Present: Cllr Alan Burns (Chairman), Cllr Rebecca Downey, Cllr Jeremy Taylor and Cllr Susie Tinsley. Apologies were received from Ben Atkins, Tony Cooper, Dec Downey, Ruth Rigby and Rob Peterson due to personal commitments. It was RESOLVED to accept these apologies. Officer present: the clerk. One member of the public present.

There were no declarations of interest in any item for discussion on the agenda.

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the July 2018 as a true record of that meeting. The chairman signed the minutes.

STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: The member of the public, a resident of the parish, gave a short presentation summarising the objections raised and submitted to the planning application for Eco Lodges in Old Sulehay.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:
- 18/01332/FUL | Development of site to provide three detached self contained Eco Lodges for seasonal let only. | Land Opposite Sulehay Cottage Sulehay Road Yarwell PE8 6PA: It was agreed that whilst the parish council generally supports applications that allow for economic development, the council feels that this application proposes some specific problems and will not contribute to the local economy or tourism in any significant way, therefore is unable to support the proposals. The concerns raised by the highways, archaeological and environmental consultees have been noted and the council’s submission will urge that these will be taken into consideration by the planning authority in making its recommendations, along with the maintenance of the TPOs on the cluster of trees adjacent to the property. It was RESOLVED that to OBJECT to the application due to overriding concerns regarding the quality of life and amenity of the immediate residents. The application proposes to access water supply from the private pumping unit supplying the Old Sulehay Lodge and Old Sulehay Cottages by means of a naturally occurring spring. This is not a sustainable proposition: The existing properties are substantial in size and the 3 ecolodges would accommodate at least an additional 24 people. The source of the spring water is known to dry up periodically - it is simply not acceptable that the amenity and well-being of the inhabitants of Old Sulehay should be put at such a considerable risk.
- 18/01373/FUL | Two storey extension | 15 Northfield Lane Nassington PE8 6QJ. It was RESOLVED that the council has no objections or further comment to make.
- 15/01377/FUL | Demolish existing double garage and shed and construct detached dwelling. Convert part of existing dwelling into a garage and workshop/store for the new dwelling. Relocate existing summer house. Form new vehicle access for existing dwelling with double garage | 35 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG. It was RESOLVED that the council supports this application.

GOVERNANCE MATTERS: There was a brief update on bank signatories – all seems to be in order, but any problems will be reported to the clerk.

PLAYING FIELD / PLAY AREA:
a) The September monthly inspection had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The repairs commissioned earlier in the year are due to be completed imminently. The clerk will obtain a cost for painting the swing unit.

b) The clerk has submitted a grant application to ENC for playing field improvements under the Community Facilities Funding programme. This is for £10,000 to allow for improvements to the roadway and a piece of play equipment for very young children. Thanks were extended to the people who had been able to contribute to the ad-hoc online survey. A decision should be forthcoming in late October/early November.

c) It was RESOLVED that the council formally grants permission for siting of container for use by the 1st Nassington and Kings Cliffe Scout Group for storage of camping and sports type equipment. The clerk is to write to the scout group with a short licence type agreement and remind them that health & safety matters and the safeguarding of young people are its responsibility.

18/1675 VILLAGE HALL / COMMUNITY FACILITIES UPDATE: There was a report on the meeting between the land owners’ agent, East Northamptonshire Council Planning Policy and Conservation Manager and the clerk: The overall concept of a new village hall and 20-30 dwellings on the site off Fotheringhay Road, Nassington was reviewed at the meeting. The clerk explained the village’s aspiration for a modern community facility which would meet community needs, that the concept has been discussed at an open parish meeting and publicised in the village magazine with broad village support being received, although there are one or two neighbouring property owners with concerns. The point that the parish council is not keen on pursuing a Neighbourhood Plan due to the timescales/complexities and lack of readily available resources was noted.

From ENC’s side, a planning application under the current planning policy environment is unlikely to be supported. However, the emerging Local Plan may offer a change in policy which is designed to support community led initiatives. Nassington is designated as a Large (Service) Village in the emerging plan and the draft policy will work to support windfall and small-scale development in such villages, but probably not beyond the extent of current built up areas without a neighbourhood development plan. It will therefore be necessary the parish council considers, at the appropriate time, representations to the Local Plan process to seek an amendment to the above policy to allow for projects with community/parish council support to be provided for outside of built up areas with the demonstration of community support, but not necessarily full neighbourhood plans. The local planning authority would consider any representations.

Community support and ward councillor support is likely to be crucial and due consideration will be given to appropriate community consultation. The recent housing needs survey will be insightful for East Northamptonshire Council in informing the decision making.

The project will be a long time in preparation, so it is important that the residents of the parish are kept informed on an ongoing basis and encouraged to share ideas as to what an ideal community facility would encompass. All are free to become involved in the project team and/or focus groups specialising in specific aspects of the overall project. The clerk will prepare a stand-alone article for the newsletter and put some information online.

18/1676 COMMUNITY MATTERS:

a) East Northamptonshire Council was not able to agree resources to support funding the Call Connect bus service and it was not viable for the majority of town and parish councils to do so either. However, due to the commercial viability of running the scheme in the north of the district, primarily to serve young people getting to school and work in Peterborough and Lincolnshire, for the time being, the service will be maintained. The clerk will publicise this information.

b) Winter travel arrangements — None of the current grit bins in Nassington are designated for removal, but the refilling system is changing, whereby once the bins are low in stock, this must be reported via StreetDoctor.
c) Church bell ringing update. There have been discussions with the PCC over the summer regarding the occasional intrusiveness of the bell ringing whilst the weather is such that people make the most of enjoying being outside and airing their homes. It has been agreed that any extra-ordinary ringing sessions (i.e. apart from Monday evenings or church services) will be notified via the newsletter; visiting bell-ringing groups will be encouraged to come in the winter months; practise will not take place on bank holidays and ringing will not happen on more than 3 consecutive days. It is hoped that all parties will take a cohesive and understanding approach to one another’s points of view going forward.

d) WWI – The council has been granted 10 ‘There but not There’ Sitting down “Tommies” for the church seats, to add to the sense of occasion at the Remembrance Day service on 11th November. There will an effort of the part of the council and members to encourage as many people as possible to come to the service, as it is commemorating the centenary of the WWI armistice and part of the service will include blessing the new bench. The chairman and the vicar have been in discussion and it is clear that everyone in the community should be encouraged to attend, and anyone wishing to can take part.

18/1677 Financial Matters:

a) It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment:

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18/1678 Official Announcements, Notices or Reports / Correspondence / Representations of Note:

The clerk was delegated to consult a tree surgeon regarding the cherry trees to the west of the car park near the preschool with a view to removing at least one of them. There had been some correspondence regarding one of the allotments, due to a misunderstanding on the part of the clerk – she will arrange with the allotment committee chairman to meet on site and discuss matters with the other committee members.

18/1679 Newsletter - WWI, the Call Connect bus, grit bins and the declining condition of the allotments would be included in the October issue.

18/1680 Matters to Note – Not for Decision. Future Agenda Items / Matters to be Carried Forward – Bell ringing update, procurement of a wreath for remembrance day and the allotments will be included on the October agenda.

18/1681 Readjustment of Officer Pay Scale: It had been resolved at the September meeting to ratify the clerk’s salary to a specific pay scale point of LC2 / SCP26.

Date of next meeting: 10th October 2018, Nassington Village Hall 7.30pm

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

Signature of Chairman of following meeting: Date: 11th February 2018