

MINUTES OF THE NASH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 12th May 2026 at 7.00pm

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PRESENT: Griselda Beaumont (Chair), Clare Morris (Vice Chair), Lorna Yapp, Peter Stubbs, Mark Beaumont, James Morris

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Vint (Clerk)

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
2026/23	Apologies : Cllr Cashmore-Jones	
2026/24	Election of Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr G Beaumont and Cllr C Morris were elected unanimously as Chair and Vice Chair respectively	
2026/25	Public Participation: None	
2026/26	Declarations of Interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
2026/27	Approval of Minutes: It was resolved unanimously that the minutes of the council meeting held on the 10 th March 2026 be approved as a correct record as proposed by Cllr Stubbs and seconded by Cllr C Morris	<u>Clerk</u>
2026/28	Chair's Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairs' Network meeting 25th March: focus was SC's financial situation; nothing of any note to report• Resignation of Clerk received. Clerk's position advertised via community social media and on Indeed. Several enquiries received and 1 potential candidate interviewed to date and hope to appoint by end of the month	<u>Chair/Clerk</u>
2026/29	Clerk's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft AGAR submitted to internal auditor• Nash PC has been selected for an intermediate review by the external auditors PKF Littlejohn for the 2025/26 reporting year as part of the required 5% sample of those who would otherwise be subject to a basic review.• VAT Form 126 submitted to reclaim VAT of £55.18 paid on invoices in the 2025/26 FY and refund received 11th May	
2026/30	Councillor Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chair and Vice Chair have uploaded reports on potholes and the bridge at Corn Brook respectively• Potholes have been marked and work to begin on repairing/replacing the safety barrier, but no timescale given by Shropshire Council/their contractors	
2026/31	Approval of AGAR FY 2025/26 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The draft AGAR was approved unanimously and is to be submitted	<u>Clerk</u>

2026/32	<p>Internal Audit Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit report submitted with papers. No corrective actions required and comments very positive to go forward with AGAR • One recommendation was to include bank reconciliation report with meeting papers which was actioned, commencing with this meeting 	
2026/33	<p>Neighbourhood Governance Proposals:</p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Government’s English Devolution and Community Empowerment (EDCE) Bill introduces a new duty on all local authorities to establish “effective neighbourhood governance” structures, with further detail to be set out in forthcoming regulations. 2. That the Government has stated it wants all local authorities to have a way of working with neighbourhoods “so they are not relying on town and parish councils to do it,” indicating that parish and town councils may not automatically be recognised as the primary neighbourhood governance mechanism. 3. That the Secretary of State will have powers to define neighbourhood areas and set criteria for neighbourhood governance arrangements, but these definitions and criteria have not yet been published, creating uncertainty about the future role of parish and town councils within the new framework. [nalc.gov.uk] 4. That parish and town councils are the most local and democratically accountable tier of government, with established relationships in communities and a strong track record of facilitating local engagement and service delivery. <p>This Council believes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That parish and town councils should play a central and influential role in any new system of neighbourhood governance, reflecting their democratic mandate and deep local knowledge. 2. That any new neighbourhood governance structures should complement, not duplicate or marginalise, existing parish and town councils. 3. That clear guidance from Government is essential to avoid confusion, overlap, and the dilution of local democratic accountability. 4. That parish and town councils are offered the opportunity to join any neighbourhood governance structures created in their area.; <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call on our local Member of Parliament to press the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ensure that parish and town councils are formally recognised as key partners within the emerging neighbourhood governance framework; o Guarantee that the forthcoming regulations and guidance clearly set out how parish and town councils will be integrated into neighbourhood governance structures; o Provide assurance that new neighbourhood governance arrangements will not duplicate functions or undermine the democratic legitimacy of parish and town councils. 2. Write to the MP enclosing this motion and requesting active lobbying on behalf of parish and town councils during the development of regulations under the EDCE Bill. 3. Engage with our principal authority to express the Council’s expectation that parish and town councils be meaningfully involved in shaping local responses to the neighbourhood governance duty. 	

	4. Publicly communicate this Council's position to residents, reaffirming our commitment to maintaining strong, local, democratic representation.	
2026/34	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>Payments made since last meeting: £ 657.12 Clerk Salary Q4 £ 3.00 Ionos re. e-addresses March/April/May</p> <p>Monies received: £ 4500 Precept £ 55.18 VAT refund</p> <p>Financial Balance: £ 9,278.53</p> <p>Accounts approved for payment: £ 657.12 Clerk Q1 salary £ 233.94 SALC affiliation fee FY 26/27</p>	<u>Clerk</u>
2026/35	<p>Annual Review of Committees, Policies and Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr J Morris and Cllr R Cashmore-Jones will continue to represent the Council on the Village Hall Committee. No other committees are in existence. • The revised and updated Standing Orders, Financial Regulations , General Reserves Policy and Risk Assessment were unanimously approved for adoption and publication. 	<u>Clerk</u>
2026/36	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>New Planning Applications published on 13/04/2026 relating to parish of: Nash Reference: 26/01346/AG1 (validated: 13/04/2026) Address: Proposed Agricultural Building To The West Of, Clee Hill Road, Burford, Shropshire Proposal: Erection of a steel portal frame agricultural building Applicant: Mrs William Beaumont (East End Cottage, Nash, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 3DE)</p> <p>Planning Enforcement Cases for 17/04/2026 relating to parish of: Nash Date Received: 17/04/2026 Reference: 26/11015/ENF Status: Pending Consideration Address: Fircroft, Clee Hill Road, Burford, Tenbury Wells, Shropshire, WR15 8HL Description of Issue: Alleged breach of planning control concerning use of outbuilding for residential accommodation without planning permission. Case Officer: Mick Laidlaw</p> <p>PLANNING REFERENCE - 26/01425/FUL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Demolition of an existing fire damaged bungalow and the erection of a replacement single storey dwelling LOCATION: - Hilldene, The Knowle, Clee Hill, Ludlow, Shropshire.</p>	
	Meeting closed: 7.30pm	
	Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th July 2026 7pm	