



NASH PARISH COUNCIL

Shropshire

MINUTES OF THE NASH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON: TUESDAY 14th JULY 2026 at 7.00pm

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PRESENT: Griselda Beaumont (Chair), Clare Morris (Vice-Chair), Lorna Yapp, Peter Stubbs, Rebecca Cashmore-Jones, James Morris

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Karen Povey (Clerk)

MINUTE REF	ITEM	ACTION
2026/37	Apologies: Cllr M Beaumont	
2026/38	Public Participation: • None	
2026/39	Declarations of Interest: • None	
2026/40	Approval of Minutes: • It was resolved unanimously that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th May 2026 be approved as a correct record as proposed by Cllr C Morris (Vice-Chair) and, seconded by Cllr R Cashmore-Jones	<u>Clerk</u>
2026/41	Chair's Items: • Karen Povey introduced as new Clerk & RFO. Employment commenced on 1st June 2026 following the resignation of former Clerk & RFO, Angela Vint • Government Restructuring of Councils Proposal: The Government wants more areas of England to have: ▪ A Strategic Authority (formerly known as a 'Combined Authority', led by a directly elected Mayor in many cases. ▪ Larger unitary councils that are considered financially sustainable. ▪ More decisions on transport, housing, economic development, and skills made locally rather than by Whitehall.	<u>Chair/ Clerk</u>

	What could happen to Shropshire? There are several possibilities, although no final decision has been made. • Option 1 – Shropshire remains a single unitary council • Shropshire Council could continue as one authority if Government considers it large and financially viable enough • It could then become part of a wider strategic authority with neighbouring councils for devolved powers • Option 2 - Shropshire joins with neighbouring authorities • Government could require Shropshire to work within a larger strategic area, potentially alongside authorities such as Herefordshire and/or Telford & Wrekin (although many different combinations have been discussed) • Local services such as planning, highways and waste could remain with Shropshire Council, while transport, investment and economic strategy sit with the new authority ▪ Option 3 - Reorganisation of councils • If Government decides existing councils are too small or financially weak, boundaries could change or, authorities could merge • This is one of the issues currently being explored nationally What might it mean for Parish Councils? For Parish Councils like Nash, day-to-day responsibilities are unlikely to change immediately. However there could be: • More emphasis on Parish and Town Councils delivering very local services • Greater opportunity to apply for community funding • Increased consultation on local priorities • Possible transfer of some assets or responsibilities from principal councils over time • More partnership working with neighbouring parishes	
2026/42	Clerk's Report: • Following the approved AGAR submission on 13th May, there has been no further communication received from PKF Littlejohn, external auditors	
2026/43	Councillor Reports & Actions Update: • The Chair suggested works needed to be carried out on lanes with regard to hedge cutting and visibility for vehicles. Reporting any to 'Fix My Street' • Photographs to be taken of potholes and forwarded to Clerk. Clerk will forward onto 'Fix My Street' on behalf of the parish council • Local Plan received from Shropshire Council completed & unanimously approved for submission	<u>Clerk</u> <u>Clerk</u>

2026/44	Financial Matters: Payments made since last meeting: Incoming Clerk's Salary Q1 to 30.06.2026: £219.04 Employers' NIC on Clerk's Salary Q1: £0.00 IONOS Mail Basic 5 Domain Email (June): £1.20 IONOS Mail Basic 5 Domain Email (July): £1.20 Monies received: £0.00 Financial Balance: £8069.03 Accounts approved for payment before next meeting: IONOS Mail Basic 5 Domain Email (Aug): £1.20 IONOS Mail Basic 5 Domain Email (Sept): £1.20	<u>Clerk</u>
2026/45	Planning Applications: None	
Any Other Business: - Shropshire Streetworks Road Closure Notifications received to be forwarded to Cllr C Morris, Vice-Chair for inclusion on social media group 'Nash & Boraston Community' - Request for future parish council meeting start time to be changed to 7.30pm - unanimously approved Future Meeting Dates: **NEXT: Tuesday 15th Sept 2026 at 7.30pm** Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 7.30pm Tuesday 12th January 2027 at 7.30pm Tuesday 9th March 2027 at 7.30pm Meeting closed: 8.05pm		<u>Clerk/</u> <u>C Morris</u>