

# MINUTES OF THE NASH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

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**PRESENT:– Stuart Lapper - Chairman, Griselda Handy, Clare Morris, ,Liz Troman and Mark Beaumont**

**AISO IN ATTENDANCE: Sue Jones (Clerk) and Councillor Richard Huffer**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
<b>2021/62 Apologies</b> Peter Stubbs, Louise Roberts and Val Smith	
<b>2021/63 Public participation</b> None	
<p><b>2021/64 Interim Planning and Development Services Manager - Mr Tim Rogers</b> Mr Rogers attended the meeting as the Parish Councillor's had a number of questions about recent Planning applications.</p> <p><b>Q. We have recently had a situation where two AGR applications were not notified to us. After querying why, Tracy Darke (Assistant Director of Economy and Place) has confirmed that "officers have been reminded to ensure these are sent in future". Should this be an automated notification or are we just reliant on Planning Officers remembering to send it?</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> TR informed the Council that the system is automated, and shouldn't have to rely on officers remembering. Mr Huffer said that Shropshire Councillors do not receive notifications either and he does not feel that it is in public interest.</p> <p><b>Q. If an AGR application is made on land just outside our boundary, should we still be notified?</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> No, as the notification is based on the Parish boundary.</p> <p><b>Q. Tracy Darke has confirmed that the PC will NOT be notified of Screening/Scoping applications in our area. We have had a local farmer request an EIA screening application for a 2000+ pig unit in our Parish and a neighbouring Parish has had a similar application for a 120-acre solar farm. These types of development have major implications for small rural parishes such as ours. Is Shropshire Planning suggesting that such potential developments should not be notified to us?</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> Yes, not if it's in your Parish. The only question being asked on a screening is if the Planning Application needs an Environmental Assessment, nothing more. Also with a Pre-application they can be confidential. PC Commented: This reflects badly on Parish and Unitary Councils. If residents see surveys for example being done and no one knows why.</p> <p><b>Q. We had a recent application in the Parish for a prior approval under "Part 3, Class Q of the Town &amp; Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015". We have tried to read the regulations on Class Q and ended up more confused than when We started! Could you please give us an "idiots guide" to Class Q applications - what's allowed and what's not?</b></p>	

<p>A. It is a change of use into a dwelling that must meet certain criteria. Two being it must be within 3 kilometres and under 6 foot tall. The Council does not have to check the details are correct. The Planning Legislation is ambiguous and needs much better controls. There is nothing stopping the Parish Council making a representation, as for example they may know when it was last in use, as you have the local knowledge.</p> <p><b>Q. Could you please clarify the position regarding the siting of static caravans which seem to pop up around Shropshire with increasing regularity. Is planning permission required or not and what are the relevant conditions/limitations that must be met?</b></p> <p>A. Where the Caravan sits in the property is a factor, if it is inside the boundary, it is permitted development. If the accommodation is ancillary to the main residence, it does not need planning permission. It needs permission if it is for holiday let or not ancillary to the main resident but a separate unit.</p> <p><b>Q. As a Council we consider planning applications in some detail and comment in support or against as we see fit in the interests of the area and people we represent. We hear nothing from Planning if their view differs from ours and we are left to monitor the portal to get further information. This leaves us feeling that we have no more say/influence than any other member of the public. Can you explain what weighting you give to Parish Council input and explain why Planning Officers don't discuss matters of difference with the respective council before making a decision?</b></p> <p>A. The PC have considerably more weight than a member of the public. A vast majority of applications are delegated to Officers. If PC have objected to an application and it goes against the Officer recommendation it triggers the Committee process. An elected Shropshire Councillor can also call in an application to Committee.</p> <p>Mr Rogers was thanked for attending the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>2021/65 Declarations of Interest</b> None</p>	
<p><b>2021/66 Approval of Minutes</b> RESOLVED (Unanimous) That the minutes of The Council meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> January were proposed by SL and seconded by CM to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>2021/67 Chairman's Items</b> <b>Fundraising for the Defibrillator</b> The Quiz evening was a great success. Thank you to Griselda for being quiz master and to everyone that helped, a great evening was had by all. We raised £495. I proposed that we send £500 donation to the Trust. All agreed.</p>	<p><b><u>Clerk to send Chq to the Trust</u></b></p>
<p><b>2021/68 Clerks Report</b> The clerk had no update to give but gave a reminder about the Chairs Networking meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> March if anyone wishes to attend if the Chairman was unable to do so.</p>	
<p><b>2021/69 Highways</b> <b>WSP – Engineering Consultants for Shropshire Council</b> The Parish Council has been approached by Ben Corfield – Associate Direct to ask if Nash Parish Council would like to discuss with them how they can use their Social Value Policies to support the PC. The clerk to ask for more information and to invite them to the next meeting.</p>	<p><b><u>Clerk to contact BC</u></b></p>
<p><b>2021/70 West Mercia Community Charter</b> <b>Top 3 Community Issues</b> <b>1. Security</b> The lack of police presence in local towns adds to the vulnerability of residents due to lack of security. Many have invested in cameras and alarms due to the rising levels of rural crime in the area. Regular police presence would make the area much safer and act as a preventative for</p>	

those that want to cause trouble. Rural crime figures are rising and a local farmer, while protecting his property without improper force, was hospitalised. Personal safety, whether for our home or a vulnerable person, can be supported by a local police force in the interests of public safety.	<b><u>Clerk to send to SNT</u></b>
<b>2. Speeding</b> – The main Area of concern for speeding is all along the B4214 and particularly outside the Village Hall at Nash on the B4214.	
<b>3. Response</b> - The lack of police presence will result in longer response times to the area. As the area has an influx of new housing with new stressors put onto the area. A manned police station would reassure residents throughout Tenbury Wells and surrounding areas while being able to respond to inquiries when required.	
A representative from West Mercia Police to be invited to the next meeting.	
<b>2021/71 Financial Matters:</b>	
<b>a) Payments to approve:</b>	
Chq No. 320 S Jones (Salary Oct – Dec)	£465.80
Chq No. 321 S Jones (HMRC Oct – Dec)	£116.60
Chq No. 322 SALC – Training	£75.00
Chq No. 323 Henry Angel-James Trust	£500.00
<b>b) Financial Balance:</b>	
Financial Summary £4,402.44	
<b>2021/72 Planning Applications</b>	
<b>a) Planning applications</b>	
Greenway Head Planning Application – Granted by SC	
<b>2021/73 Date of next Meeting:</b>	
The next meeting to be the Annual Parish and Parish Council meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022.	
<b>2021/74 Close of Meeting: 21.05 pm</b>	