

# NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **11th April 2016** at Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Road, Nash Mills.

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Those Present:

Vice -Chairman: Councillor Lisa Bayley (chaired the meeting)

Committee Members: Councillor Dave Jackson  
Councillor Rosie Moubray  
Councillor Terence Collins  
Councillor Louise Gross  
Councillor Jan Maddern  
Councillor Peter Lardi

Also present: David Drew, Parish Warden  
Member of the Public

## **1. WELCOME/START TIME/APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

LB agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of HG, Chair. She welcomed everybody and declared that the meeting was open (8.03pm).

HG sent her apologies, which were duly noted. There were no declarations of interest.

## **2. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT (IF PRESENT)**

IM had sent his apologies to the Clerk prior to the meeting. The crime report had been circulated to all Councillors.

## **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION \*GUEST SPEAKER (IF AVAILABLE)**

There was nothing to report.

## **4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

LB signed the minutes of the previous meeting which had been held in March. All members present agreed it was a true record after a slight amendment. The minutes were approved for publication. The approved minutes will be published on to the parish council's website. **LS**

## **5. ACTION LIST (UPDATE)**

LB advised all that they would go through the items on the current action list. She asked JM for an update on the parking issues at The Denes.

JM advised that she had met recently with the parking team at DBC. She had advised them that she was prepared to take a risk and have the first hour of parking for free.

The cost of the ticket machine would be approximately £4k. TC suggested that there could be funds available from s106 monies. DJ asked whether there was cost involved with the monitoring of the ticket machine. JM said that hopefully DBC would be involved and she said it would be good if it could be a three way split again as with the car parking improvement scheme which involved Herts Highways, Dacorum Borough Council and the parish council. JM said she would investigate further.

LS thanked her for all the hard work and said that if there were to be changes to the parking arrangements then it could only be good news for the residents of Pinecroft.

LB asked JM if she would follow up her action regarding the parish council logo for the ID tags. JM apologised for the delay and advised that she had been very preoccupied with looking after a close member of her family. However, she had met with Peter Ward, who had said he would very much like to be involved in the design of a logo/crest for Nash Mills Parish Council. All councillors present agreed that this was a good idea. **JM**

LS asked Dave Drew if there had been an update with DBC on the remains of a litter bin frame that was near to the school. DD replied that the base had now been tarmacked.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PL advised that he had been in contact with Lee Noakes, Linden Homes. PL advised him that there was still an issue with the lack of lighting around Nash Mills Wharf. Lee Noakes advised that a team would examine the area and check whether further cables could be laid.

PL advised LN that the bridge looks unsightly and is badly maintained. PL also mentioned a gap before the footpath starts in front of the flats. DJ said they would have to clarify ownership. RM said she thinks it is still unfinished work.

LB suggested this item be put on the action list for PL to follow up. **LS**

PL advised that 14 Longdean Park planning application had been granted. However, he reported that the applicants were now deciding whether to redesign their plans. He said that they had taken on board the planning committee's comments.

He reported that a planning committee meeting would be held after the parish council meeting and that four planning applications were to be considered.

RM asked whether there was an update on 292 Belswains Lane planning application. She asked and whether planning permission had been granted yet. The clerk said that the information had not been published yet. She said that she would advise the parish council once a decision had been made. **LS**

LB asked JM if there were any issues with personnel and JM said that there was nothing to report.

DJ mentioned that the Clerk had circulated the revised LGPS pension pooling arrangements to all councillors earlier in the week. He asked for votes from the Councillors present. All agreed to stay in the pension pooling arrangement apart from PL who abstained.

LB asked DJ whether he had a finance update. DJ reported that Lloyds had approved the parish council's online banking application. He also advised that the parish council's transfer from BT to Chess Telecom was near completion.

DJ reported that the finance committee had approved last month's financial schedule and expenditure. Cheques had been signed by DJ and TC. DJ signed the bank transfer letter, initialled the bank statements and signed the schedule and expenditure sheets. DJ advised the full parish council that the budget was being monitored as usual on a monthly basis and that no extraordinary payments had been made in the month.

#### **7. REVIEW OF STAFF SALARIES**

This item had been discussed at the finance committee and JM said that the personnel committee would arrange a meeting in the near future. JM

#### **8. COUNCILLORS TO REPORT ON THEIR DESIGNATED AREAS**

DJ reported that IM could not do anything about vehicles parking on the pavements near to the zig zag lines. Images of parked cars had been emailed to him via the clerk from Alan Say, local resident. JM advised that it would be the parking team's responsibility and she said that she would look into it and report back to the parish council. JM

LG reported that a large gap in the hedgerow had appeared and was quite unsafe. She said she would take a picture and send to JM who would deal with reporting it to HCC. LG/ JM

#### **9. COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES**

DJ had read the information circulated by the clerk from HAPTC. He said he felt that it would be time consuming and said he was against the idea.

LB asked whether a vote should be taken. All Councillors present agreed not to claim allowances. LB advised the clerk to take the item off the agenda. LS

#### **10. 'SAVE THE VERGES' (WORKING PARTY UPDATE)**

LB suggested that the 'Save the Verges' item be kept on the agenda for the foreseeable future. JM advised she had been trying to contact Colin Chambers, DBC and will endeavour to contact him again. JM

#### **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (UPDATE)**

DJ explained that some information had already been collated by HG and himself. They had put together information for the parish council several years ago. JM said it would be a good idea to have the plan available on the website.

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LB suggested that all Councillors think about what they would like the neighbourhood plan to include and bring their suggestions to the next full parish council meeting. **ALL**

**12. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMMES**

a) Issues Raised by Warden’s Reports. – DD reported that a sign needed to be put on the locked large gate at the playing field entrance. He said some residents had thought it closed. DJ said he would make a sign and attach it to the gate. **DJ**

b) Matters Raised by Councillors – JM advised that when a planning application had been objected to at parish council level, it was then automatically referred to the Development Control Committee. She used Tring Town Parish Council as an example; a Town Councillor had spoken compellingly regarding an application that they had previously objected to and this resulted in the application being scrutinised and an informed decision was made accordingly by the DCC. JM reported that attendees wishing to speak were allocated a time allowance. She explained that the DCC meets on the third Thursday of each month. DJ said that the clerk already forwards the agenda from DBC to all Councillors each month. JM urged Parish Councillors to attend sessions.

LB thanked JM for all the hard work in contacting the enforcement team and having a huge amount of banners removed from within Nash Mills.

c) Abbot’s Hill Playing Field – Discussed earlier DJ had agreed to arrange signage. It was decided by all Councillors present that AHS item could be taken off the agenda. **LS**

d) The Denes Car park – it was agreed by all Councillors present that this would remain on the agenda.

LB highlighted that a fire marshall training course was being held through HAPTC and if anyone wanted to attend to make the clerk aware.

**12. TIME MEETING CLOSED/DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting would be the Annual Meeting of the Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm followed at 8pm by the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

The next full parish council meeting will be held on Monday **13th June 2016**, Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Road.

LB thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.01pm

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**Chair**

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