

MINUTES OF THE NASH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 8th JULY 2025 at 7.00pm

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PRESENT: Peter Stubbs (Chair), Rebecca Cashmore-Jones, James Morris, Griselda Beaumont, Lorna Yapp, Clare Morris, Mark Beaumont

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Vint (Clerk); Unitary Councillor Charles Shackerley-Bennett; PC Fern Johnson; Mrs Maggie Wollashin, member of the public

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
2025/43	Apologies: None	
2025/44	Public Participation: - Mrs Wollashin raised the issue of large vehicles getting stuck down Shear Cross Lane, similar to the lane at Coreley off Knowle bends. There was a “No HGV’s” sign on the grass triangle signpost to prevent unsuitable vehicles turning off the B4214 until the signpost snapped in last winter’s storms. This has not been replaced and several large vehicles following satnav have turned down Shear Cross Lane in the absence of the warning sign, become stuck as the lane is too narrow with no turning places, and required rescuing which takes a number of hours during which time the lane is blocked completely. - The councillors fully supported Mrs Wollashin’s concerns, one of whom has been involved in retrieving blocked vehicles from the lane, and will raise with Shropshire Council with regards to getting a new sign erected. - Cllr Shackerley-Bennett introduced himself as the new unitary councillor for Clee Ward. He invited the councillors to contact him with any issues of concern on behalf of the community and he would endeavour to attend meetings where it is felt he could assist with taking specific issues to Shropshire Council. Cllr Shackerley-Bennett sits on the pensions sub-committee, which pensions command a high proportion of Shropshire Council’s income. Every effort is being made to prevent SC being placed in special measures, however 9 councils are in that category and it is forecast that 25% of all councils will be in the same position within the next 5 years. - Regarding the issues the parish council has raised with the Highways Department to which no response has been received. He is to be forwarded the emails sent to Highways regarding the signage issue to take up within SC. - His other interests are the environment and conservation. - PC Johnson introduced herself and said that rural crime remains a priority for West Mercia Police and that now their team has increased in number they will be able to focus more on this from Sept onwards, but that any crime in progress should be reported via 999. She also offered to send the council the regular crimes summary report for the area which has not been received previously.	<u>Clerk</u> <u>Clerk</u> <u>PC Johnson</u>
2025/45	Declarations of Interest: None	

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	• Response filed to Shropshire Council’s survey on more effective working with local council’s based largely on Cllr G. Beaumont’s email which represented the views of councillors. Survey open until end August, so no results/feedback expected before year end. • Following on from this survey, Shropshire Together Conference at Shrewsbury Town Football Club on Friday 25th July from 9am to 3pm to look at how we can develop and look to a new working relationship with Shropshire Council for the benefit of all our communities. Cost £21 per person (see agenda item 2025/49 below)	<u>Cllr G. Beaumont</u>
2025/49	Councillor Updates: Cllr G.Beaumont: • Attended regional meeting 2nd July, from which the key points were: - Uplift in housing for Shropshire is 86% year on year - 6.5k houses have been granted planning permission, but have yet to be built - The housing need generated is deliberately set at above requirements in order to push the cost of housing down - Shropshire Council’s Local Plan has been withdrawn with the green belt being reviewed and “grey belt” being introduced, although what this means is yet to be defined - In the national league table of NHS Trusts’ performance, Shrewsbury and Telford is ranked 116 out of 118 - The “Road Ranger” initiative has been trialled and Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council has taken on funding to deliver services including hedge and verge cutting, appointing their own contractors. It was agreed to contact them and other neighbouring parishes to see if a meeting can be convened to discuss/learn more about this. - It was stated that Transport is under-resourced, carrying a number of Local Highways Officer vacancies, including for the Clee Ward - It is unlikely the conference will take place on 25th July as SALC have pushed this back to Shropshire Council as being ill-defined with no clear objectives or intended outcomes. • Cllr G Beaumont to step down from representing the PC on the VH Committee as Cllr Cashmore-Jones already sits on that committee. Cllr J Morris will be the PC’s second representative on the VH committee, their AGM being held on 22nd July at 7pm. Cllr C.Morris: - Verge at bend/junction with lane to Nash Church was only cut back slightly, leaving dangerous lack of visibility. Put on FixMyStreet with photos and the hedge was also cut. Although not perfect, after 3 attempts, visibility at the Nash Church lane corner/junction has improved.	<u>Clerk</u>
2025/50	Financial Matters: - Payments made since last meeting: £ 636.48 Clerk’s Q1 salary - £ 229.27 SALC fees - £ 122.76 Insurance - Monies received: £ 0.00 - -	

	- Financial Balance £ 7,382.75 - Approve Accounts for Payment £ 210 VH invoice It was approved unanimously that the invoice for the hire of the Village Hall for FY 25/26 be paid in full.	<u>Clerk</u>
2025/51	Planning Applications: Reference: 25/02217/FUL (validated: 01/07/2025) Address: Three Brooks Cottage, Nash, Tenbury Wells, Shropshire, WR15 8HN Proposal: Erection of a lean - to building extension for agricultural storage Applicant: Mr Roger Jones` • Comment to be filed in support of this application	<u>Clerk</u>
2025/52	Neighbourhood Plans: It was agreed to adopt the Resolution Calling on the Government to Provide Dedicated Funding for Neighbourhood Plans as below, recognising that: • Neighbourhood planning empowers local communities to shape the development and growth of their areas through the creation of Neighbourhood Plans. • The preparation of Neighbourhood Plans requires significant time, expertise, and financial resources, often placing a burden on parish and town councils. • Neighbourhood Plans contribute to more democratic, locally informed planning decisions and support the delivery of sustainable development aligned with community needs and aspirations. Therefore, it is Resolved to - 1. Call upon His Majesty's Government to provide increased and sustained funding to support the development, review, implementation and maintenance of Neighbourhood Plans. 2. Request that the Government ensures funding is accessible to all communities, to promote inclusivity and fairness in the planning process. 3. Write to Stuart Anderson, MP and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government to communicate this resolution and advocate for enhanced support for neighbourhood planning	<u>Clerk</u>
	Meeting closed at 19.50	
	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th September 2025 7pm	