

NONINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 19:30

Present: Cllr Louisa Jarred (Chair); Cllr Julia Plumptre (Vice-Chair); Cllr Clare Delf; Cllr Charmaine Perrin, Cllr Jane Vurley; Cllr Steve Manion (County), 11 Members of the Public; Mrs Steph Woods (Clerk)

1. Apologies and approval of absences:

Cllr Jarred welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Woods and Cllr Pout (District).

2. Declarations of interest:

None were received.

3. Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2023 was approved as true a record, proposed by Cllr Delf and seconded by Cllr Plumptre.

4. Public Forum:

Members of the Public in attendance were afforded the opportunity to ask a question or make a statement.

Beach Grove open day on 23rd September 2-5pm – posters given out.

5. Finance:

Payments and Receipts: Bank Balance as of 2nd September 2023: £5,130.34 (Current Account) and £10,000.00 (Savings Account) = Total **£15,130.34**

a) Payments

Stephanie Woods - Clerk Salary – July & August 2023

Commercial Services Trading Ltd – Grass cutting (Apr-Jun) - £219.83

RoSPA Play Safe – Playground, Field and Pond annual inspections - £286.80

Ricky Edwards – Strimming July 2023 - £152.00

Stephanie Woods – 0.25 towards Printer Toner (Amazon) - £17.00

Kevin Scrase – Nonington Speedwatch Banners/Posts (Amazon) - £24.99

The expenditure above was authorised (proposed by Cllr Perrin, seconded by Cllr Varley and agreed by all Councillors present).

b) Clerks Allowance - Working from Home

The Chairman informed the group that the clerk had requested a monthly allowance to cover her working from home costs. This was discussed and it was proposed at £10 pm backdated to Clerks start date in April 2023 by Cllr Perrin and seconded by Cllr Plumptre, and all agreed.

6. Planning

New Applications

- a) 23/00850: 6 Hammond Close, Nonington – Erection of roof over side extension – already decided and planning was **GRANTED**.
- b) 23/00870: Greystones, Easole Street, Nonington – Erection of an annexe with solar panels to roof – this was discussed and it was agreed that the PC was supportive with no further comments to make.
- c) 23/00951: Phase 3 Parcel 1, Land for Aylesham Village Expansion North of Dorman Avenue, Aylesham - Approval of reserved matters relating to layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping for 32 residential dwellings on phase 3 parcel 1, together with details for conditions 2, 21, 22, 35, 37, 38, 39, 42, and 44 pursuant to outline planning permission 19/00821 – this was discussed and it was agreed that the PC was neutral with no further comments to make.
- d) 23/00975: Phase 2b.11 (Dorman Avenue South), Aylesham Village Expansion, Aylesham - Approval of Reserved Matters for strategic infrastructure Phase 2b.11 pursuant to outline permission 19/00821 – this was discussed and it was agreed that the PC was neutral with no further comments to make.
- e) 23/00992: Land on the North West side of Church Street, Nonington – Erection of agricultural equipment store (part retrospective) – this was discussed and it was decided that the PC object to this application as can see it from the road and the size of structure is disproportional to the size of land.

Decisions

- a) 23/00632 Lynton, Mill Lane, Nonington – Erection of outbuilding (retrospective) – **GRANTED**

7. Highways and Footpaths:

a) Radar Data

Data was presented for July and August 2023 inclusive. July was consistent with other months. August data was exceptionally high at 167,000 vehicles so this will be rechecked in case there is a fault with the machine.

b) HIP/Traffic/Speedwatch

KCC Highways have issues a new HIP pack with costings. There will be a vacancy in Speedwatch as Kevin is moving away. Speedwatch are currently looking at buying some hand-held camera devices and have a request whether PC could full or partially fund it. Cllr Manion can also look to contribute.

c) EKR Transport

Complaints received from parishioners that EKR are using nonington as cut through. The Chairman has spoken to their transport manager who informed that this was accident and they were using it for a number of days. He promised that this will now stop.

d) Speed Camera Trial

See above

e) Bikes in Woods

Complaints have been received of motor bikes using the woods at top of Butchers Lane. PC Benton not in attendance but will take up with him separately.

8. Playground, Playing Field and Pond:

a) RoSPA Annual Inspection

Inspection received which was mostly good with some minor actions to address like overgrown trees. Cllr Perrin said that her husband was able to address the tree issues for the PC. Some of the playmats need to be repaired or replaced so the Clerk will get some quotes for this. Overgrown branches over pond were raised and the Clerk will speak to current contractor to see if this can be resolved. Some caps on seesaw are missing so Clerk to get quotes for this. The Football nets and posts were also raised

within the report so again quotes for repair, replace or remove will be obtained and clerk to pull options together.

b) Grass Cutting/Maintenance

Contract for grass cutting is currently with Landscape services and is due to be renewed in February 2024. There have been concerns over the quantity and quality of the service the PC has received and it was noted that they were driving too fast and bouncing over mole hills. It was suggested that maybe the Cricket club could roll it. It was agreed to put the grass cutting and strimming contracts back out for tender next year and to include the cemetery. The strimming contractor asked if the PC wanted him to trim the permissive path in Nonington and it was agreed that was not necessary at this time.

9. 2023 Fireworks

Cancelled for this year due to lack of volunteers due to due to lack of volunteers, trained parking attendants and fire regulations. NVE are currently liaising with Fire brigade with a hope to run event next year.

10. Matters arising not on the agenda:

- It was suggested that the new tender for maintenance and lawn mower and Speedwatch and Parish Council vacancy in published in parish magazine.
- Sharp bend sign opposite Butchers Lane is not visible so the hedge needs to be trimmed back so signs are visible. Owner has agreed to do.
- Defib training in Aylesham fire station 30th September 10.30-12 and 1-2.30pm. Contact Adam Dudfield 07794550267.
- Emails from residents re royal oak concerns. They all need to contact Elgars.
- Rural repairs have offered three baby trees: one oak and two nectarines. Would Nonington in Bloom be interested in them? It was agreed that the Oak could be put in the park. Clerk to write back to say yes to oak and find out about nectarine trees.
- Request to make speed limit along Holt Street and Easole Street 20mph. Chairman to speak to KCC to see if this is possible.

11. Date of next meeting: 4th October 2023 at 7.30pm in Village Hall, Nonington

There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the public at 20:17.

Signed (Chairman)

Date

Please note these Minutes remain as draft Minutes until they are approved by the Parish Council at their next Parish Council meeting on 4th October 2023.

Future meeting dates: 01/11/23 and 06/12/23