



## Nailstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at  
All Saints Church, Church Road at  
7.30 pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

### Council business

#### 109/2024 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was resolved that Cllr Harris be elected Chairman.

It was resolved that Cllr Harrison be elected Vice Chairman.

#### 110/2024 Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Declarations of acceptance of office were signed by Cllrs Harris and Harrison.

### Public session

#### 111/2024 Questions and comments from members of the public

Members of the public expressed concern that the PCs application to register The Bulls Head as an Asset of Community Value had been rejected by H&BBC. One member of the public stated that preparations had been made for the creation of a Community Interest Company; a relative of another had offered to buy the pub, but had withdrawn because it was not clear when the building works would be completed.

The Chairman reviewed the current position: the pub could not re-open until the building works had been completed; contact had been made with the developers who at that time had said that they wished to sell the pub as a public house but would consider other options such as offering a tenancy; re-opening the pub would probably upgrade the parishes designation in the Local Plan from Rural Hamlet to Rural Village; the PC would be seeking a meeting with H&BBC to challenge the decision to refuse ACV designation.

#### 112/2024 Update from County Councillor B Harrison-Rushton

Cllr Harrison-Rushton **was thanked** for a written report on LCC business. Cllr Harrison-Rushton's report covered road defects and potholes, biodiversity net gain, the upcoming festival at Bosworth Battlefield on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August and property resilience flood repair grants.

### **113/2024 Update from Borough Councillor W R Crooks**

Cllr Crooks **was thanked** for written reports on H&BBC business. Cllr Crooks' reports covered grass cutting, homelessness, bus services, budget setting and local planning. Homelessness was a growing problem, and there were currently 1,200 families on the H&BBC Housing Register.

### **114/2024 Updates from Community Groups and other organisations**

The NCG reported that tickets were now on sale for the D-Day event on 6<sup>th</sup> June, and that a working party had been arranged to clear weeds and rubbish from the churchyard on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

The NGG suggested that the Clock Bed in Church Meadow might be re-named the Centenary Bed.

12 members of the public left the meeting at this point.

## **Council business**

### **115/2024 Apologies for absence from Councillors**

There were none.

### **116/2024 Declarations of interests (including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda**

There were none.

### **117/2024 Minutes of the meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

### **118/2024 Updates from Councillors and the Clerk**

Cllr Harrison reported that he had received a complaint of 3 HGV's passing through the village in convoy, but the vehicle registrations or operators details had not been noted so no action could be taken. **It was noted** that Aldi had a strict policy that any operator or contractor found to have driven a HGV through the village would not be eligible for further work.

The Clerk reported:

**Crown Farm Solar Farm** – Gravis Capital Management Ltd, responsible for the financial management of Sunventures 4 Ltd, had requested and been sent a copy of the Community Benefit Agreement (073/2024 refers).

**Bagworth Rd** – the damaged direction sign had been replaced (061/2024 refers).

**Barton Lane/Carlton Road** – flooding from a field pond near the junction had been reported to LCC Highways by Carlton PC; a blocked drain had been repaired by LCC Highways and the main part of the carriageway had been patched.

**Street lighting** - National Grid had updated their inventory to include 7 street lights, and a refund of £1,278 for electricity charges had been received from Npower into the PC's electricity account. (61/2024 and 39/2024 refer).

**Bulls Head ACV** – HBBC had rejected the Parish Council's application for an ACV listing for The Bull's Head public house.

**Wood Rd** – blocked gully and flood works still to be undertaken (061/2024 refers)

**CCLA** - the CCLA account had been set up and a cheque for £25000 for the initial deposit would be sent once signed by Councillors (094/2024 refers).

**Church Meadow** – the Clock Bed had been cleared, useful plants potted, and bulbs removed, sorted and stored for re-use. The bed had been left fallow for a short time to allow any remaining weeds to develop and had been replanted on 25<sup>th</sup> May (088/2024 refers).

**HSBC mandate**-HSBC had advised they require a different mandate to be signed to update signatories (036/2024 refers).

**VAT** - a refund of £2,988 has been received and the Clerk has been provided with the necessary documentation to claim online next year.

**Clerks training** Clerk's 1,2 and 3 have been booked with LRALC (093/2024 refers).

**Ink subscription** – the Clerk has taken out a subscription for printer ink as advised. This allows for 100 pages per month and is free for the first 6 months, thereafter a charge applies (075/2024 refers).

#### **119/2024 Update on the LCC Members Highways Fund (Bagworth Road Safety Scheme)**

Locations for the two MVAS mounting posts had been identified, and LCC Highways had been asked to install the posts and improved signage. The MVAS had been ordered with delivery expected in July (087/2024; 062/2024 refer).

#### **120/2024 Repair of street lights**

One quotation from a local company had been received. They had advised that although the existing 35wSox bulbs could be replaced, these no longer met LCC specifications and suggested that the fittings be upgraded by re-lamping to LED lights. LCC would be carrying out a detailed survey of the lights prior to quoting. **It was resolved** that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

#### **121/2024 Monitoring of the Stoneshollow Solar Farm development**

Cllr Harrison reported that a meeting had been held with the Site Manager, and signage and security fencing were being erected (082/2024 refers). A further complaint had been made that security fencing had been erected across footpath S49, and this had been reported to LCC RoW by the NFG.

A group of walkers had complained of a near collision with a speeding van crossing footpath S49, and that the banksman directing a reversing lorry had not stopped the lorry to allow the walkers to cross the site access road.

**It was resolved** that site monitoring be carried out by Cllr Harrison, Cllr Barton and Mr D Senior (NFG) and that this group be authorised to liaise with the Site Manager on condition that all matters raised with the Site Manager be reported to the PC.

### **122/2024 Creation of an area of wildflower meadow on The Oval**

Cllr Crooks had reported that an area of grass about 150m<sup>2</sup> would be left uncut by H&BBC until late summer/early autumn and then cut and cleared. The area would also be mown in late Spring if necessary, and might also be overseeded to encourage more diversity. The project would help H&BBC to fulfil its carbon zero and biodiversity net gain pledges. The site would be regularly inspected by the H&BBC Estate Improvement Officer (081/2024 refers).

**It was resolved** that potential future uses of this site be brought forward to a future meeting of the PC.

### **123/2024 Request from the NCG to hold an event in Church Meadow**

**It was resolved** that the request to hold a Picnic in the Park on 30<sup>th</sup> June from 2-4 pm be approved.

**It was resolved that** the Clerk be given delegated authority to approve future requests for community events that do not involve music or noise after 6pm, vehicle access, snaking cables or the lighting of fires.

### **124/2024 Hire of All Saints Church**

**It was resolved** that the Church be hired for a PC training course on 17<sup>th</sup> June at a cost of £25.

### **125/2024 Display of 2 plaques for Church Meadow**

Two metal plaques had come to light at the home of a former PC Chairman. One plaque commemorated the opening of Church Meadow by Barbara Payne in 2000, the other commemorated workers from the former Colliery at Nailstone and referred to the winding wheel memorial.

**It was resolved** that the plaques be cleaned and displayed at the Picnic in the Park event on 30<sup>th</sup> June, and that proposals for the permanent positioning and erection of the plaques be brought to a future meeting.

### **126/2024 Planning applications submitted**

24/00437/LBC. Replacement of three sash windows on the upper floor of the front elevation of the house with three casement windows. Elmside Farm, 2 Barton Lane. **It was resolved** that the PC had no objections.

24/00446/FUL. Application to install overhead electricity lines. Stoneshollow Solar Farm, Church Farm Washpit Lane, Barlestone. **It was resolved** that the PC had no objections.

### **127/2024 Comments submitted under delegated powers and applications determined**

There were none.

## **128/2024 Investment Strategy update**

The current *Investment Strategy* specified that investments would be held in the Nationwide Building Society Business Savings Account. This account had been withdrawn and the PC's application rejected. **It was resolved** that the words *Nationwide Building Society Business Savings Account* in the Investment Strategy be replaced by the words *Redwood Bank Business Savings Account*. **It was resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to open a Business Savings Account with the Redwood Bank.

## **129/2024 Financial Regulations**

Draft financial regulations, based on the 2024 NALC Model, had been copied to Councillors before the meeting. **It was resolved** that consideration of this document be deferred to the next meeting.

## **130/2024 Standing Orders**

Draft Standing Orders, based on the 2018 NALC Model, had been copied to Councillors before the meeting. **It was resolved** that consideration of this document be deferred to the next meeting.

## **131/2024 Report 2024-07: Annual review of property**

**It was resolved** that consideration of this document be deferred to the next meeting.

## **132/2024 Report 2024-08: Annual report on memorials in the closed churchyard**

**It was resolved** that consideration of this document be deferred to the next meeting.

## **133/2024 Annual Report**

**It was resolved** that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

## **134/2024 Approval of invoices for payment**

The RFO presented a bank reconciliation which was checked and bank statement 578 was signed (Minute 025/2024 refers).

**It was resolved** that the following invoices be paid:

		<b>£.p</b>
K Bates	Clerk's Salary May 2024	267.00
K Bates	Stationery refund (file dividers)	3.59
K Bates	Stationery refund (A3 envelopes)	2.50
K Bates	Stationery refund (stamps)	13.00
The Graphic	Newsletter printing April 2024	120.00
Hames Partnership	Set up of PAYE/payroll	130.20
<b>Total</b>		<b>536.29</b>

## 135/2024 Time, date and place of the next meeting

**It was resolved** that the next meeting be held at Dove Bank Primary School on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

**Signed**

**Date**

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### Abbreviations in these minutes

ACV	Asset of Community Value
H&BBC	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
LCC	Leicestershire County Council
LRALC	Leics & Rutland Ass. of Local Councils
MVAS	Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
NCC	Nailstone Community Group
NGG	Nailstone Gardening Group
PC	Parish Council
P&CIF	Parish & Community Initiatives Fund
RoW	Right of Way