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Those present:

Chair:	Lisa Bayley
Vice-Chair:	Councillor Jan Maddern
Committee Members:	Councillor Dave Jackson Councillor Louise Gross Councillor Rosie Mowbray
Also present:	Tina Howard, County Councillor Dave Drew, Parish Warden PCSO Ian Martin, Herts Police Members of the public

1. WELCOME/START TIME

Councillor Bayley welcomed everyone to the meeting which started at 8.00pm.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Terence Collins and Helen Gough had sent apologies as had the Parish Clerk, Mrs Linda Sutton. There were no new declarations of interest.

3. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT

There had been six reported crimes in the previous month including a burglary in Bunker's Lane.

Ian had been sent a list of parking issues by the Parish Clerk which he has investigated. Most of these parking issues have been caused by the new development at Nash Mills Wharf. There around 450 new dwellings and most of the residents have two cars but only one allocated parking space if that. He cannot ticket cars on a yellow line. He has been through the logged calls to ascertain how many complaints have been received and there has been just one. Ian agrees that the situation in Red Lion Lane is concerning (Councillor Gross advised that she had seen 28 cars parked along the road one previous evening which had made for very hazardous driving).

Councillor Maddern advised that she has a meeting with Mike Penning on the 29th and Councillor Mowbray advised that Chamonix have a meeting on the 17th October at which the parking issues will be discussed – particularly with regard to the overspill car park. Councillor Mowbray will email the details to Ian.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident from Mill Close advised that one of their street lights has not been working for around 3 years now. Crews come out and look at it, but don't fix it. Councillor Tina Howard will investigate this.

A resident advised that they had seen mechanics working on at least 3 cars in the Linden Car Park and that there appears to be a business operating from here. Ian Martin will monitor as much as he can, and Councillor Bayley will also be keeping a close eye on this to prevent illegal parking.

A member of the public asked Councillor Madden if there had been any progress on her idea to use a piece of green field land for parking. Councillor Madden advised that she has a meeting with Mike Penning on the 29th and will show him where the problems are locally. Councillor Madden advised that parking issues are her top priority, she has met with planner to discuss and this is a priority also for the Parish.

Geoff Doole raised 2 points. First, there is a great deal of pressure for more developments across the County but insufficient parking. Councillor Madden advised that she would like to set up a country-wide petition as we cannot be the only area experiencing parking issues as a result of new builds. Geoff's second point was to request funding for a noticeboard for Bunker's Park. This would give details about what is to be found there (flora/fauna etc) and any upcoming events. They would ideally like it to be in English oak. He reminded the Parish that 10 years ago they had indicated that they would be willing to make a donation of £5,000 to the Friends of Bunkers Park and they are not asking for anything like that amount.

There was a great deal of further discussion regarding parking issues. The Chair advised that Councillors are acutely aware of the problems that residents are currently facing and that Councillors are of course experiencing the same issues. Resolving these will continue to be a top priority for the Parish.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The full Parish Council Minutes were agreed subject to correction of a couple of small typos.

6. ACTION LIST UPDATE

Councillor Maddern advised that the local dog warden team have just won an award.

Councillor Tina Howard was asked about the new pathway in Chambersbury Lane. She advised that she has been told that the area will be reseeded.

Councillor Madden has spoken to Graham Elliott who advised that they are trying to find funding to put parking restrictions into place at the Denes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Jackson advised that the Finance Committee had met and the Council is within budget at the 6 month point. Dave had attended an HAPTC course for Finance Committee members and been advised that our procedures are good.

The Committee had agreed that it would be a good idea to fund an afternoon coffee/tea as a community service venture.

The Committee will also commission a tree survey to see what work needs doing on trees across the Parish and prioritise it.

Councillor Gross reported that Dave Drew had received his report.

Councillor Lardi reported that the Planning Committee would be discussing Nash House at tonight's meeting. This was a very complex issue and he believes that people are confused between the old and new applications. The Committee had produced a six page document after the last meeting which he feels is too long. The Council need to make a comment on the application. Councillor Lardi advised that he and Councillor Gross had met with Nigel Gibbs and James Doe to find out where they were with the historical implications of the application. He does not believe we can make a decision until this is clarified.

Councillor Madden advised that she had a long meeting with Nigel Gibbs and the Conservation Officer who had been misquoted in the report by Aitcheson's. Councillor Madden advised that if the application were approved she would 'call it in' to the Development Control Group.

Councillor Lardi advised that he had been told that the developer was apparently most surprised that the public were unhappy with their proposals.

Councillor Madden advised that the only planning application that can be considered in relation to Nash House is the 2009 application.

8. FUNDING

It was agreed to defer the discussion on defibrillators for the next meeting.

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P3 Scheme – Councillor Bayley will recirculate.

LB

9. A proposal has been received to fund 'History Boards' around the area which would show the history of Nash Mills. Councillor Gross was in favour of this all other Councillors felt that it was a nice idea but should be funded by a more appropriate body.

10. HAPTC POINTS OF LIGHT

The Parish Clerk will contact HAPTC and add the dog bag scheme to this.

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11. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

The Parish Warden Dave Drew reported that NMPC needs a new notice board in the Denes. It was suggested that we re-site it at the same time. Councillor Madden will investigate with Dacorum.

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Dave Drew reported that the Cart Track has been damaged by building work. The Parish Clerk will be asked to email Herts Highways and contact the planners.

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12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Gross and Councillor Lardi requested an update on the steps for Chambersbury Lane request. Councillor Howard will update at the next meeting.

Councillor Madden is having a reprint made of the Mayor's picture which had been damaged by mould. It was agreed that she would be reimbursed for this.

13. TIME MEETING CLOSED/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillor Bayley thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 21.20. The next meeting will take place on 13th November 2017.

Chair

13th November 2017