

# NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Road, Nash Mills.**

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Those Present:

Chair: Councillor Helen Gough  
Vice Chair: Councillor Lisa Bayley  
Councillors: Councillor Terence Collins  
Councillor Louise Gross  
Councillor Dave Jackson  
Councillor Peter Lardi  
Councillor Jan Maddern  
Councillor Rosie Moubray

Also present: Linda Sutton, Clerk to the Council  
County Councillor Anthony McKay  
Members of the Public

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

David Drew, Parish Warden sent his apologies. There were no declarations of interest.

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

HG reported that IM was unable to attend the meeting. He had sent in his apologies.

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

HG invited County Councillor Anthony McKay to speak.

He advised that the formal letter of consultation for yellow lines along Red Lion Lane, Belswains Lane and bottom of Bunkers Lane were currently being sent out. Some of the councillors present advised him that they were already in receipt of them.

Resurfacing of some areas of Barnacres Road and The Cart Track had been carried out. AM advised the parish council that he felt that the track did not warrant any further work. LB commented that she thought it was still a busy cut through. She suggested that the clerk contact and update the member of public who had originally complained about the surface.

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AM advised that the roundabout leading to Kingfisher Drive will be repainted in the future, additional white lines will be painted down Bunkers Lane. He reported that further signage concerning road safety would be implemented in Nash Mills.

AM took the opportunity to ask councillors if they had any specific projects in mind that could be funded by his locality budget. HG suggested that councillors email AM and copy in the clerk. **ALL**

PL had been contacted by a local resident who had asked whether there could be more street lighting in the Wharf development. DJ advised PL that the development was considered private and may not even be adopted in the future. HG recalled that when HCC had originally initiated the policy of switching off street lighting from 12pm to 5am; the police had reported that there had been no increase in crime.

HG suggested that the clerk should contact Chamonix Estates, the management company. **LS**

TC advised that the van in Fairacres was now parking at a bus stop. He felt that he had exhausted all avenues. **TC**

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

HG signed the October minutes of the previous meeting.

All members present agreed it was a true record. The minutes were approved for publication on the parish council's website. **LS**

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

HG read out the most recent action list and advised that all had been resolved. The clerk will send all councillors a copy of JM's letter. This had been sent to the managers of the stores at The Denes. **LS**

JM reported that she had met earlier in the month with the Mayor and his wife and had conducted a successful community tour around Nash Mills.

The clerk will remind DD, the parish warden to deliver free dog bags to the local hair salon. **LS**

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## 6. METHODIST CHURCH (UPDATE)

HG reported that the Methodist Church was beginning to look like an eyesore. She said that the parish council must be proactive in keeping the church safe from vandalism. With this in mind the item would be added and kept on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

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TC advised that he had been invited to an informal meeting by the owners of the Church. This was to be an update on the status of the future of the building. JM advised that by meeting with them this could be perceived as a conflict of interests. PL warned that councillors should not put themselves in a compromising situation.

HG advised the councillors that they must not make any unofficial comments on any plans. She said that they must wait until they are asked to consider a planning application through the official channels. AM added that councillors could attend meetings but would need to go with an open mind and state from the onset that they were not there to profess an opinion.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

DJ reported that the draft budget would be circulated prior to the next full parish council meeting. He had suggested that there should not be any unnecessary increases. He also advised councillors that the finance committee were keen to opt for the online banking facility. The amount of reserves held by the parish council had been raised earlier by RM. DJ said that any ideas from councillors with regards to funding community initiatives would be appreciated.

PL had no comment regarding planning issues. He advised that there were four applications to be considered after the full parish council meeting.

JM had no issues to raise regarding personnel matters.

## 8. COUNCILLORS'S REPORTS ON DESIGNATED AREAS IF APPLICABLE

There were no reports.

## 9. COUNCILLORS EXPENSES

HG suggested that this item be deferred until the December meeting. All councillors agreed.

The clerk will add the item on next fpcm agenda.

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## 10. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

a) Issues raised by the Warden's Report – there were none. The clerk advised that she had logged more abandoned cars recently on behalf of DD, the parish warden.

b) Matters raised by Councillors – LB asked whether information on the validation report for the chalk mines was available from the planning department. JM advised that she had spoken to Nigel Gibbs, DBC and that information should be available next month.

c) Abbot's Hill playing fields. – DJ reported that he had spoken to James Woods, AHS regarding works to the entrance. It had been agreed that NMPC would progress with the refurbishment of the playing field with AHS paying £2000 of the cost the works with NMPC paying the balance. DJ advised that he will instruct Frank Cooper to start work and on satisfactory completion of the works NMPC will send an invoice to AHS for £2000 of the cost and the parish council would pay the balance.

**DJ**

d) The Denes Car Park – this had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

e) Parking issues within Nash Mills – JM suggested planting shrubs on verges to deter parking. Councillors agreed that this was a good idea. HG suggested a working party be set up – RM, LB and LG volunteered. JM said that the working party would need advice from both DBC and HCC.

**JM**

JM reported that Rob Cassidy, DBC had looked at the footpath by the Willows estate. Volunteers will now clear the rubble from the footpath with a view to this area being tarmaced.

## 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next full parish council meeting will be held on Monday 14th December 2015, Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Road.

HG thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

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**Chairman**

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