

NAPHILL & WALTER'S ASH GAZETTE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Monday 18th October 2021 at 158 Main Road, Naphill

Present: Sonia Goby (Editor/Chairperson), Paul Goby (Secretary/Photographic Coordinator), Judy Whitehouse (Treasurer) and Peter Davis (Webmaster). The minutes were taken by Peter Davis.

1. **Apologies for absence:** none

2. **Minutes of the last meeting (2020311)**

- a. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Editor. Note: - Date 13th May 2020 but signed at this meeting 17th October 2021
- b. No Committee meetings have been held between 11th March 2020 till today due restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic. Members of the committee have been kept informed of all aspects of the running of the Gazette during this time via email.

3. **Matters arising:**

Charity Status: The application for charitable status was turned down by the Charity Commission as the organisation is not furthering exclusively charitable purposes for public benefit. They suggested we considered forming a 'Community Interest Company' as an alternative. Currently, looking at the scope of a CIC, we are not sure it meets our requirements, and the matter requires further detailed consideration. This item to be added to the APPENDIX, Items deferred to future committee meetings.

Action: Judy & Committee

4. **Treasurer Report:**

- a. Current Account £13,993.97, Reserve Account £6,389.17, Petty Cash £123.32. Total £20,509.46. It was agreed to transfer £6,000 into the reserve account. We need to have sufficient funds to honour our advertiser's commitment for a year of publications.
- b. Advertising costs can remain unchanged, but we need to move from greyscale to colour ads. Quarter page greyscale ads to be offered as eighth page colour at same cost.

5. **Webmaster's report:**

Email received about the planning applications on the website. Who edits them and why, why posted on website and can you please remove theirs? I replied that they were printed as received from NAWARA and that any complains or comments regarding the planning

applications should be forwarded to NAWARA. The lasted planning applications contain a comment which I have deleted and replaced with a note (as agreed with the NAWARA Chairman) that comments can be found on the Buckinghamshire County Planning website. This is also stated at the top of the page.

6. Editor's report:

Gazette doing well. Its primary purpose is bring the community together by reporting on items of interest that have already taken place, and to publicise forthcoming items of general interest. Items that need to be brought to the community's attention more urgently should be posted on the local Facebook pages.

7. **Any other business:** None

8. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 158 Main Road, Naphill

Sonia Goby
Editor and Chairperson
1st March 2022

APPENDIX

Items deferred to future committee meetings

Updated 20201017

All the Officers and Trustees to be ratified at the next AGM (Meeting 20200115)

Charity status needs more thought (Meeting 20211017)

Putting up the cost of the Gazette from £3 to £4 in 2021. (Meetings 20191002 and 201911136)