## **NASH PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at Nash Village Hall.

Present: Bob Young (Chair), Clare Morris, Peter Stubbs, Charlie Pinckney, Sue Jones (Clerk)

Members of the public: Two

Agenda:

1. Apologies: Received from Clr Louise Roberts

## 2. Public Session:

Mr David Griffiths and Ms Melissa Griffiths of 3 The Titrail, Knowle raised the need for affordable housing for local people referring to their experience of having their proposals to build a house on their 2 acre plot adjoining their home rejected by Shropshire Council and by the Inspector on Appeal in 2018 notwithstanding considerable local support.

Council advised Mr and Ms Griffiths that they were not alone in seeking to build an affordable home for children or to support an elderly relative and that Shropshire Council's view was that the best way to establish a consistent and reliable framework for such provision was for the Parish Council to promote a Parish Plan, a local housing needs assessment and establish a Community Cluster within the Council's Place Plan framework.

- 3. Declarations of interest: None
- 4. Planning: To consider the Report: Community Clusters The Case for a Nash Proposal.

ITEM	ACTION
1) In addition to the above, the following Papers had been circulated prior to the meeting: Farlow and Oreton Parish Plan (2016); Bitterley Parish Plan (2010); Coreley Draft Parish Plan (ongoing).	
2)The need for a Parish Plan was recognised, not simply to address the shortfall in local affordable housing provision but in connection with the	

identification of local concerns and unmet needs requiring investigation, advocacy and support.	
3)Councillors were already aware of issues including access, particularly internet access, road drainage, HGV signage, reduction in recycling facilities and bus services, defective speed signage and of course potholes which have all figured in their deliberations hitherto.	
4) The challenge was to awaken public interest and secure local involvement in the development of a Parish Plan. It was felt that whilst the website was a valuable source of information it was not widely utilised. Councillor Clare Morris felt that the Nash Community Facebook Page could be utilised more to stimulate debate about local issues and the Clerk pointed out that we currently didn't have a notice board or used posting facilities on other notice boards such as at Nash Parish Church.	Clr Clare Morris re potential use of Nash Community Facebook Page Clerk to arrange for procurement and erection of Notice Board outside the Parish Hall
5)The need for a budget for supporting mail shots, public meetings and plan production, printing and distribution was identified and the Clerk undertook to investigate the availability of financial and in-kind support and Clr Charlie Pinckney offered to assist in the production and printing of the Plan when complete. Following the Clerk's advice, a provisional budget of £300 was agreed to get the ball rolling.	Clerk to investigate potential funding support for Parish Plan Clr Charlie Pinckney to assist in production and Printing Clerk to make budgetary provision of £300.
6) It was agreed that notwithstanding its imminent approach, the Annual Parish Meeting presented an opportunity to initiate public debate, canvass support and seek volunteers to form a Steering Committee to drive forward and oversee the Parish Plan process.	All Parish Councillors
7)It was agreed that the Chair should draft a letter of invitation to all residents to include the notice of the Annual Parish Meeting with the proposed Parish Plan to be the main discussion item at the meeting; the intention being the encouragement of volunteers to come forward to set up the Steering Committee. All Councillors present agreed to comment on the draft in order that an agreed invitation could be despatched to all households by the end of next week.	Chair to draft letter of invitation to Annual Parish Meeting  All Councillors to Comment
8)Councillor Charlie Pinckney believed that the way forward should include the distribution of a questionnaire to gauge the range and intensity of local concerns but that the Annual Meeting also offered an opportunity to capture people's views on local issues and this opportunity should not be lost.	All Councillors

9) The Chair agreed that the collation of feedback from questionnaires provide an essential foundation for the development of the Plan as was the carrying out of a local housing needs survey for which we would be seeking Shropshire Council's assistance.

In addition it would be especially helpful to then hold a local "Hands On" planning workshop in the Parish Hall with day time and evening sessions to enable people to work through issues and attempt to resolve any conflicts. Such a workshop would enable the delivery of a "Key Issues and Action Points" report to help inform the priorities and timetable for implementation of the Parish Plan.

Clerk to approach Shropshire Council re assistance with local housing needs survey

Chair to acquaint all Parish Councillors with required techniques for workshop facilitation.

## 5. Dates of Future ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council

The list of dates circulated by the Clerk was noted and the date of 16<sup>th</sup> May for the Annual Parish Meeting and Parish Council AGM was agreed. The following dates to be agreed at the AGM Annual Meeting in May.

16th May

27th June

12th Sept

21st Nov

16th Jan

19th March

14th May

25th June

17th Sept

## 6. Meeting Closed at 830pm