

Nassington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th July 2007 at the Village Hall

1. 10 Minutes Free Time: Mrs S Rodger thanked Mrs Y Banke for the work she had done in respect of display in the Church for the Open Gardens event. In addition Mrs S Rodger raised the issues from a Letter that the Clerk had received from Heather Smith. Mrs S Rodger advised the meeting that Heather Smith had been allocated £10,000 for projects in the area which contained 22 villages and on that basis there would not be much for each village. Heather Smith suggested that the path through the churchyard was a possibility and discussions then took place on other schemes which might be considered:
 - the footpath between Nassington and Yarwell,
 - provision of additional kissing gates
 - White lines in the village, although Heather Smith felt that this was the responsibility of the Highways Department.
2. Apologies: None
3. Declaration of Interests: Mrs S Rodger re churchyard wall and Mrs Y Banke on planning.
4. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th June 2007 - following minor amendments these were approved, being proposed by Mr P Burgess and seconded by Mr G Curtis.
5. Accounts for Payment

Powergen Plc	£168.14
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Bill White Grass Cutting	£490.00
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Village Hall Rent	£104.00
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K A & JP Willis rabbit fencing at allotments	£1217.94
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The Clerk also pointed out that he had also received an account from Mr Dolby for the work in providing the gate on the playing field access road. It was pointed out that no agreement had been given to this payment, and on that basis it was not approved for payment.

Mrs S Rodger advised the meeting that the cheque she had been given last month had been shredded by mistake, and on that basis could she have a replacement; this was agreed. The Clerk pointed out that he had no more cheques and it was suggested that this would be replaced when a new cheque book had been received.

The accounts were approved and proposed by Mrs Y Banke and seconded by Mr B Farrow.

6. Matters Arising:
 - a. Churchyard Wall: Mrs S Rodger advised the meeting that she had spoken to NALC, and also our auditor had spoken to us about a similar situation in Polebrook. On this basis Mrs S Rodger undertook to speak to Barbara Ding on the issue of the wall.
 - b. Land Registry: Mr P Burgess advised the meeting that our application had been submitted but it would be some time before we had any response.
 - c. Youth Council: Mr G Curtis told the meeting that the Newsletter did not include his item. Some youngsters were interested but others were not. In the meantime he would act as the representative of the young people. The Youth Council was in abeyance at this stage.
7. Allotments: Mrs Y Banke advised the meeting that the allotments were looking very nice. Questions were asked on the vehicles left by Mr Watkins and he had indicated that they would be removed. Mrs Y Banke had attempted to contact Barbara Ding on this issue, but had not spoken to her yet. There are still some allotments available to rent. Mrs S Rodger asked if trees could be planted on the allotment site. Mrs Y Banke indicated that whilst fruit trees would be acceptable, large trees such as oak would not. The Clerk indicated that he had received a cheque for £60.00 from Anglian Water as compensation following the letter of complaint from Mrs Y Banke.
8. Sports Association/Playing Fields: Mrs S Rodger indicated that she had found the lease which was for 21 years and began in 1996 and the rent could be increased every five years i.e. in 2001 and 2006. Mrs Y Banke mentioned that scouts had had a barbecue and had left bags on the site which had been attacked by foxes, and the scouts should be told

that there was no refuse collection on the site. Mrs Y Banke asked about the mower and the strimmer and where they were being kept, but no-one was sure. Mrs J Norman stated that her husband had told her that the Nene Way footpath by the new scoreboard had been cleared, and the earth was in the process of being removed.

9. Youth Shelter: Mrs S Rodger thanked those who had attended the meeting. There had been considerable discussion on the condition of the shelter. The general recommendation was that this would require a project manager for the refurbishment programme. Comments were made on what was needed to repair the shelter and the time it would take.
10. Accounts 2006/07 Declaration Annual Governance Statement: This was agreed and the audited accounts were approved and adopted, being proposed by Mrs Y Banke and seconded by Mr S Hewitt
11. Asset List 2007: It was agreed that the existing asset list would apply to the current submission, and in the meantime Mrs Y Banke would look at the asset list and update it for the next year's accounts.
12. Footpaths: Mr Brian Farrow reported that he had been in contact with Bob Birkett regarding the footpaths crossing Mrs Perrett's land and also Heather Smith had met with Mrs Perrett. The fields in question are said to be common pasture land and based on advice given to the landowner by the NFU the owners believe that they are not responsible for keeping the rights of way clear. The Clerk advised the meeting that he had been approached by Mrs Harvey on Parkway Close about the thistles in Mrs Perrett's field which adjoins her garden but there was nothing the PC could do about this.
13. Web Site: Mrs S Rodger had investigated Mr Site and stated that the set-up cost would be £35, and this was approved, being proposed by Mrs Y Banke and seconded by Mrs B Norman.
14. Adoption of Code of Practice; This was approved and was proposed by Mrs S Rodger and seconded by Mr P Burgess.
15. Bank Mandate: The bank mandate was signed and the dates of birth were inserted. Only Mr S Hewitt and Mr G Curtis were required to sign the forms as they were new signatories.

16. Planning: Application EN/07/01216/OHL Replacement of existing 11 kv line, to be erected on two wooden poles and one terminal transformer pole access fields with tolerance pf 30 either side of route EMP 365 11 KV overhead connector at land South of Wansford Road King's Cliffe Northamptonshire. There was no comment or objection and this was proposed by Mr P Burgess and seconded by Mr G Curtis.
17. Correspondence: Letter from ENC approving the 9 Eastfield Crescent application had been received. Prices for the cutting of the allotment grass had been received from Bill White and A Codman, however A Codman had already carried out the work at no cost. In addition, a letter had been received from the ENC regarding the allocation of polling stations and the Village Hall was designated for Nassington; there was no objection to this.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm