

NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th October 2015 at Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Road, Nash Mills.

Those Present:

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

Also present: Linda Sutton, Clerk to the Council
David Drew, Parish Warden
Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from HG and PL which were duly noted. There were no declarations of interest. Vice- Chair Councillor Lisa Bayley agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of Councillor Helen Gough.

2. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT (IF PRESENT)

LB welcomed all and invited PCSO Ian Martin to read out his report which included the latest crime figures. IM advised that 10 crimes had been logged in September. He read out a sample of some of the crimes committed in the Nash Mills area. This included: theft within a household, and damage to a front door (a member of the family had kicked it down).

TC raised the ongoing issue of vehicles parking on verges within Nash Mills. He said that he had recently researched the Road Traffic Act 1988a which did refer to vehicles parking on verges. IM commented that the police would not ticket the vehicles unless there was a valid reason.

The clerk will contact HAPTC for further advice.

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JM suggested that the parish council attach posters to the vehicles which parked dangerously or inconsiderately. Four out of the six councillors present at the meeting voted in favour of implementing her suggestion. JM advised that this may help alleviate the problem, although she added that parking issues was a massive problem and that even implementing yellow lines was time consuming. She warned that there was no easy fix. DJ reported that he too had noticed that more vehicles advertised as being 'for sale' were being parked in hazardous areas causing obstructions

IM said that this was a matter for trading standards. The clerk said she would contact the enforcement officers at DBC and report the vehicles. **LS**

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION *GUEST SPEAKER (IF AVAILABLE)

A local resident from Nash Green raised the issue of indiscriminate parking in *his* area of Nash Green. Councillors listened to his concerns and advised him that it was a difficult situation which was a problem throughout the county. The member of public asked IM if there were any options that could alleviate the situation, such as a parking scheme. IM replied that in order to implement a 'Resident Parking Permit scheme' all residents in the street would have to be in agreement. LG and RM both advised the local resident that by having this scheme did not necessarily solve the problem. They both had had experience of living in areas which had implemented this type of scheme and felt that it still had drawbacks.

LB thanked the resident for broaching the subject and advised him that the parish council were fully aware of the parking issues within Nash Mills; she went on to say that NMPC will continue to liaise with the local police, DBC and HCC.

4. SIGNING OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

LB advised that the 'action list' would now be listed on the agenda as an independent item. The clerk will amend next month's agenda. **LS**

5. **METHODIST CHURCH (UPDATE)** - this item will be deferred to next month's meeting. The clerk will add this item to the agenda. **LS**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

DJ advised that some items on the expenditure sheets still showed an over spend. These were highlighted in red and had been noted. He also advised that James Wood, AHS had reported that they will now refund the monies paid out by NMPC.

TC reported that there were two planning applications to be considered. He advised all that he would be leaving early, so this would mean that there would not be a quorum for the planning committee.

It was agreed that the clerk would email the committee members and ask for their comments.

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7. COUNCILLORS'S REPORTS ON DESIGNATED AREAS

There were no reports.

8. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

- a) Issues raised by the Warden's Report – No major issues had been reported by DD.
- b) Matters raised by Councillors – JM advised that Willows RA along with the Canal and River Trust had recently cleared up litter along the tow path. It was also mentioned that David Drew, parish warden had, on his days off liaised with the parish warden from Kings Langley and had cleared further litter in the area. LG advised the parish council that dog fouling was still prevalent in Longdean Park. The parish warden said that he would leave extra bags at the nearest bin. He advised that the bins were emptied by contractors every Tuesday afternoon. He also reported that one bin had been recently removed.

JM volunteered to investigate the missing bin at Bunkers Park.

JM

JM reminded councillors that she had been made aware that residents outside of the parish council were looking for support and advice. She advised that as they did not contribute to the precept they should look to their own parish councils for help.

- c) Abbot's Hill playing fields. – DJ reported that the amended lease had now been signed. He suggested that the easiest solution to ensure that the works were completed speedily would be to choose option A. All councillors present agreed.

DJ said he would contact James Wood, AHS.

DJ

- d) The Denes Car Park - JM advised that she would circulate a letter to all the stores' managers regarding staff parking in the car park.

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e) The Cart Track - LB advised that The Cart Track had now been removed from item 8. She said that she was still in discussion with Anthony McKay, HCC with regards to the resurfacing of the footpath.

It was agreed that the clerk will invite AM to a full parish council meeting in the near future. **LB**

f) Parking issues within Nash Mills - this had been discussed at length earlier in the meeting.

10. Date of next meeting.

The next full parish council meeting will be held on Monday 9th November 2015, Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Road.

LB thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.11pm.

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Chairman

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9th November 2015