MINUTES - NASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 8th June 2016 in the Village Hall, Nassington at 7.30 pm,

16/1330 ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE PRESENT: Alan Burns (Chairman), Tony Cully, Paul Dixon, Rob Peterson, Jeremy Taylor, and Kate Wyer-Roberts. Also present: the clerk. Apologies received from Tony Cooper and Susie Tinsley due to prior personal commitments. Dec Downey was absent but believed to be undergoing medical procedures.

16/1331 There were no declarations of interest on items for discussion on this agenda.

16/1332 It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the two meetings held in May 2016 as a true record of those meetings.

16/1333 INPUT FROM THE POLICE: There was a discussion regarding the new computer system and crime reporting. The importance of reporting suspicious vehicle details to 101 was reiterated, because many of the police vehicles are now fitted with ANPR and the cross border team is able to share the information with neighbouring counties. There is a concerted campaign to educate people in the importance of keeping their windows and doors secure – including cars, homes and outhouses/sheds etc.

16/1334 There was no public representation.

16/1335 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

a) 16/00966/FUL | Single storey tourism lodge | Agricultural Building Rear of Lilypad Northfield Lane Nassington. After a thorough discussion, it was concluded that the parish council is supportive of the principle of improving this tourism opportunity and supportive of this building proposal as a satellite / adjunct to the primary operational buildings to this successful village business. However, it is important that the unique setting and circumstances are noted and this case cannot be used as a precedent in applications for development in other areas of open countryside in the village. It was RESOLVED that there are no objections to this application.

b) 16/00987/LDE | To extend track area and amount of cars and of days a year the track is used. | Andrews Quarry Sulehay Road Yarwell. There was strong opposition to the proposals put forward in this application. The council concurred that as the users and applicant have completely ignored all restrictions on the use of the site up to this point, to allow further expansion would in effect allow the area to be used without restraint. Grave concerns were expressed at the lack of regard for wildlife and the natural environment in the immediate and wider vicinity – the extension of the track will add to the damage already inflicted on the area. A large number of offroad vehicles travel through neighbouring villages already causing disturbance and mess – this would be exacerbated by increased numbers of users. The view that many of these vehicles are not lawful and roadworthy was noted. The immediate vicinity is an important amenity area for recreational activities such as walking, horse riding and cycling and is within a designated area of tranquillity. It was RESOLVED that the council strongly objects to this application.

c) There was a brief update on outcome of applications on which the council has commented recently, for information.
The final draft of the Minerals and Waste plan was noted, but no comments forthcoming.

16/1336 **Allotments:** There has been much activity recently, all carried out by a work-gang of allotment holders. The central track repair has been completed. It may be that once the area becomes very wet, the need for a topping of hard-core or single/gravel or similar is identified. The underground drainage channels have also been repaired whilst the digger was on site, and initial indications are that this has been successful.

The necessary works for a new water tank were also carried out to take advantage of the equipment on site – a new tank has been sourced and will be installed in due course. Work that still needs to be carried out is finishing off the raising of the canopy of the tree in the south west corner, just outside the allotments on St Mary’s Close (cars are frequently parked underneath it so progress has been slow) and repairing the west facing boundary wall to the south of the gate. Plot 28 – the furthest west on the southern side of the track – is to be left at a ‘fallow’ / communal area in order to rebuild the wall on its boundary.

The matter of the condition of plots and general tidiness was reported. In the main, the allotments are looking well maintained and tidy. There was a discussion regarding health and safety matters and the need for regard to other plot holders’ allotments when using herbicides or pesticides, which will be brought up with people in due course.

Tony Cully was thanked for all his work.

16/1337 **Playing Field / Play Area:**

a) No items of concern had been noted in the monthly check. One of the members had been at the area with his children the previous weekend and had discovered a disposable barbecue which had been left on the trim-trail. The barbecue was still hot, therefore clearly a potential danger, and had burnt the top of the timber stump forming part of the trail.

b) The chairman announced that a very generous anonymous donation had been received towards the play area project. The council expressed its sincere gratitude for this kind benefaction. The second ‘GrantScape’ / Mick George funding application had not been successful.

The S106 money received in 2015 for the provision of or improvement to open green space will be allocated to this project along with grants already received and benefactor donation.

The land where the enclosed area was has now been cleared and the council expressed its thanks to Andy Roberts Groundworks for carrying out the work at cost price. It was **Resolved** to confirm the order for the new ‘Mantis’ zip slide, taking advice as to its siting from the suppliers. Members will start to consider the positioning of a MUGA as the next stage of the development of the area, with the intention to install in spring 2017.

c) Members of the cricket club are attending the parish council meeting in July to discuss the club’s plans for the refurbishment of the existing facilities. There was a discussion regarding the history of the land and the chairman reiterated the importance of the fact that the area is first and foremost the village playing field. All plans for alterations and additions to the area must be passed by the parish council in advance of their execution, as the pavilion is owned by the parish council and leased to the cricket club.

16/1338 **Community Matters:**

a) It was agreed that a bench in the churchyard is the most favoured choice to mark the armistice centenary of WWI. The clerk will obtain illustrations of the products from the supplier identified by members as the preferred option and a decision will be taken in due course.
b) ‘We’re watching you’ dog signs have finally been ordered, after a breakdown in communication between the clerk and Keep Britain Tidy. A number of sites were considered suitable for this campaign and it may not be likely to sell on excess supplies to other parish councils.

c) The ‘new look’ mobile friendly website was noted with no suggestions for changes forthcoming. Members will contact the clerk directly with observations regarding the website should it be necessary.

d) There was a brief update on arrangements for the QEII90 Party in the Park, with members asked to help with the setting up and clean-up operations. Kate Wyer-Roberts was thanked for all her work in leading the working committee over the party.

**16/1339 GOVERNANCE:** The recently agreed 1% NALC/SLCC agreement for 2016/17 and 2017/18 salaries was noted with agreement to implement. It was agreed that the most cohesive way forward with the clerk’s pension provision would be to follow the proposals put forward by one of the clerk’s other employing councils, which is currently the government’s NEST arrangements.

**16/1340 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following invoices / accounts for payment:

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**16/1341** There were no official announcements, notices or reports

**16/1342 CORRESPONDENCE / REPRESENTATIONS OF NOTE:**

- Armed forces day letter circulated was noted.
- Observations regarding installation of dog bins were noted and would be requested.
- RAF at Wittering re flying times were noted
- New mobile library arrangements were noted
- Observations from resident circulated already were noted and the clerk was instructed to invite him to a forthcoming meeting.
16/1343 NEWSLETTER - A reminder re use of waste bins, the new library routes and times, thanks due for the play area and an update on the plans, the use of BBQs at the playing field and a follow up to the PitP.

16/1344 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / MATTERS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD - East Northamptonshire Council and Midlands Rural Housing will be in attendance to discuss affordable housing; representatives of the cricket club will be in attendance to discuss plans for improvements to the cricket pavilion. First quarter accounts and information budget monitoring will be included

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **13TH JULY 2016, NASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL 7.30**

Approved by Nassington Parish Council:

| Signature of Chairman of following meeting: | Date: 13th July 2016 |

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ANPR = Automatic Number Plate Recognition