



# Nailstone Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00 PM in the Bulls Head Public House, Nailstone

### Present:

Cllr Angela McCarthy-Young, Cllr Rachel Cox, Cllr Higgott and Cllr Stephen Spencer. Cllr Ould, Cllr Crooks, 9 members of the public and the clerk.

### 320/2017 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Crane

### 321/2017 - Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items of the agenda

As agreed Declarations of Interest would be recorded at the start of each meeting. Councillors declaring an interest would still be entitled to take part in discussions unless the item is prejudicial, councillors would not be allowed to vote on the item or add opinion.

- N/A

### 322/2017 - County Council/Police reports

- Cllr Ould circulated his report prior to the meeting.
- Cllr Crooks circulated his report prior to the meeting.
- There was no police report, however, parishioners were reminded that village crime data can be viewed by logging on to [www.police.co.uk](http://www.police.co.uk). Parishioners were reminded to report any unusual activity or suspicious vehicles as soon as possible.

### 323/2017 - Public Questions

Members of the public were asked to declare their name when addressing the Chairman if they wished for their name to be minuted in this section of the meeting, if they did not want their name mentioned they need not declare it.

- Members of Nailstone Community Group reported that they would be holding a 'Ladies Indulgence Day' on the 4<sup>th</sup> November and that future events will include a Bingo night and a Quiz night.
- A member of the public asked whether the 30mph speed sign as you enter the village can be moved further out. The Chair commented that Highways have been made aware of this request and confirmed that it would be discussed further at the site meeting between the Parish Council and Highways.
- A member of the public asked what was happening with the Dog Foul flyer and the clerk confirmed that this was being worked on and would be distributed across the village via The Graphic.
- The Chair of Bagworth Parish Council commented that there is a public meeting at Bagworth Community Centre at 7.00 PM on the 27<sup>th</sup> October regarding speeding, HGV traffic, traffic calming and anti social behaviour.

### 324/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017

The minutes of the meeting were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for them to be reviewed. Cllr Cox proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true account of the meeting and this was seconded by Cllr Spencer.

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed that minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.



### **325/2017 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts**

The clerk reported a total balance of £14,607.47

Cllr Higgott proposed that the following cheques were processed and this was seconded by Cllr Cox.

- 101364 – Eon, electricity = £108.42
- 101365 – H Chadwick, clerks salary, room hire and expenses = £339.20
- 101366 – LRALC, training = £105.00
- 101367 – Prestons, grounds maintenance = £1,664.42

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE = £2,217.04**

### **326/2017 – To discuss the request from Nailstone Community Group to carry out a joint village survey for amenities/activities/services and agree action**

Members of Nailstone Community Group submitted a request to the Parish Council asking for support in carrying out a joint survey to assess the needs and requirements of parishioners.

Councillors agreed that there is a need for robust communication and engagement with members of the parish and agreed to support a joint questionnaire.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that councillors would review the questionnaire that had been drafted by the Community Group and provide feedback so that it could be updated and re-circulated to members of both the Parish Council and the Community Group before being circulated in the village.

### **327/2017 – To discuss the request from Nailstone Community Group to support the purchase of The Bulls Head so that it can be retained as a community hub and agree action**

Members of the Community Group commented that they have raised concerns about what is going to happen to The Bulls Head and have taken action to look at the possibility of buying the property and developing it into a community hub. Members of the group commented that they have held a public meeting to discuss this and have also applied for The Bulls Head to be made an Asset of Community Value (ACV). The group have also applied for a bursary to support the costs of legal fees, a valuation of the property and a structural survey.

Members of the Community Group commented that they are looking to move the project forward and suggested that one option is the Parish Council purchasing the property using a Public Works Loan Board loan and to then lease the property out to the group.

Members of the Parish Council commented that this was the first they had heard about the public meeting and surprised not to have been invited as their support is being requested.

The Chair asked what plans the Community Group have moving forward and commented that in order for the Parish Council to make an informed decision they would need to see a business proposal with costings for the initial purchase, the development costs and ongoing maintenance costs. Councillors agreed that any money borrowed would have an impact on the Parish Council precept and that they needed to ensure that the purchase and development of the property was in the best interest of the parish.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the Community Group would provide the Parish Council with a business plan including all costs so that they could have a working party meeting in order to be able to discuss the proposal.

### **328/2017 – To discuss quotes received in relation to the hedge and tree cutting in the village and agree action**

The clerk report that she had approached four contractors but to date had only received one quote. It was agreed that additional quotes needed to be sourced and the Chair commented that she would source these and present them at the October meeting.



### **329/2017 – To discuss the conservation area project and agree action based on Parish & Community Initiative funding**

The clerk reported that there was one outstanding quote in relation to items being purchased for the conservation area project and requested that she be given permission from the Parish Council to work with Cllr Cox in order to move the project forward as the deadline for reclaiming the funds from the Parish & Community Initiative Fund is February 2018.

**Resolved:** Cllr McCarthy-Young proposed that the clerk and Cllr Cox work together to complete the first phase of the project and this was seconded by Cllr Cox.

### **330/2017 – To discuss village Christmas tree and Christmas lights and agree action**

Cllr Higgott reported that she had sourced quotes for the purchase and installation of the Christmas tree which totalled approximately £550 including delivery, delivery will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November. A member of the Nailstone Community Group commented that they may be able to find someone that can install the tree and agreed to liaise with Cllr Higgott about this. Tree lights will need to be ordered separately and it was suggested that these are on a timer so they are only on for a certain period of time rather than being on all day/night. It was also suggested that we should perhaps look at getting some battery operated lights for the trees on Church Meadow, tree at entrance to village near A447 and tree opposite the sighting of the Christmas tree.

**Resolved:** Cllr Cox proposed that we go ahead and order the Christmas tree and if there is no one else to install the tree that we accept the initial quote, this was seconded by Cllr Spencer.

### **331/2017 – To discuss the location of the Parish Council meetings**

The clerk reported that she had spoken with members of the Church and following their renovations they would be happy for the Parish Council to hold its meeting in the Church. The work is expected to be completed in October.

**Resolved:** Cllr Cox proposed that providing all the work in the Church has been completed that look to move the Parish Councils meeting to the new location as soon as possible and agree an annual donation to the Church, this was seconded by Cllr Higgott. Councillors were also in agreement that the new start time of 7.00 PM be adopted for all future meetings.

### **332/2017 – To discuss Church Meadow and agree maintenance programme for shrubs and planting**

Cllr Cox thanked members of the parish for their support with the planting of bulbs during the year and suggested that we need to agree a bulb planting schedule and budget for 2018.

Cllr McCarthy-Young commented that it is a little too late in the year to plant spring bulbs for 2018 so the schedule would need to be for 2019. Members of the Community Group offered to clear the site and remove any existing bulbs and suggested that they could put something in their newsletter asking if anyone would be willing to donate bulbs and carry out planting. The Chair of Bagworth Parish Council offered to donate £50 towards the bulbs.

**Resolved:** Cllr Cox proposed that we budget £150 for bulbs that could be planted this year and that we look at a schedule in the spring for 2019, this was seconded by Cllr McCarthy-Young.

### **333/2017 – To discuss planning application 17/00730/FUL – demolition of existing dwelling, erection of two dwellings, garages and associated drive at 100 Main Street and agree response**

The clerk circulated a copy of the planning application to councillors prior to the meeting along with an objection that had been submitted by a member of the parish. Cllr Crooks reported that he had also received a complaint about the application from a member of the parish. Councillors reviewed the planning application and agreed that they had concerns about the drainage, the increase in the volume of traffic, the lack of visibility splay and the lack of parking. Cllr Crooks commented that if the Parish Council wished to object then he would contact the planning department and ask that they carry out a detailed site visit as well as calling the application to Committee.



### **334/2017 – Parish Councillor Updates**

Cllr Cox reported that:

- Following a request from the Community Group to utilise the phone box in the village she has already confirmed with the group that the phone box is going to be removed and that unless it is being used to house a defibrillator it cannot be used for anything else.
- Cllr Cox asked Cllr Crooks if he had an update on the Barton Lane sign being moved. Cllr Crooks confirmed that he had no update but would chase this with Highways.

### **335/2017 – Date of next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and will commence at the earlier time of 7.00 PM in the Bulls Head, Nailstone.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 20:35 PM.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**