

# Minutes of the Nailstone Parish Council Meeting at Dovebank Primary School, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7pm

## **Public Session**

024/2022 Resolution to receive apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr Bonshor, and Cllr Crooks

025/2022 Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda Cllr Crane declared interests in agenda items

027/2022

033/2022

034/2022

026/2022 Public Questions members of the public are invited to address the council in respect of business itemised on the agenda. Matters raised but not itemised on the agenda can be noted by councillors BUT no decisions can be made by the council in this session other than to refer the matter to the next agenda for debate by the council unless deemed appropriate by the Chair.

 A resident asked about the outcome of the Solar Power Community fund suggestions.

The clerk advised that all suggestions have been listed on the website under the Stoneshollow Solar Farm page. As yet no final decision has been made as no legally binding agreement has been drawn up between JBM and the parish council.

- A resident suggested an idea of an organised gardening group. They would work in conjunction with the parish council, to improve areas of the village (planters, church meadow etc).

It was suggested that this could be discussed after the jubilee weekend to pull a brief together for council perusal. Chairman to send a copy of the annual maintenance schedule to assist with drawing up the brief.

- General concern was raised from several parishioners following changes to land behind Main Street, Nailstone. Planning Application 21/00957 was determined 3/4/2022 and refused by HBBC so parishioners raised concern at the developments happening on this area.

Clerk to pass to Cllr Crooks for his comments



027/2022 Planning Applications for Public comment
Amended plan – Stoneshollow
Due to interests declared Item deferred to end of agenda

028/2022 Update from Footpath Group

It was raised that some of the fields on the Leicestershire round footpath, have been planted up with maize, and no footpaths have been marked out. This has happened in previous years. The crops end up being stamped down by walkers.

Clerk will clarify position with footpaths officer regarding responsibility, Land owner or rights of way team.

- 029/2022 Update from District Councillor Crooks
  Cllr Crooks to forward his report
- 030/2022 Update from County Councillor Harrison-Rushton
  An opportunity for Cllr Harrison-Rushton to update members
  Not present. It was noted that several emails from the clerk are also
  awaiting response from Cllr Harrison Rushton. The chairman will follow
  up.

# 031/2022 Community Group/Village Organisations Update

An opportunity for community representatives to update the council with any forthcoming events, requests for support, or items for the newsletter. The community group are currently working hard on the Jubilee day event. Leaflets have been dropped to every door, and on website/facebook. Grant £500 received from HBBC.

Road Closure in place for Church Road, Nailstone Sunday 5th June 2022. Home owners are requested to move their vehicles to the end of the road, if they feel they will need them between the 12.00-6.00 closure period.

## Closure of the public session.

Members of the public are welcome to remain at the meeting, but must NOT interject, make representation or try and influence councillor decisions.



### Council Resolutions

032/2022. Resolution to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish council held April 2022

Minutes approved. Proposed and Seconded.

- 033/2022. Resolution to discuss any planning applications and receive any reports from Cllr Harris
  - Glebe Farm
  - Stoneshollow

Due to interests declared Item deferred to end of agenda

034/2022 Resolution to discuss and agree suggested Community Benefit legal agreement from JBM

Due to interests declared Item deferred to end of agenda

035/2022 Resolution to discuss Traffic Results from Survey carried out by LCC, and any further actions.

In Dec 2021 LCC carried out a traffic survey. Unfortunately it was not correct so a second survey was conducted between 15-17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 7am – 7pm using ANPR. One camera was on the cross roads, the other on A447 junction. This captured vehicles entering and exiting the village in both directions.

The full details are on our website

https://www.nailstoneparishcouncil.org.uk/nailstone-traffic-action-group.html

The summary was

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> 7 vehicles contravened the restriction Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 9 vehicles contravened the restriction Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 8 vehicles contravened the restriction

Lcc Highways felt that this figure is not perfect, but insignificant enough to not require further action. They felt the signage is working. The police report referenced by LCC in the report suggested that road narrowing may help. This is not currently a financially viable option.



NTAG updated councillors with their concerns following receipt of this report. Whilst it is noted that a reduction in HGVS is visibly noticeable in the village, NTAG do not have the capacity to continue with its current levels or reporting and capturing.

They have continued contacting CEO of companies whose vehicles who ignore the restriction which has shown success and asked if this is something the parish council would continue to do, if parishioners forward details of offending vehicles. Cllr Smith agreed to do this.

It was agreed Cllr Smith to receive details of from parishioners and he will contact the CEO for a 6 month trial period, then review. He will provide a report/update at each meeting.

NTAG will provide an article for the next newsletter to advise parishioners of the process.

The chairman offered his thanks on behalf of the village to the members of NTAG for their hours and hours of monitoring, recording and lobbying.

036/2022 Resolution to discuss Council Maintenance Schedule for 2022-2023 Cllr Smith and Cllr Harrison circulated a schedule they had prepared. It was discussed and adjusted

Cllr Harrison to now meet with contractor to discuss and contractor to provide prices to enable council to budget/manage annual works. Bring back to future meeting.

- 037/2022 Resolution to discuss and agree Insurance Quote for 2022-2023 Quote received from last years broker £618.

  Council to source a more favourable quotes
- 038/2022 Resolution to discuss the public suggestion of additional play equipment on Church Meadow raised as part of the community benefit funding from Stoneshollow Solar Farm (Agenda item 189/2021).

A group of local residents suggest the community benefit money could be used to purchase additional play equipment for Church Meadow. The council instructed a play equipment provider to carry out a survey of church meadow and offer some suggestions.

Cllr Crane raised that the council are trustees for Church Meadow. Clerk to source a copy of the deed to check for any restrictions etc. (Next Agenda)



Chairman to contact a local resident who may hold information/history of the area.

A discussion took place as to how Church Meadow is used and by whom and how the village has grown but also the many uses of the area of Church Meadow and to further explore the opportunity of developing a community garden on the Oval as a second communal area for the village. It was agreed to obtain a couple of other designs from other equipment providers, and then put it all out on the newsletter for general consultation and community discussion.

Clerk/Cllr Bonshor to source funding streams ready,

#### 039/2022 Finance

Resolution to Approve the payments for May 2022 (appendix1)
Resolution to Approve the Accounts to Date, Bank reconciliation and

Expenditure against Budget (Appendix 2 Attached)

An additional payment of £70 for the maintenance man for painting works on Church Meadow benches

Payment summary agreed

Bank Reconciliation and accounts schedules noted.

# 040/2022 Ongoing Items - (Updates... No decision required)

Queens Jubilee 2022 - 031/2022

Grants (Kissing gates?, churchyard composting area?)

Sec 106 drawdown – (HBBC)

#### 041/2022 Newsletter

Requests/Items to be included in next months parish newsletter (deadline 16<sup>th</sup> Month)

#### 042/2022 Councillor Items for Next Agenda

Council to agree any agenda items for next meeting

**Church Meadow Trustees** 

**Grounds Maintenance Schedule** 

Church Composting Area – Bins?

Village Gardening Group

043/2022 Correspondance



Bulls Head – Asset of community Value – HBBC

Clerk to respond and request that it is renewed for a further period due to try and offer some protections, due the current position with the Bulls head

044/2022. Aldi Update (No decision Required)

An opportunity for Aldi to share any important updates or the council to minute/submit any questions/concerns.

Cllr Harrison to organise a meeting.

An item to raise was concern when heavy rain as the road floods very badly between the site entrance and the junction (drains blocked/damaged drains/insufficient drainage from mounds?)

045/2022 Next Meeting

Wednesday 29th June 2022 7pm

Cllr Crane left the meeting 9.15pm

## **Deferred Items**

The chairman invited Robin Johnson from JBM solar to discuss the following agenda items.

027/2022 Planning Applications for Public comment

Amended plan - Stoneshollow

Robin discussed his visual design of a further amended plan, Following comments from the landscape consultant at HBBC who reviewed the plans, JBM removed some panels and made a slight adjustment. The council did not feel this made a vast difference to the visual impact it would have. It was also discussed what trees would be planted and what heights. Parishioners challenged JBMs approach as trees would take time to grow and most species chosen would loose leaves in winter – no screening! Robin felt that they had satisfied the comments raised by planning and the application should be ready to determine in the July committee meeting. If permitted July 2022 they would expect it to be connected to the grid by July 2023



033/2022. Resolution to discuss any planning applications and receive any reports from Cllr Harris

Glebe Farm
 No further comments to add. Deferred by HBBC committee in May, will be subject to a site visit, before brought back to committee June 2022 for determination.

Stoneshollow
 Parish council have not been sent any amendments to consult on.

034/2022 Resolution to discuss and agree suggested Community Benefit legal agreement from JBM

The Chairman again invited Robin Johnson to brief councillors. He sent a draft deed of gift through for perusal.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the legality of this document and how it would legally bind all parties. Especially based on previous Deed of gifts (Crown Farm) that failed to pay out.

The parish council have sought assistance from

**LRALC** 

**HBBC** 

LCC

Luke Evans MP

There is concern that the parish will never receive the promised amount. There is no defined trigger point for payment.

Parishioners questioned Robin re previous sites and community benefit after an extremely lengthy and heated discussion, It was agreed that Robin would go back to his legal team and discuss a unilateral undertaking. Council will continue to push for assistance how to make this legally binding on all parties and paid out at a more defined period of time and also contact other JBM effected parishes to discuss their journey with this company.

## **Confidential**

046/2022 Clerks Salary



NALC have finally agreed the 2020-2021 pay scales on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 Council to consider clerks back pay and scale 2022-2023 still awaiting NALC confirmation.

Agreed.

