MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 12th October 2016 in the Village Hall, Nassington at 7.30 pm,

16/1374 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Present: Cllr Alan Burns (Chairman), Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Rob Peterson, Cllr Susie Tinsley and Cllr Kate Wyer-Roberts. Also present: the clerk and three members of the public. Apologies received from Cllr Jeremy Taylor and due to prior personal commitments and Cllr Dec Downey due to a work commitment. It was RESOLVED to approve all apologies.

16/1375 There were no declarations of interest on items for discussion on this agenda.

16/1376 It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held in September 2016 as a true record of that meeting.

16/1377 There were no questions or address from members of the public at this stage as the chairman agreed to allow public input during the specific agenda item. There was representation from the police who reported that no crimes had been recorded in Nassington for the past month. There was a brief discussion regarding some seemingly abandoned women’s clothing just off footpath NM29 and the officer undertook to ensure that these were collected shortly after the meeting.

16/1378 There were no candidates for co-option present at the meeting.

16/1379 It was agreed not to appoint a vice chairman at the current time and to address the matter at the annual meeting in May. In the meantime, should the need arise, a chairman for a meeting will be appointed on an ad-hoc basis.

16/1380 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

a) 16/01849/FUL | Change of use to outdoor activity park and operational development to include formation of activity courses and tracks, embankments, fencing, entrance gates, vehicle wash area and tank, siting of containers, cabins and associated works | Andrews Quarry Sulehay Road Yarwell. The council could see little change in the new proposals put forward from those in the previous, withdrawn, planning application discussed under minute 1269b in February. The parish council has a policy of encouraging planning and other applications that have the potential to encourage local economic activity, but not to the detriment of the quality of life of existing residents and village amenity. It was RESOLVED to object to this application, by reiterating the previous points made in February and pointing out factual inaccuracies in the application.

b) 16/01893/FUL | New detached dwelling | 38A Church Street. It was RESOLVED that there were no objections to the proposals.

c) 16/01936/TPO | TPO 0065 T1 - Holm oak, reduce by 3 to 4 m to reduce width and proximity to adjacent houses | 30 Church Street. It was RESOLVED that there were no objections to the proposal.

d) 16/01838/FUL | Proposed external alterations and addition of external covered entrance canopy | Cricket Pavilion Fotheringhay Road. There were no objections, although the council did note that the cricket club had not done as requested which was to pass the plans to the council for submission to the planning authority in order that the parish council could pay the fee. The clerk was instructed to pass on the council’s irritation at its
instructions not being carried out and frustration that its intention to help with finances will now not come to fruition.

e) Sibson Garden Village. In July, a submission was made by Huntingdonshire District Council to the DCLG\textsuperscript{i} and HCA\textsuperscript{ii} to have land currently used for arable farming and a regional airstrip to the north of Sibson Aerodrome to be considered for a site for a Garden Village. Two public information days are being held in October, proceeded by presentations to local councils and other interested parties. It was agreed that at least one member and the clerk would attend one of the events.

16/1381 Allotments: It was \textit{RESOLVED} to appoint Cllr Rob Peterson as chairman of the allotment committee.

16/1382 Playing Field / Play Area:

a) One of the steps on the trim-trail is rotten, rocking and removable. It was agreed to add replacement of that and the step that was burnt by a barbecue earlier in the year to the order with Fenland Leisure (for the cradle swings). The RoSPA report had been received and would be circulated.

b) Update on the new play area. The new play area is installed but not yet open for use as there are one or two ‘snagging’ issues to be corrected. The clerk is to push for these works to be carried out at the soonest opportunity.

c) Cricket pavilion and general matters. It was noted that the cricket club has submitted a grant application for funding towards pavilion renovation, initially for the roof. The clerk was instructed to write to the cricket club and insist that the council is provided with a key to the field gate to the playing field, it being the council’s land with no rights for any other organisation to have exclusive access.

The matter of the drainage from the preschool septic tank, as discussed under minute 16/1349 in July, was raised. The works are not as expected as the original drawings do not indicate a manhole cover at the dogleg. Concerns over it being a potential trip and health hazard and a nuisance for the grass-cutting operatives were expressed. The clerk is to obtain clarification regarding the matter from the preschool committee.

d) There was discussion regarding the possibility of installing a MUGA\textsuperscript{iii} at the playing field. The council is enthusiastic for this proposal to be pursued and the provision of a MUGA fully investigated at the earliest opportunity. The council is keen to involve other parties in the project and involve as many groups in the immediate village and wider if possible. It was recognised that this would be an enormous asset for the school.

16/1383 Community Matters:

a) Dog mess problems continue to be an issue. However, the council's attention has been drawn to the siting of a CCTV camera with associated lighting and speakers on the side of the council's pavilion, overlooking the playing field. As this was arranged without licence or permission requested and is unlawful in execution, the council requires this to be removed forthwith and all CCTV footage destroyed. The clerk was instructed to write to the cricket club requesting that it is all removed within 5 days.

b) Dog ‘Watching You’ signs. Cllr Rob Peterson undertook to try to identify sites where the new signs are likely to be most effective and took some signs to put up.

c) Highways – update on investigation into a visibility mirror near Woodnewton Road junction with Church Street was not discussed as Cllr Dixon was not present and he is providing background information.

d) Street Lighting – It was agreed to investigate a street light replacement programme.
e) Submission of Rights of Way – The clerk advised that after 2026, it would not be possible to submit applications to have rights of way made official. It was agreed to apply for the path from the village green to the playing field to be made an official right of way and to apply for the green to be official designated as a village green.

f) Update regarding nuisance issue. There was a brief update regarding an ongoing nuisance issue. The council requests from the district and county authorities that it is kept abreast of developments.

16/1384 Financial matters:

a) Accounts to second quarter will be distributed with the minutes.

b) Detail for ‘multi pay’ card will be approved at a later meeting.

c) Details regarding proposals from the DCLG\(^i\) regarding possibly capping parish council precepts had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to lodge objection to this proposal.

d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve invoices / accounts for payment advised prior to meeting:

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16/1385 Official announcements: The upcoming ACRE AGM was noted

16/1386 Newsletter - It was agreed to include the following for inclusion in the newsletter: Play area update; MUGA proposal; Dog mess signage; Police update and a reminder about heating oil thefts and allotments

16/1387 It was agreed to include the following for next meeting: Planting at the entrance to the village on Fotheringhay Road; update bank mandate to include more payment authorisers; chairman.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9th November 2016, Nassington Village Hall 7.30**

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

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\(^i\) DCLG – Department for Communities and Local Government  
\(^{ii}\) HCA – Homes & Communities Agency  
\(^{iii}\) MUGA – Multi Use Games Area