MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 10th February 2016 in the Village Hall, Nassington at 7.30 pm,

Prior to the start of the meeting, Susie Tinsley signed her acceptance of office form. Tony Cully welcomed the members of the public and explained the procedure of the meeting. He would allow additional public input after item 4/minute 1268, with permission rather than by the public joining the discussion spontaneously.

16/1265 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PRESENT: Tony Cooper (from 8.45pm), Tony Cully (Chairman), Dec Downey (from 8.50pm), Paul Dixon, Rob Peterson, Jeremy Taylor, Susie Tinsley and Kate Wyer-Roberts. Apologies received Alan Burns due to personal commitment and from Tony Cooper and Dec Downey for late arrival due to prior conflicting commitments - it was RESOLVED to accept these apologies.

Also present: the clerk and members of the public to item 5 / minutes 1269.

16/1266 There were no Declarations of Interest on items for discussion on this agenda.

16/1267 It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held in January 2016 had been previously circulated, as a true record of that meeting.

16/1268 There was a brief report from the police advising of a recent successful seizure of a van containing suspicious equipment following a tip off via Farm Watch. The ongoing anti-crime focus on Nassington will continue, with PCSO N Norman undertaking walkabouts later in the spring.

There were 4 members of the public in attendance for planning applications. A great deal of background information pertaining to the proposals per agenda 5 minute 1269 a and b was provided by the attendees. In essence, concerns were expressed about the number of vehicle movements proposed by the application at Andrew Quarry and the subsequent loss of the tranquillity of the area for residents, tourists, dog walkers, horse riders and road users. The concerns regarding Stonehill Quarry were that the traffic survey is not correct, the area is unsuitable for the additional numbers of proposed HGVs, the noise levels will be unacceptably high and the site is not included in the current or emerging Minerals and Waste plan.

16/1269 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

a. Stonehill Quarry, Off Kings Cliffe Road, PE8 6NU Proposal: Importation of inert materials for the final restoration of the Stonehill Quarry including the creation of calcareous grassland, along with the extraction of a previously unworked small (around 7,500 tonnes) limestone reserve. It was RESOLVED that the council would not object to this application. However, it would strongly request that the following conditions are applied: i) There will be no more than 32 loads per day as stipulated in the supporting documentation making up part of the application (15.00091.WASFUL Supporting and Planning Statement Revised January 2016 2.2) and ii) The recommended end date to be 4 years from the application grant date.

b. 15/02014/FUL | Change of use from off-road motor activity 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 and cabins and associated works | Andrews Quarry Sulehay Road Yarwell. It was unanimously RESOLVED to object to this application in the
The proposals are contrary to policies outlined in the existing and emerging North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit Joint Core Strategy; ii) The NPPF, policy 123, details situations where such development should be avoided, the proposed site being such; iii) The application includes no justification in planning terms and there are no grounds in planning terms on which the application should be given permission; iv) There is no benefit to the local economy or local communities; v) The local infrastructure will not be sufficient to cope with the additional traffic that the proposals will attract; vi) Existing local tourism will be effected to the detriment; vii) Noise levels both on the site and by the increased traffic will be unacceptable in an area of designated tranquillity; viii) Public safety will be compromised on the local and trunk roads both in terms of other vehicle users and walkers / cyclists / horse riders.

c. 16/00184/FUL | Demolition of existing rear porch, canopy and single storey extension, erection of two storey rear extension, rear porch and installation of first floor side and rear window and rear dormer window. | 20 Woodnewton Road Nassington. It was RESOLVED to submit no objections or further comment to this application.

d. 16/00185/LBC | Internal alterations including new staircase, first floor shower room and bedroom, removal of partitions and new windows and dormer window. Remove rear porch, canopy and single storey extension. Build rear two storey extension and new porch | 20 Woodnewton Road Nassington. It was RESOLVED to submit no objections or further comment to this application.

e. North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit: Proposed Main Modifications to the Submitted JCS Consultation following inspector’s recommendations. This had been circulated prior to the meeting. Content noted

f. It was noted that the matter surrounding the collapsed wall on Woodnewton Road had been escalated within East Northamptonshire Council.

g. 16/00236/ADV and 16/00235/LBC Installation of external illuminated menu display, The Queens Head 54 Station Road Nassington. It was RESOLVED to submit no objections or further comment to this application.

h. During discussions regarding the proposed planning application at Andrews Quarry earlier, it had become apparent that there are extensive contraventions of the existing planning permissions for the site, that would be carried forward to the next meeting, with a view to the parish council submitting comment.

**16/1270 PARTY IN THE PARK:** A draft programme of events is being put together by the working party. The expected expenditure was discussed at some length. The maximum budgeted expenditure is within 10% of the amount agreed in the 2016/17 which was deemed acceptable.

It was agreed that the event would be a community event for people who live in the parish or are directly involved with parish community groups. The spirit of the day will be celebration and cohesion and anything other than inclusion would be ill considered.

**16/1271 ‘CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN’:** It was agreed to organise a litter pick in the spring, with the clerk arranging things in advance but members being involved with managing it on the day and participating. The clerk will co-ordinate with the team from MPJ Enterprises / McDonalds as in previous years and advise the dates that they are available.
**16/1272 Playing Field / Play Area:**

a. Monthly check – it was reported that the entire play area is now in such a poor state that it is of concern to the council as a safety risk. It was **RESOLVED** to remove the play equipment as soon as possible. The clerk will obtain quotes to have it removed and will arrange for Heras / builders type fencing to be put around the play equipment.

b. Address matters arising from previous meetings: The clerk had met with the contractor, Plough Environmental, and arranged for the dead wood to be removed from the edge of the field. It would be left in situ for either natural habitats or for people to take away.

c. It was agreed in principle that council will submit an advice pre-application to East Northamptonshire Council regarding the pavilion, once it has satisfied itself that the outline plan is acceptable. This will be provided by the cricket club. The ownership of the current and the replacement pavilion as being that of the parish council was reiterated and the cricket club would be reminded.

**16/1273 Footpaths / Rights of Way:** A member had raised the matter of the state of the wooden bridge that crosses the brook feeding into the ford / splash on Runnel Lane. It was explained that there is a right of way on Runnel Lane (NM23) and that the road is unregistered and unadopted. The bridge was constructed during the 1990s by a group of residents on Station Road. It is not owned by the county, district or parish councils. The right of way does not pass over the bridge, but to the east of the splash/ford across a concrete footway.

The bridge is considered unsafe as it is slippery and at an angle sloping towards the water. After much discussion, it was agreed to publicise the fact that the safety of the bridge is causing concerns, that the parish council is considering steps to investigate its removal and would welcome and observations or suggestions.

**16/1274 Highways:**

a. The clerk had approached 4 potential contractors regarding the ‘urban’ highways grasscutting arrangements for the grass verges within the 30mph signs, as discussed at previous meetings. Comparison costs were discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Plough Environmental as the contract firm for the work at £250 per day. It was noted that although Plough was not the least expensive, it represented the best value for money as that firm had been suggested as the council’s preferred contractor for de-minimus amenity work in the parish at the previous meeting. It was agreed that the economies of scale of having the firm in the parish for a day’s work represented best value.

b. There was an update on matters raised at previous meetings. The ‘sinkhole’ to the west of the village on Woodnewton Road has been filled and the county highways contractors, KierWSP, is looking into ways of dealing with the problem of badgers burrowing under the road.

Issues with Gigaclear’s trenching contractor are ongoing, although it was reported that intervention by individual councillors had resulted in a positive outcome in the reinstatement of the pavement around the churchyard wall.

**16/1275 Governance:**

a. A first draft vacancy and co-option policy had been circulated. There were no issues arising. It was agreed that this would be carried forward to the May annual meeting of the council for adoption, along with the council’s policy document.
b. It was agreed that Alan Burns, as chairman, was the most appropriate member to investigate new statutory pension requirements.

c. It was **RESOLVED** that ‘Plough Environmental’ is appointed as the council’s preferred contractor for jobs allocated to that firm by the clerk in accordance with de-minimus spending limits as per financial regulations.

**16/1276 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following accounts for payment:

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b. It was confirmed that all members recently nominated as bank authorisers have received their information from the bankers and now had online access and would be able to authorise outstanding bank payments.

**16/1277 CORRESPONDENCE / REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE** had been circulated with the agenda and was noted.

**16/1278 NEWSLETTER** - It was agreed that the following items would be included in the newsletter:

- How to contact streetdoctor / do it online
- Bridge on Runnel Lane / footpath
- Play area update and advise on removal of existing equipment

**16/1279 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / MATTERS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD** – Contraventions of planning conditions at Andrews Quarry.

There being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.53pm

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

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

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