

Nailstone Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at All Saints Church, Nailstone at 7pm on Wednesday 29th May 2024

Present: L Harris (Chairman), S Barton, D Crane, H Darlington, T Harrison (Parish Councillors), W J Crooks (Borough Councillor), 14 members of the public, K Bates (Parish Clerk), C J Peat (Locum Clerk).

001/2024 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 28th June 2023

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and they were signed by the Chairman.

002/2024 Annual report from the Chairman of Nailstone Parish Council

The Chairman reported that the PC have cause to be proud of the community of Nailstone and are appreciative of the regular attendance of parishioners and community groups at the Parish Council meetings.

The Chairman noted successful achievements of community groups, including the installation of the new Trim Trail children's play equipment on Church Meadow, funding for which was raised entirely by parishioners. Also noted was the growth of Nailstone Gardening Group and the positive impact the group has made with new plantings in Church Meadow, the planting of thousands of Spring bulbs and the unity of the group and its support for one another.

The Christmas Group achieved a successful opening evening for the Christmas dressed windows, with Santa's grotto and a tombola. The group also organised the purchase and delivery of Christmas hampers for housebound parishioners. A Nativity pantomime was held along with a quiz night. Carols around the Tree has become an annual event hosted by the Community Group.

Notable achievements for the Parish Council over the past year have included the securing of £180,000 of Community Benefit funding from JBM Solar following the granting of planning permission for Stoneshollow Solar Farm. The Parish Council opposed the application but were unsuccessful in preventing permission being granted.

Funding for a new MVAS via grant funding through Cllr Harrison-Rushton had been secured. Funding for the replacement of wooden stiles with kissing gates has also been secured. The Chairman thanked Footpath Warden Deryck Senior for his commitment and assistance. Dialogue with Aldi following their warehouse development has enabled the PC to gain insight into the company's delivery plans. As a result of the Aldi development, the Nailstone Jubilee Country Park was created and opened on the outskirts of the village.

The Chairman thanked former Councillors Bonshor and Smith for their service to the Parish Council. Condolences and best wishes were extended to the family of former Councillor Burns who passed away last year.

The Chairman thanked current Parish Councillors Barton, Crane, Darlington and Harrison for their time, energy and commitment to the village and their service to the Parish Council.

Former Clerk Nicola Land was thanked for her service. The Chairman was grateful to Locum Clerk Chris Peat for his energy, guidance and subsequent achievements over the past 6 months and new Clerk Kerry Bates was welcomed and thanked for her commitment to the role.

Borough Cllr Bill Crooks was thanked for his commitment, engagement, representation and attendance at meetings.

It was resolved that the Chairman's report be accepted and published in the Annual Report of the Parish Council.

003/2024 Annual reports from community organisations

A) Nailstone Book Group

A representative from the book group reported that the group has 14 members. The group meet once a month at a member's house and alternate between members book choices and topics which are voted on by the members, which encourages members to read texts that they would not normally think to choose themselves.

Topics this year have included 'A classic that you have never read', 'An author under a pseudonym' and the 'Costa first novel award'. Individual choices have included crime fiction and Japanese novels.

B) Nailstone Community Group

A representative from Nailstone Community Group reported that the group has between 8-12 residents who attend meetings, but that membership of the group extends to all members of the village by default.

Notable events since 2023 have included a Garage sale, organisation of Christmas events such as the Christmas windows and Santa's grotto, the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, Songs around the Tree and a Nativity and Quiz night. In addition, in conjunction with the Church, an Easter Egg Hunt was held and well attended. Funds for provision of events are raised throughout the year.

C) Nailstone Gardening Group

A representative from the Gardening Group reported that the group currently stands at 14 members. Members donate their time and energies to enhance spaces around Nailstone for the benefit of all. This year the group are proud of the appearance of both the 'Rock bed' in Church Meadow and of the Churchyard bed which were rejuvenated last year.

The group has just completed replanting of the semi-circular bed in Church Meadow and the triangle by the pit wheel. The group is responsible for the maintenance of all these areas. The group also maintains the Memorial area. The group are also proud of planting 4975 bulbs for Spring flowering which were obtained via a grant from H&BBC.

Group members have taken part in outings to Oxford and Birmingham Botanic Gardens as well as local open gardens and events. However, the group reported that they are most proud of the friendships the group has brought, and the support and care that members show to each other throughout the year that extends beyond gardening.

D) Nailstone History Group

A representative from Nailstone History Group reported that the group now stands at 9 members since its formation in 2022. Members direct their own areas of research and have researched the history of their house, the school and families within the village. Meetings are held every 6-8 weeks at a member's house.

A graveyard survey was initiated in 2023 whereby each gravestone will be recorded on a database. This year the group are running a D-Day 80 commemoration event at the Church. The group have also contributed to the Nailstone Newsletter and towards the Parish Council's application for an ACV for The Bull's Head.

E) Parochial Church Council

A representative from the Parochial Church Council reported that the Church continues to hold village events on a regular basis. Coffee mornings open to all take place every Tuesday and every month 'Little Fishes', an open event for pre-school children takes place. One-off events have also taken place often in conjunction with the Community Group. The Annual Macmillan Coffee Morning takes place in September and 'Ride and Stride' is scheduled for this year.

The Church is bookable for both regular and one-off events and groups: for example fundraising concerts have taken place and W.I. meetings take place in the Church every month. Regular worship services are held in addition to marriages and funerals.

F) Play equipment inspection records

Play equipment inspections are being undertaken on a voluntary basis by a parishioner and the report log was examined at the meeting. All equipment was currently in good order, though one piece of wood on the monkey bars might need replacement in the future. The equipment was being inspected on a fortnightly basis.

G) Village Show Group

A representative from the Village Show Group reported that the second Village Show held last year saw 149 entries which were double the previous year. Funds raised from the show have been donated back to the Community Group. Feedback

from the previous year informed the schedule for this year. This year's show is due to be held on August 31st and the show schedule has already been advertised.

H) W.I.

A representative from the W.I. reported that membership stands at around 24 members and meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month in the Church. Guest speakers in the last year gave talks on diverse subjects such as history, cookery, hula hooping, teddy bears and magistrates with Richard III's bones a talk yet to come.

Members of Nailstone W.I. entered the Ashby Show and won awards in both the group and individual competitions, the group hope to repeat this success this year. The Annual Summer trip last year was to Middleton Pottery. Nailstone W.I. has a successful darts team and quiz team. Nailstone W.I. is 60 years old this year and will be celebrating. Barbara Payne started the group in 1964 and former members are invited to attend celebrations. Visitors and new members are always welcomed to meetings.

Representatives **were thanked** for attending and presenting their reports.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed _____ **Date** _____

Abbreviations in these minutes

ACV	Asset of Community Value
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
MVAS	Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign
PC	Parish Council
WI	Women's Institute