

NAILSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 6th October 2016,
8.00 PM in the Bulls Head Public House, Nailstone

Present:

Cllr Rachel Cox, Cllr Julie Higgott, Cllr Crane and Cllr Stephen Spencer.
The Clerk
Cllr Ould & Cllr Crooks

190/2016 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- N/A

191/2016 - 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

192/2016 - County Council/Police reports

- Cllr Ould circulated his report prior to the meeting.
- Cllr Crooks presented his report at the meeting.

193/2016 - 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.

- N/A

194/2016 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 1st September 2016

The minutes of the meetings 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 Higgott.

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

195/2016 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts

The clerk reported a total balance of £16,346.15.

The following cheques were agreed:

- 101334 – John Wm Preston & Sons, grounds maintenance = £2,703.78
- 101335 – H Chadwick, clerks salary and expenses = £288.40

Resolved: Cllr Cox proposed that the cheques were approved and signed and this was seconded by Cllr Higgott. The clerk will send out cheques at the earliest convenience.

196/2016 – Clerks update

Following the last meeting the clerk reported that the mowing of the grassed areas in The Oval and surrounding the bungalows on Main Street were the responsibility of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and that all other areas were the responsibility of LCC Highways.

The clerk reported that the concerns about dog fouling had been reported to the Street Cleaning team.

The clerk asked Cllr Crane whether the spring on the gate at the entrance to Church Meadow had been repaired and Cllr Crane confirmed that it had.

197/2016 – To discuss the parish council conservation project and agree actions

The clerk reported that there are a number of projects that the Borough Council should be able to contribute towards which will preserve and enhance the special character of the conservation area and these include the installation of heritage name plaques, installation of heritage lights, litter bins, benches, noticeboards and planters. It was agreed that a list of itemised projects will need to be prepared, agreed and forwarded to Hinckley & Borough Council so that they can identify what they can financial contribute towards. The clerk reported that some of the projects will be applicable for funding under the Environmental Improvement programme and others through the Parish and Community Initiative scheme.

Councillors agreed that whilst it was important to focus on the conservation area there was also a need to ensure that other areas of the village were maintained and the clerk proposed that this be done as phase 2 of the village improvement project, with phase 1 focusing on the conversation area.

Resolved: Councillors will arrange a village walk-about to ascertain locations for the installation of new benches, noticeboards and planters. It was also agreed that this opportunity would be used to highlight the grassed areas within the village that need more attention.

198/2016 – To discuss and agree the purchase of a Christmas tree for December 2016

The clerk confirmed that the cost of an LED Christmas tree would be in the region of £2,500 and that a location within the village would need to be agreed. Councillors agreed that for 2016 a real tree would be sourced and that an LED tree would be investigated for 2017.

Resolved: Cllr Higgott will source a tree and arrange for it to be installed the first week in December.

199/2016 – Parish Councillor Updates

- N/A

200/2016 - Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 10th November 2016, commencing at 8.00 PM in the Bulls Head, Nailstone.

The Chair closed the meeting at 21.10 PM.

Signed:

Date: