



Nailstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2017, 8.00 PM in the Bulls Head Public House, Nailstone

Present:

Cllr Angela McCarthy-Young, Cllr Rachel Cox, Cllr Julie Higgott, Cllr Stephen Spencer and Cllr Derek Crane. 11 members of the public and the clerk.

268/2017 - Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Cllr Ould and Cllr Crooks

269/2017 - 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

270/2017 - County Council/Police reports

- Cllr Ould 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. Parishioners were reminded to report any unusual activity or suspicious vehicles as soon as possible.

271/2017 - 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.

- A member of the public asked about how local business could be considered for work that the parish council need doing. *The Chair explained that the parish council are keen to ensure that any work carried out is done by a local provider, however, we do have to follow procedure and source three quotes and that anyone carrying out work needs to have the appropriate insurances and method statements in place. It was suggested that anyone wishing to be considered for work should provide their details to the parish clerk.*
- A member of the public raised concern about the den that had been built in Church Meadow and reported that branches had been cut off trees and that part of the den had been nailed to the cemetery fence and was extremely close to graves including an unmarked grave and the parishioner felt it was disrespectful. *The clerk reported that Church Meadow is the responsibility of the parish council and that anyone wishing to 'do' anything on the area should seek permission first so that we can ensure that the correct insurances are in place. Cllr Cox commented that we want to endorse what the community group are doing and that they are doing a really good job but that we do need to be kept informed of events/work they are proposing to do due to our responsibilities?*
- A member of the public asked who owns Church Meadow. *Cllr McCarthy-Young confirmed that the land is owned by CISWO and that the parish council are Trustees of the land so have responsibility for it. Another member of the public commented that she had been in contact with CISWO to find out who owns the land. CISWO confirmed to her that the parish council are the Trustees. The parishioner advised that she had a copy of the Land registry document that stated Nailstone Parish Council and documents from the charity commission in the name of a previous clerk. Councillors commented that they were not aware of the details from the charity commission and had not received any communication from the charities commission about non-filing of accounts but would take the necessary steps*



immediately to research the charity information and rectify anything necessary. A member of the public asked why the community group are looking to build a shop on the land as they did not feel the questionnaire results that were circulated to the village were a strong enough representation of the village (13% in favour). A member of the community group commented that they had carried out a survey in the village and they received 85 responses, an increase on original figures circulated to say that people would like some sort of village shop/hall.

- A member of the public commented that there is a lack of leadership within the parish council and now that a community group has been set up the parish council should be working with them to ensure that there is a medium and long term plan in place of what the village needs and wants. *The Chair commented that the Parish Council will take this on board, however, we have not previously had interest from parishioners and many of the faces at the meeting had not previously been seen at meetings despite citing number of years in village. The Chair reminded parishioners that all parish councils have limited powers and duties all of which directly impact on the community and with limited funds they do look to work closely with community groups.*
- A member of the public asked about the damaged noticeboard at The Oval and whether they could repair or replace it. *The clerk reported that as part of the conservation phased project there has been a review of the noticeboards in the village and we have applied to the Parish & Community Initiative fund which will allow us to purchase new and replacement noticeboards. The member of public said that he would do the work now. The clerk commented that any work carried out on a parish council asset needs to be agreed through the correct procedure and that once we had received notification about the funding we would proceed with this part of the project. It was also reported that until we have received confirmation of the grant funding we cannot start any work that relates to the grant application.*
- A member of the public asked about the possibility of relocating the Parish Council meeting venue due to the increased numbers attending. *Councillors confirmed that would consider an alternative venue and add it to a future agenda for discussion.*
- A member of the public asked about an additional bracket for the VAS so that it could be located on Barton Lane. *It was agreed that this would be discussed under item 270/2017.*
- A member of the public asked about a new footpath between Nailstone and Barlestone to make it safer for those walking. *It was agreed to discuss this under item 270/2017.*

272/2017 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 9th March 2017

The minutes of the meeting were circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting for them to be reviewed. Cllr Crane 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.

273/2017 – Resolution to approve payment of outstanding accounts and appointment of internal auditor

The clerk reported a total balance of £17,797.26

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

- s101352 – EON, street lighting - £109.74
- 101353 – LRALC, annual membership = £198.43
- 101354 - H Chadwick, clerks salary and expenses = £334.11

The clerk reported that Grant Thornton have been appointed as the national auditor of choice for Parish Councils and that an internal audit would need to be completed prior to the May meeting in



order for all documentation to be signed off by the council before being submitted to Grant Thornton by the 8th June 2017. The clerk requested permission to use her discretion to appoint an internal auditor from the LRALC list of approved providers.

Resolved: Cllr Higgott proposed that the clerk be given authorisation to source an internal auditors from the LRALC list of approved providers and this was seconded by Cllr Crane.

274/2017 – Update on Arriva 153 bus service

It was reported that despite all appeals the Arriva 153 bus service has been withdrawn thereby leading to the isolation of young people, workers, and socialisers within the villages. Cllr Cox asked that thanks be recorded to the Nailstone Community Group and parishioners for all their efforts in trying to ensure that the service continued. Councillors agreed that the lack of bus services remained an issue and would support ongoing discussions with various providers. It was also suggested that there is a need to look at community transport options.

275/2017 – To discuss planning application 17/00277/FUL – erection of five detached dwellings fronting Bagworth Road, Nailstone with associated access and agree action

The clerk circulated a copy of the planning application prior to the meeting and councillors agreed that whilst there was no formal objection they would like it noting that if permission is granted the houses will be built within a 50mph speed area and that this should be reviewed and reduced to 30mph.

Resolved: Councillors reviewed the planning application and agreed that they had no material objections but requested a review of the speed limit on the road.

276/2017 – To discuss the need for replacement trees in Church Meadow and agree action

The Chair reported that a tree in Church Meadow had been removed follow damage after storm Doris. It was suggested that a Christmas tree be planted as replacement but advice has been given that Christmas trees cannot be moved after they have reached 3ft in height and that they only grow 6” per year. It was suggested that the area be seeded with grass for the time being and that Cllr McCarthy-Young would speak with Mrs Pailing about a replacement tree.

277/2017 – To discuss the conservation project and agree actions on the various phases of the project

The clerk reported that she had hoped we would have received confirmation as to whether the Parish & Community Initiative fund application had been successful and then we could decide which areas of the project we wanted to move forward with. It was suggested that no financial decisions on the project be made until we know whether we will be receiving funding. This item will be added to a future agenda when we have received confirmation from the Parish & Community Initiative fund.

278/2017 – To discuss the format of the annual parish meeting and the annual parish council meeting

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council Annual meeting is held within the first couple of weeks of May and is the meeting at which we appoint the Chair, Vice Chair, adopt the standing and financial orders and sign off the annual accounts. It was agreed that the meeting would take place on the 11th may and would commence at the earlier time of 7.00 PM.

The clerk reported that the Annual Parish Assembly of a Parish Council is often referred to as the Parish meeting and it must be held by law each year. All residents are entitled to attend. It is NOT a full Parish Council meeting, although it is normally organised by the Parish Council. This meeting acts a sounding board for parishioners and it gives electors the opportunity to speak and to raise matters of importance or concern. Councillors suggested that this meeting should take place immediately after the Parish Council meeting on the 11th May. The clerk will draft agenda’s for each meeting and circulate.



279/2017 – To discuss speeding and highways issues and agree actions

Cllr Cox referred back to parishioners request for a bracket to hold VAS on Barton Lane. Previously the speedwatch group had been advised that the initiative could not be carried out on Barton Lane due to no safe place to stand with radar – this had carried through to siting of VAS. It was felt that the question could be asked again and the request could be bought to a future meeting once the outcome was determined by the County Council. Cllr Higgott proposed that we proceed with liaising with LCC for guidance and assessment and this was seconded by Cllr Cox.

Cllr Cox acknowledged that the Nailstone Community Group had been forwarded information regarding speedwatch, and reminded the group that they will need to register the scheme as soon as possible to obtain dates.

The request by a parishioner for a footpath was referred back to. The clerk reported that she has been in contact with Highways to arrange a site meeting to review signage and speed limits and councillors agreed that the discussion about a new footpath should be included in these discussions.

Cllr Cox reported that she had been made aware of some conditions to the planning application at the Bulls Head - applicant needs to ensure traffic calming provided prior to full approval. This is something the PC were not aware of as part of the application and seems to have been added as part of conditions. To discuss layout / plan with highways at site meeting to ascertain further details.

280/2017 – To discuss adoption of phone kiosk and agree actions

Following a previous discussion about the adoption of the phone kiosk Cllr Cox proposed that we do not adopt the kiosk and allow BT to remove it because it is an eyesore and this was seconded by Cllr Crane. A member of the public asked when it would be removed and the clerk confirmed that we have received no further communication from BT as to when this would happen.

281/2017 – Parish Councillor Updates

Cllr Cox reported that:

- Thanks should be passed on to the Nailstone Community Group and members of the church for an excellent Easter Egg Hunt.
- Thanks to Cllr Ivan Ould for his acknowledgement and support of Nailstone Parish Council in his latest newsletter in which he commented that the parish council work well and that whilst not everyone will always be in agreement that main focus of the parish council remains its parishioners.

282/2017 - Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place on Thursday 11th May 2017 and will commence at the earlier time of 7.00 PM in the Bulls Head, Nailstone.

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:40 PM.

Signed:

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