

MINUTES OF THE NASH PARISH MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.00pm

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PRESENT: Peter Stubbs (Chairman), Stuart Lapper, Clare Morris, Liz Troman

Also IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Jones (Clerk), Richard Huffer and Alan Verth

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2022/30 Apologies Apologies – Griselda Handy and Mark Beaumont	
2022/31 Public participation None	
2022/32 Declarations of Interest None	
2022/33 Approval of Minutes RESOLVED PS/SL (Unanimous) That the minutes of The Council meeting on the 21 st July be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
2022/34 Chairman's Items None	
2022/35 Co-Option of Parish Councillor Alan Verth Introduced himself to the Parish Council and gave an outline of why he wished to become a Parish Councillor. SL Proposed to Co-Opt Mr Verth to the Parish Council, this was 2 nd by PS. All agreed Declaration Form and Acceptance Form completed and signed.	
2022/36 Clerks Report Clerks Networking Meeting Current Financial Climate: Steve Smith gave an update on the impact of the current political issues and the likely reduction on budgets. Changes to Cabinet Members: Richard Marshall now Highways (and Regulatory Services); Ian Nellins, Deputy Leader, Climate Change, Environment and Transport. Fix My Street: System went live in April, the next stage is still to be rolled out when clerks will be trained as 'Super Users'. It was asked "why does it say work is completed when only some of the potholes have been fixed, In response Steve said: We are just starting phase 2 of Fix My Street to help refine the feedback to customers. Typically, when people get the message that works are complete but no works undertaken it is either because it does not meet the criteria for urgent repair in accordance with the highway maintenance policy manual and therefore, has been logged and will be considered as part of the follow up works for jet patching surface dressing etc. which will often be several months later. There are some teething issues that mean that SC didn't seem to be able to get the automated response to be able to pull up the right response which they are working on with the IT suppliers. There are also occasions when the technician has just simply pushed the	

wrong button the on the hardware and triggered the wrong response which they are similarly working to resolve. They will be undertaking another survey of stakeholders similar to before they implemented Fix My Street to identify any similar niggles that they can include in the phase 2 project.

- Also asked: Can it not keep us updated with when the jobs are likely to be done instead of having to keep reporting the same problem each month?
Response:- As above, this is something that we would like to do and have been in discussion with Kier and Society Works, who own Fix My Street, to see if there is any way of linking Kiers scheduling system into Fix My Street to give that feedback. At present the additional resource to manually do it would be unviable given the resource challenges we have referred to before.

- List of Officers still not received – we have no idea who works where and who to contact. This has been promised for months.
Response:- We are encouraging all contact to be made through Fix My Street, with the exception with any Traffic scheme or developer funding enquiries which should be emailed to traffic.engineering@shropshire.gov.uk or Ffion.Horton@shropshire.gov.uk respectively. The reason for this is that we only have one person for each of our 16 maintenance zones and when they are absent these are covered by other staff. We also have a fairly high turnover of staff which we use occasional agency staff covering areas who may come or go quite quickly. Therefore, in order that any issues can be directed to the right person on any given week Fix My Street is set up to direct an enquiry to the correct member of staff for that location.

- Email responses - Replies to emails are not always received which leaves us very frustrated and have to keep chasing
Response: - We fully appreciate that emails are often not getting responded to and this is an issue I have held my hands up and acknowledged several times in our meetings. The Council made significant cuts to staffing and budgets within highways a few years ago to reflect the ongoing reduced grants from government. This reduced highway staff from 20 to 12 but also significantly increased demand with potholes having risen from 14,000 to 40,000 over that time. Andy has done a lot of work over the last couple of years to make the service a lot more efficient so that the service we deliver is better than it was and as a result has been able to increase the number of highway technicians up to 16 but as you will appreciate, a lot of their work is necessarily driving around the county finding reported pot holes to commission Kier to repair should they meet our intervention policy and therefore they are limited in the time they have to respond to an increasing number of emails. This year in particular we are facing even greater pressures as inflation and energy costs have significantly impact on the work of the Highways team with many costs having risen by over 30% meaning that we have not been able to progress with increasing the staffing resource still further as we had hoped to do. Whilst I indicatively have additional funding to implement this next year, the government seems to be suggesting that there will be public spending cuts for the next few years which may mean that that investment is no longer viable and therefore we are awaiting confirmation on budgets from Government which we are hoping to receive before Christmas to inform whether that will be available. I will obviously brief the group once I know more.

Highways Maintenance: There are over 200 schemes in the highways capital programme for 2023. Laura Howells (Comms/Engagement Officer) is currently focused on proactive engagement with stakeholders on these schemes. Steve Holdaway is supporting highways on various service improvements, one of which is improve the Customer and Stakeholder Engagement Plan, that will sit alongside highway schemes.

Highways Newsletter: Gareth Proffitt, Comms Officer has been assisting with newsletter, to come out quarterly, will join the next meeting of the group to discuss feedback etc

<p>2022/37 Update of Local Policing Charter Priorities</p> <p>The Priorities were discussed, and it was agreed for them to stay the same:</p> <p>1. Thefts (Dwellings) 2. Speeding 3. Thefts (Farms)</p> <p>SL has a Newsletter from Neighbourhood matters. It was discussed to find out what are the things to consider when installing CCTV in a public area. The idea to start a WhatsApp group was discussed, to keep residents in the Parish informed if there is anything suspicious happening, that residents should be made aware of.</p>							
<p>2022/38 Councillor Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SL – Slow signs outside the Village Hall has been coordinated by Ben Corfield (WSP) Also a Concealed entrance sign is going to be provided for Village Hall to erect. 2. Nothing on the right of Way at Court of Hill yet, Ben Corfield to clarify classification of road. 3. SL is awaiting response from Shropshire Rural Watch. 4. Village Hall Committee – Jessica Briggs-Hayes. To do some CPR/Defib Training - 21st January. Breakfast included. 5. Litter picking - What is needed to have a group of people to go around The parish. To be investigated. 6. PS to attend SALC AGM 7. RH – The Greete Solar Farm has been passed. RH says he isn't against Solar Farms but there needs to be policies to go with them. RH has met with leader of the Council to move this forward as quick as possible. RH is looking to work with Burford PC for the Community Benefit to go there. Temewheels – Volunteer service would benefit from some funding. There could be a possibility that Nash PC could apply for Community Benefit. Members to consider. 40 additional houses coming forward in Burford. 							
<p>2022/39 Highways</p> <p>a) Sign on triangle was knocked down by a lorry. SL to report on "Fix My Street"</p>							
<p>2022/40 Financial Matters:</p> <p>a) Payments since last meeting</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Chq No. 330</td> <td style="width: 60%;">S Jones – Salary July – September</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: right;">£442.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chq No. 331</td> <td>S Jones – HMRC July – September</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£110.60</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) Approve Accounts for Payment</p> <p>Data Protection Fee Proposed by PS and 2nd by SL for Clerk to process by DD. £40.00</p> <p>c) Financial Balance</p> <p>Bank reconciliation produced: Balance showing £5961.14</p>	Chq No. 330	S Jones – Salary July – September	£442.16	Chq No. 331	S Jones – HMRC July – September	£110.60	
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<p>2022/41 Planning Applications</p> <p>Applications Granted by Shropshire Council</p> <p>22/03593/VAR - Wood Farm, Boraston, Tenbury Wells Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 2 (19/05359/FUL</p>							
<p>2022/42 Dates of next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting to be held on 19th January 2023.</p>							
<p>Close of Meeting: 8.50 pm</p>							