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**CRIMES**  
**NASH MILLS AUG 2019**

**Dwelling Burglary**

- Belswains Lane – Items taken from house during late hours. Multiple items taken.
- Chambersbury Lane – Items taken from house mostly small items.

**Theft from MV**

- Meadow Road – Doors left open and offenders grabbing items from inside.
- Chambersbury Lane – Doors left open and offenders grabbing items from inside.
- Highbarns – Doors left open and offenders grabbing items from inside.
- Hill Common – Tools stolen from the back of a vehicle.

**Theft of MV**

- Embankment – Motorcycle stolen.

**Damage or destroy**

- Barnacres Road – Vehicle window smashed.
- Belswains Lane – Door lock glued and had to be replaced

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG
BURGLARY (DWELLING)	1	1	1					2
BURGLARY (Other)								
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	4		1	1	1	2	2	4
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE			1	1		1		1
DAMAGE OR DESTROY <£5,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
THEFT FROM SHOP				2	2	2		
THEFT, OTHER						1		
DRUG RELATED								
OTHER CRIMES	4			2				
A.S.B (Youths)								
TOTALS	10	2	4	7	4	7	4	9

## **WARDENS Report September 2019**

There have been the following issues to contend with following my return from annual leave.

- Damage at Bunkers playing field (broken clover stepping stones, tops had been damaged by vandalism) I have screwed them back.
- The notice board at The Denes is beyond repair (the wood is rotten).
- Food waste is still being put in the recycling bins at The Denes by the old church (bin bags full)- I had to clear this to ensure that the bins could be collected.
- A couple of complaints about parking in Red Lion Lane.
- 3 reports have been lodged with DBC following fly-tipping across the parish.

Dave Drew

## **Clerks Report Sept 2019**

### **Quarterly Play Inspections** [\*Council Decision Required Please\*](#)

Following on from the last meeting I have now obtained the following quotes for quarterly play park inspections to enable us to compare to the Wicksteed report.

We have not yet actioned some of the recommendations from the Wicksteed annual report which puts NMPC at potential risk.

#### **Wicksteed**

- Annual inspection £45 plus vat
- Quarterly inspection £45 plus vat

#### **Rospa**

- Total annual cost for 3 x ¼ and one annual inspection £764.50 plus vat
- Rospa Annual inspection £68.50 plus VAT, per 5 items of equipment (discounted to this if conducted in May as they are in the area).
- The cost for an Annual inspection is £232.00 plus VAT and would take place within six weeks on receipt of an order from you.
- The cost for an urgent Annual inspection is £395.00 plus VAT and we aim to carry out the inspection within two weeks on receipt of an order from you.
- Rospa offer courses for someone to undertake ¼ inspections £270 plus vat.

#### **Seagrave**

Annual Inspection at £120.00 + VAT and 3 x Operational inspections per visit at £110.00

- Total for the year: £450.00 + VAT.

Alternatively, if only Operational Inspections are required (Quarterly) then the cost per visit will be £135.00 + VAT or £405.00 + VAT for 3 visits per year.

#### **Dacorum Borough Council**

No response to enquiries.

### **Request for action**

- Book an inspection urgently as a second opinion to Wicksteed from an alternative provider (Seagrave is cheapest)
- Book RoSPA annual inspection for next May.
- Decide who will do our quarterly inspections.

**Hertfordshire Year of Culture- info only**

Details circulated.

**DBC Parking Consultation-info only**

Parish comments submitted on the portal.

**External Audit-info only**

The audit has now concluded and been signed off without any further actions or queries. All statutory documents are being displayed on the website and noticeboard.

**Policies and Procedures [Council Decision Required Please](#)**

We have a number of policies that are required or that need reviewing.

To help me and to streamline the process (and to reduce the pressure on meeting agendas) please can I request that Council propose a working group (that I will be a member of) to help draft these (in line with model documents).

These will then come back to full council for adoption.

I would suggest that, if possible, the working group is a small group able to meet during my normal working hours.

I would think that this working group would only need to be in force for a maximum of 12 months.

**Budget Setting**

I have shared the NALC guidelines on budgets.

I will shortly start drafting a budget that I will then hope to present to council for consideration in October.

Please can I ask that any items of capital expenditure or any projects that may require funds being 'earmarked' for the next financial year (April 2020-31<sup>st</sup> March 2021) are notified to me **no later than Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September** for inclusion in the initial outline figures.

Thank you

*Nikki*

Nikki Bugden

Clerk to the Council / Responsible Financial Officer.

## **NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

## **Report to Full Council**

**9 September 2019**

### **Report of meeting held on 25 July 2019 at Nash Mills Village Hall**

#### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Lisa Bayley

Councillor Michele Berkeley (Vice Chair)

Councillor Alan Briggs

Councillor Steve Roberts (Chair)

Apologies were received from Councillors Emily Tout and Jan Maddern

#### **NOTES:**

1. Full minutes for this meeting are confidential due the nature of information contained within them but have been provided to all members of the committee and will be signed at the next Committee Meeting
2. By reason of the confidential nature arising out of the business to be transacted, in accordance with LGA1972, Schedule 12a (part1), it was resolved that members of the public and press would not be allowed at this meeting. None were present, but this matter was resolved in case anyone arrived during the meeting

### **Salary and Allowances for the Clerk**

At the outset it was agreed that the Clerk is doing a great job and that she was carrying out her duties very professionally and efficiently. She is a great asset to NMPC.

- A salary increase was agreed in line with the new nalc Pay Scales introduced in April 2019
- A home working allowance was agreed in line with HMRC Guidelines
- It was agreed that the Clerk should be paid for all additional hours owed to her
- A new process was agreed to control the additional hours the Clerk is having to work. This is for her benefit, and we agreed that the Clerk could and should put forward any changes to ways of working to help achieve this. We acknowledged that at certain times of the year additional hours might be unavoidable and the Clerk would discuss these in advance with the Chair of Personnel
- A letter summarising all the above changes was sent to the Clerk, who has returned a signed copy to the Chair of Personnel
- The budget setting process allowed for the changes above

### **Salary and Contract for the Warden**

- Dave is doing a great job. We do wish to increase his salary; however, we do need to keep alignment with similar roles at Dacorum Borough Council. At the time of the meeting we had been unable to obtain the relevant information and therefore this matter had to be carried forward to the next Committee meeting
- It was agreed that the Clerk and the Chair of Personnel should prepare a new contract for the Warden, using an appropriate HAPTC template. This is necessary because his contract has not been updated since his initial one-year contract was issued

### **Staff Holidays**

The Committee requested that the Chair of Personnel discuss notification of staff holidays with the Clerk to ensure maximum notice is given to allow alternative plans to be made wherever necessary.

### **Next meeting**

No date was set for the next meeting. It was however agreed that at that meeting we need to resolve the issue of the warden salary and consider a Grievance Policy.

Councillor Steve Roberts

Chair of Personnel Committee

Nash Mills Parish Council  
FINANCIAL SCHEDULE

Aug-19 / Payment Summary  
Sep-19

Payee	Method	Description	Charged to	Amount	Vat	Amount	Minutes ref	Inv No
NET STAFF SALARIES/HMRC	SO	Sept net salaries and HMRC	Salaries	1791.29		1791.29		
Clerk Pension	online	Pension	Pension Costs	362.53	0.00	362.53		
Vodafone	DD	Clerk's Mobile Sept	Mobile	22.80	3.36	26.16		b2316440288
NMVHA	SO	Hall Hire Sept	Hire Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00		suspended for 1 mnth
INTUIT	DD	Quickbooks	Sundries	10.80	2.16	12.96		
DBC	DD	Garage Rental	Warden	52.60	10.52	63.12		
Paybureau	SO	Monthly wages Fee	Payroll Charges	18.00	3.60	21.60		nm0919
Diverse Print	online	Magazine 1600 copies	Magazine	515.00	0.00	515.00		18198
HAPTC	online	Planning Course NB	Training	50.00	0.00	50.00		1920/241
HCC	online	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	200.00	40.00	240.00		sb20190851
Mandy Clutson	online	Mandy Clutson	Magazine	120.00	0.00	120.00		
JRB Enterprise	online	Dog Bags x4000	Dog Bags	65.89	13.18	79.07		20220

inc as 1600 copies

NIKKI NOTES

Owe Dave 20p from last month  
send HMRC  
Check salary s/o

3208.91 72.82 3281.73

Date Chairman  
9TH SEPT 2019 Vice-Chairman  
RFO

Mnth 6 SEPT 2019

1791.29

362.53 pension

2153.82 agrees to paybureau



Nash Mills Parish Council  
FINANCIAL SCHEDULE

Aug-19 / Payment Summary  
Aug-19

Payee	Method	Description	Charged to	Amount	Vat	Amount	Minutes ref	Inv No
STAFF SALARIES/PAYBUREAU	SO	August net salaries and HMRC	Salaries	3304.37		3304.37		
Vodaphone	DD	Clerk's Mobile Aug	Mobile	22.80	3.36	26.16		
NMVHA	SO	Hall Hire Aug	Hire Costs	36.00	0.00	36.00		
INTUIT	DD	Quickbooks	Sundries	10.80	2.16	12.96	2.1002E+11	
DBC	DD	Garage Rental	Warden	52.60	10.52	63.12		
Paybureau	SO	Monthly wages Fee	Payroll Charges	18.00	3.60	21.60	nm0819	
Clerk Pension	CQ	Pension	Pension Costs	362.53		362.53		
Expenses Clerk	CQ	IT Renewal Netnerd	Chess Ict	80.00	16.00	96.00	229682.00	
INHOUSE DESIGN	CQ	Logo design Work	Contingencies	200.00	0.00	200.00		
SHEILA JARVIS	CQ	Spring competition winner	comp winners	10.00	0.00	10.00		

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Date	Chairman	
15th Aug 2019	Vice-Chairman	
	RFO	

Mnth 5 Aug 2019

3304.37
362.53 pension
3666.90 agrees to paybureau

nb	dd
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£805.19 total to hmrc

## ANNUAL BUDGET (forecast)

### INCOME

	Apr-19	01/08/2019 ytd
PRECEPT	£ 28,364.78	£ 28,364.78
USE OF RESERVES	£ 2,800.00	
Wardens Grant	£ 8,074.82	£ 8,074.82
Concurrent Services Grant	£ 1,468.39	£ 1,468.39
Council Tax Support Grant	£ 1,268.93	£ 1,268.93
Total Annual INC Budget forecast	£ 41,976.92	£ 39,176.92

### Additional Income Ad-Hoc (not budgetted for)

Vat Reclaims		£ 221.61
Cil Grants		£ 3,218.92
Magazine Advertisers		£ 157.50
Bank Interest	Lloyds	
	Natwest	
	Natwest	

<b>PARISH MAG</b>	
189 invoiced	
157.5 net inc	
vat	£ 31.50

### Additional Income Ad-Hoc

	£ 3,598.03
less Cil (conditional expenditure)	£ 379.11

### EXPENDITURE

	BUDGET	Actual YTD	%
Clerk's Sal/Ni/Tax/OT/Backpay	£ 16,700.00	£ 7,336.22	43.93%
Sundries: Office/Energy/Travel	£ 750.00	£ 65.88	8.78%
Clerk's mobile	£ 360.00	£ 123.19	34.22%
Clerk's pension	Monthly £ 4,500.00	£ 1,709.45	37.99%
Printer Parish Magazine	July/Dec/March £ 1,095.00	£ 295.00	26.94%
Clerk PO Box	Annually November £ 300.00	£ -	
Delivery of magazine	July/Dec/March £ 300.00	£ -	
Print/copy/supplies	As needed £ 250.00	£ 83.40	33.36%
Subscriptions (HAPTC/SLCC/ICO)	Reserves 2018/19 £ 1,200.00	£ 912.83	76.07%
Parish Insurance came and co	June/LTA 2018 £ 856.48	£ 813.56	94.99%
Election Costs	4 Yearly/Reserves £ 500.00	£ -	
Equipment Replacement	As needed £ -	£ -	
Press advertising	As needed £ 45.00	£ -	
Petty Cash	As needed £ 50.00	£ -	
Internal Audit Fee	May/Annually £ 378.00	£ 360.00	95.24%
External Audit Fee	June/Annually £ 240.00	£ -	
Competition winners (Magazine)	April/Aug/Jun £ 30.00	£ 20.00	66.67%
Website Maintenance	As needed £ 100.00	£ -	
Website hosting	Jan Annually £ 50.00	£ -	
Chess ICT -hosted emails/software	Annually/April £ 723.72	£ 449.81	62.15%
RAI	Reserves 2018/19 £ -	£ -	
Grants / Donations	Reserves 2018/19 £ 20.20	£ 138.98	688.02% RESERVES
Conferences/Training Courses	As Needed £ 500.00	£ 350.00	70.00%
Miscellaneous	As Needed £ -	£ -	
Dog Bags	As Needed £ 200.00	£ 131.33	65.67%
AED/Defib	Reserves 2018/19 £ -	£ -	
Contingencies	£ 300.00	£ 200.00	66.67%
Grit	Winter Help Scheme £ -	£ -	
Payroll Charges	Monthly £ 260.00	£ 90.00	34.62%
<b>SUBTOTAL STANDARD EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£ 29,708.40</b>	<b>£ 13,079.65</b>	<b>44.03%</b>
<b>CONCURRENT SERVICE FUND</b>		£ -	
Street Furniture Maint	£ 650.00		0.00%
Repairs/Signs/Fencing	£ 900.00	£ 242.25	26.92%
Misc	£ 95.00	£ 76.40	
Hire Costs (Hall)	£ 396.00	£ 180.00	45.45%
<b>SUBTOTAL CONCURRENT</b>	<b>£ 2,041.00</b>	<b>£ 498.65</b>	<b>24.43%</b>
<b>WARDEN'S SCHEME</b>			
Salary	£ 6,597.48	£ 2,748.95	41.67%
Tools and replacement equipment	£ 72.60	£ 24.95	34.37%
Garage Rent	£ 757.44	£ 262.99	34.72%
<b>SUBTOTAL WARDEN</b>	<b>£ 7,427.52</b>	<b>£ 3,036.89</b>	<b>40.89%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL WARDEN PLUS CONCURRENT</b>		<b>£ 3,535.54</b>	
<b>TOTAL ALL THREE EXP AREAS</b>	<b>£ 39,176.92</b>	<b>£ 16,615.19</b>	<b>42.41%</b>

AT END AUGUST 2019 42% OF BUDGET YTD TARGET 42%  
NO CONCERNS AS ANNUAL COSTS INFLATE FIGURES.

<b>INCOME/EXPENDITURE</b>	
INCOME actual	£ 41,976.92
EXP Budget	£ 39,176.92
SURPLUS	£ 2,800.00
ADHOC INCOME INC CIL (SEE INC SUMMARY ABOVE)	£ 3,598.03
TOTAL EXCESS INC/EXP INC ADDITIONAL INC YTD	£ 6,398.03

THIS IS RESERVE MONIES NOT TF IN YET  
CIL IS CONDITIONAL SPEND  
31ST Aug 2019 (POTENTIAL SURPLUS)

Bank Reconciliation													
Month													
1st-31st July 2019													
		Lloyds Bank	Lloyds 32 Day	Natwest Bank BR	Natwest Bank CA	Natwest Bank TRO		Totals					
		£ 13,520.26	£ 60,128.22	£ 81.73	£ 318.61	£ 80,000.00	bank	£ 154,048.82	31/07/2019				
payments out (on schedule)	gross	£ 4,132.54					cashbook						
payments out (not on schedule)	gross		£ 10,000.00										
interest in			£ 36.73	£ 0.01									
pyts in		£ 117.00											
		£ -											
Closing Bank Balance		£ 9,504.72	£ 50,164.95	£ 81.74	£ 318.61	£ 80,000.00		£ 140,070.02	NMPC 31/08/2019				
Agreed to Bank Statement		no	yes	yes	yes			£ 10,000.00	on notice				
adj as underpaid Dave		£ 0.20		0	0								
								£ 150,070.02	total held by NMPC 31/07/2019				
	RFO							£ 150,069.82	but .20p owed to Dave as underpaid wages				
						Cashbook b/f	£ 154,078.72						
	Chairman ---/--/2019					vat to be reclaim Jul	£ 29.90						
						actual correct b/f	£ 154,048.82						
							£ 4,097.10	net schedule					
				35.44		subtotal	£ 149,951.72	cash book less net exp					
							£ 97.50	net income					
							£ 36.74	interest					
						Total Cashbook	£ 150,085.96						
						Total Bank	£ 150,069.82						
						Difference	-£ 16.14						
						net vat to reclaim	£ 16.14	(34.64-19.50)					

ASSET	DATE ACQUIRED	COST (NET)	LOCATION	ESTIMATED REPLACEMENT VALUE (INS)	USEFUL LIFE EST	UPGRADE/DISPOSAL	RESPONSIBILITY (which Cllr/Officer designated)
Play Equipment		£1.00		£			
Grit Bins		£1,263.00	SEE LIST BELOW				
Office Equipment (old laptop/printer)		£759.00		£			
Notice Board		£500.00		£			
Telephone (Landline)		£90.00					
Boundary Signs (4)		£4,500.00		£			
Warden's Equipment		£150.00		£			
Waste Bin		£452.00					
16m fencing,rail guard,gate		£5,109.00					
Wooden Bench		£1.00		£			
7 Additional benches (see attached tab)		£1.00		£			
Projector		£1.00		£			
Laptop		£1.00					
Wifi Booster		£33.00					
filing cabinet	Dec-18	£93.33					
phone	Dec-18	£112.00					
Defibrillator ZOLL AED	Jun-18	£999.00					
Aivia lockable cabinet item number H31010	Jun-18	£495.00					
Tommies	Jun-18	£1,250.00					
Total current value 31/3/2019		<b>£15,810.33</b>		£			
projector leads	Apr-19	£ 13.68					
		£15,824.01					

Adopted Sept 2019  
agenda ref 19/104/FPC (j)

## Nash Mills Parish Council

### Notice of conclusion of audit

#### Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2019

Sections 20(2) and 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

<p>1. The audit of accounts for <b>Nash Mills Parish Council</b> for the year ended 31 March 2019 has been completed and the accounts have been published.</p> <p>2. The Annual Governance &amp; Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the area of <b>Nash Mills Parish Council</b> on application to:</p> <p>(a) <u>Nikki Bugden (Clerk)</u> <u>PO Box 1602</u> <u>Hemel Hempstead</u> <u>Herts</u></p> <p>(b) <u>10am - 12 noon</u> <u>Tuesday - Thursday</u></p> <p>3. Copies will be provided to any person on payment of £ <u>1-</u> (c) for each copy of the Annual Governance &amp; Accountability Return.</p> <p>Announcement made by: (d) <u>N. Bugden (Clerk)</u></p> <p>Date of announcement: (e) <u>27/8/19</u></p>	<p>Notes</p> <p>This notice and Sections 1, 2 &amp; 3 of the AGAR must be published by 30 September. This must include publication on the smaller authority's website.</p> <p>(a) Insert the name, position and address of the person to whom local government electors should apply to inspect the AGAR</p> <p>(b) Insert the hours during which inspection rights may be exercised</p> <p>(c) Insert a reasonable sum for copying costs</p> <p>(d) Insert the name and position of person placing the notice</p> <p>(e) Insert the date of placing of the notice</p>
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## **APPENDIX 6 19/105/FPC**

Transcripts as detailed in the minutes

### **Dacorum Borough Councillor Jan Maddern – Speech to Nash Mills Parish Council**

I am speaking in objection to the new application for the Methodist Church site in Barnacres Road. I wrote in my Nash Mills newsletter about this last week and so will quite rightly be excluded from parish council discussions tonight. However, I do have a right to put my objection to the parish council as the borough councillor and member of the public.

Last December Hertfordshire Highways recommended refusal of the planning application for a mosque to be built adjacent to The Denes shops in Nash Mills. Their report listed 12 pages of concerns about road safety and parking issues in the area.

This, along with several other reasons identified by the planning department here at DBC, formed the basis of a refusal on the application.

The applicant had 6 months to appeal the decision if they felt that the decision was incorrect but desisted in doing so. Now, however, the land owner has submitted a supposedly new application on this site, exercising their 'free go' to submit an application within 12 months and without paying a further fee.

So what is different? As soon as the new application was validated, I arranged to meet the planning officer, to establish what the material differences were between the old and new applications – in order to be validated by the council the application **MUST** be different from the original. After much searching, we discovered that the interior floor space in the 'new' application was just 100sqm smaller than the original... this is a 5% reduction in INTERIOR floor space, but as far as I can see there is no reduction on the size, bulk or capacity for the building.

There is also absolutely NO change in the number of parking spaces, and there is still a dwelling in the building, that breaches the covenant on the land and will take up 2-3 of the parking spaces anyway..

Having considered all these points, I will be strongly objecting to the new application once again as I don't see that the concerns I had have changed in the slightest.

I am not opposed to development of this site, in fact I would encourage **appropriate development** as currently the building is an eyesore and dangerous, but... ANY development **MUST** be appropriate to the size of land and have adequate parking to contain any activity that would take place there.

Jan Maddern

Speaking as the Dacorum Borough Councillor for Nash Mills and as a member of the community.

### **Resident Fairway**

We are now all aware that this is a MAJOR DEVELOPMENT and as such needs to be taken very seriously indeed as it affects people's lives. Whilst the application is ongoing, and with the potential impact thereafter, it can cause major stress and worry to residents. The councillors and planners are

entrusted with the power and authority to ensure that these matters are taken seriously and so should the applicant. In our view it is totally irresponsible to submit a new application knowing that it has not addressed the fundamental reasons for the previous refusal. We therefore ask that this Committee tonight, and the Planners at the earliest opportunity, reject this new application and with a caveat that if a another is submitted without addressing the major parking issues it will not pass the starting line.

This is the third time, if you include the pre planning application years ago, and the 4th if you include that the last time the applicant submitted 2 transport plans knowing the first would have failed, that it will have been rejected on parking. Four times rejected on parking.

The alleged covenant is being mentioned again. Covenants can be changed. Many former Christian churches have been converted to residential units. The covenant does NOT say that there has to be a 3-storey building on the site and it does NOT say that the neighbours and local residents have to tolerate unreasonable impact.

The applicant says that those living near the development bought their properties knowing it was a church and should be used to noise on a Sunday, at Easter and Xmas. The capacity was 120. Now it is proposed to be 520 with daily prayer, some at unsocial hours, like 4.00 in the morning, education classes and other activities.

The applicant also says that should any residual harm to residential amenity remain after this, that such harm would only attract a small amount of weight to be considered as part of the planning balance meaning we carry less weight than the applicant in planning terms. I am mindful of a comment made publicly on a document on the planning website in relation to the application for fencing which said that we, Fairway Court, are nothing but a mere hindrance to everything they do!

Finally, I have a quote from an eminent politician in Dacorum, which we fully concur with, which says " I would have thought it unwise to submit a new application on the same site that has not addressed the concerns raised during the previous application. If this new application is very similar to the previous one, I would expect the same response from the Planners." Wise words and I rest my case. This new application must be rejected.

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10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Planning Application 4/01828/19/MFA Nash Mills Methodist Church

Dear Intan

Please find attached the document relating to the NMPC decision to object to the above mentioned application

Please do let me know if I can be of any further assistance or if you need anything else

Kindest regards

*Nikki*

Nikki Bugden  
Clerk to the Council  
Nash Mills Parish Council.



Planning Application <b>4/01828/19/MFA Nash Mills Methodist Church</b>
Planning Officer <b>Intan Keen</b>
Parish Decision <b>Strongly Object</b>

Dear Ms Keen

Please find below the material considerations and deliberations from last night's meeting to support the decision of Nash Mills Parish Council in **strongly objecting** to the new application above.

### Overview

NMPC believes that the new application is not significantly amended and thus does not sufficiently address the original concerns around transport, local highways impact (as illustrated by the Herts County Council consultee comments submitted November 2018) and the previous reasons for refusal at Dacorum Borough Council.

NMPC welcomes the view that it would be a benefit to have this site developed, however we feel that it is reasonable to expect that any proposed development must be of an **appropriate scale to the site** to ensure that our community is not adversely impacted, particularly in an area where we have had to contend with the severe impact that previous large developments have caused with parking and traffic in this location.

Following suggested planning protocol we have assessed the 'harm' posed by this proposed development and would conclude that in line with the details below, our previous objection, the recent views received by our residents and the previous refusal at Dacorum Borough Council<sup>1</sup> all reflect that this application is not sustainable for a site that is at the heart of our community.

A thorough review of the new application would confirm that the application:

- Has not been significantly revised or improved from the previous application
- Has not addressed previous transport concerns
- Has not amended the parking provision to reflect the anticipated use. The number of parking spaces on the plans (35) remains unchanged. Unrealistic for a building of this scale.
- Has not adequately assessed sustainable transport. The cycle spaces have been increased but the site location is not favourable to easy cycling due to the many steep inclines surrounding it. There are inconsistencies in the number of cycle spaces on the design and access statement.
- Contains numerous inaccuracies in both calculations and explanations (some of which are detailed below)
- Offers confusion around the limited parking and the use of alternative means of travelling to the mosque.
- Offers harm to our local residents by way of stress and potential obstruction of access.
- Poses a detrimental risk to our existing amenities at The Denes by way of affecting the flow of access to parking spaces for customers.

Our objections are further supported by **National Planning Policy Framework<sup>ii</sup>** and **Dacorum Borough Council Core Strategy 2006-2031<sup>iii</sup>** **The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987** and are also supported by the original decision notice issued by Dacorum Borough Council.

I have further clarified the material objections in line with this framework below.

**Dacorum Borough Council Core Strategy**

Category	Objection
<b>CS8: Sustainable Transport (h)<sup>iv</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of parking overflowing into the Denes and the impact of loss of clientele with NPPF (8) below.</li> <li>• Parking spaces detailed do not comply with standard recommendation for the floor area or for the proposed number of visitors, even more so at peak times</li> <li>• No consideration has been made that there is a potential 'overlap' of worshippers arriving and those leaving prayers at lunchtime which would require additional parking provision.</li> </ul>
<b>CS9: Management of Roads</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel plan submitted, however previous (out of date) figures used, travel plan does not address original concerns.</li> </ul>
<b>CS12: Quality of Site Design<sup>v</sup></b> <b>(a) <sup>vi</sup>(b) <sup>vii</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of onsite parking provision would lead to an exacerbation of the existing parking issues in Nash Mills with parking on verges or kerbs. This would result in reduced visibility and danger to pedestrians and cyclists. This could also be a danger to local school children due to the proximity of the primary school.</li> <li>• Double parking would impact on access for emergency vehicles and disabled users.</li> <li>• The anticipation that the users would utilise existing spaces at The Ski Centre and Jarman Park are unrealistic due to the distance of the proposed site from that location.</li> <li>• Cycling has been mentioned as an alternative means of transport; however the location (at the bottom of a very steep hill) would only make this realistic for a very small number of users.</li> </ul>

## National Planning Policy Framework

Category	Objection
<b>8 ,Promoting healthy and safe communities</b> <b>S 92. (c<sup>viii</sup>) (d<sup>ix</sup>)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application states that ‘The Denes’ offers capacity for parking. Parking here is mainly based on a ‘quick turnaround’ as is the case with most local shops where visitors ‘pop in’ to purchase goods or to buy lunch and dinner. These peak times occur at the same time as proposed prayer times at the Mosque.</li> <li>• Impact on parking would mean that those who currently drive to The Denes to use the facilities will look elsewhere.</li> <li>• This valuable local resource would then suffer substantial hardship, become untenable and the stores would be lost to the detriment of the community and particularly for the aging community in the local elderly accommodation who would struggle to travel anywhere else.</li> <li>• The residents of Pinecroft are already severely affected by congestion in the car park at peak times.</li> <li>• Due to lack of parking in the area The Denes is used as overflow parking for local residents.</li> <li>• The impact study was conducted at a time 17:00 hours whereas a study at 18:00 hours would better reflect the impact of residents being home from work or using the shops after work.</li> </ul>
<b>9 Promoting sustainable transport</b> <b>S105<sup>x</sup> (d<sup>xi</sup>)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The location is on the fringes of Hemel Hempstead and whilst there would be a minority of local users the majority would be travelling to this site.</li> <li>• Local car ownership levels are already at crisis point. The development at John Dickinson was built with insufficient parking which has spilt onto surrounding roads causing misery to the community.</li> <li>• How does the proposed development fit within the newly circulated parking proposal documents and its strategy in relation to number of spaces, size of spaces, double parking, impact on emergency vehicle access and provision of disabled spaces and clear access?</li> </ul>

### The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987

Category	Objection
D1 building (with a restrictive covenant)	Including a residential dwelling would result in part C3 usage

### Summary

NMPC would seek support from DBC in refusing the application in line with the objections listed above. Nash Mills cannot sustain an application of this size without a hugely detrimental effect on the locality. The application offers no new solutions to previous objections and we would welcome a collaborative approach to a proposal for the site that is of an appropriate scale, with sufficient parking that does not have such a severe impact on our community.

***The Town and Country Planning Act 199 para.11*** states that all decisions ‘*shall have regard to the provisions of the development plan, so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations*’

This new application does not address the material considerations used by DBC to determine the outcome of the original application and therefore upon reference to the NPPF and Local Plan we believe that it is not in the public interest to approve this application.

Nikki Bugden

Clerk to Nash Mills Parish Council

*On Behalf of Nash Mills Parish Council*

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<sup>i</sup> We feel that as the new application has only had minor alterations the previous decision by DBC can still be used as a consideration by NMPC.

<sup>ii</sup> Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Govt Feb 2019

<sup>iii</sup> Adopted by DBC 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013

<sup>iv</sup> Provide sufficient safe and convenient parking based on car parking standards,...supporting shopping areas, safeguarding residential amenity

<sup>v</sup> Each development should

<sup>vi</sup> Provide a safe and satisfactory means of access for all users

<sup>vii</sup> Provide sufficient parking and sufficient space for servicing

<sup>viii</sup> Guard against unnecessary loss of valued services and facilities, particularly where this would reduce the community's ability to meet its day-to-day needs

<sup>ix</sup> Ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to modernise and develop and are retained for the benefit of the community.

<sup>x</sup> If setting local parking standards policies should take into account

<sup>xi</sup> Local car ownership levels

On full meeting agenda as soon as time permits 1	On full meeting agenda as soon as time permits 2	On full meeting agenda as soon as time permits 3	May 2020 Deadline	Communications Working Group Items	Projects to suspend /not pursue
Generate a Parish Business Plan (ask Geoff for a previous draft for review)	Saturday Surgeries at The Denes	HERITAGE - Local Listing	VE Day 75	Email list subscription for Agendas and Minutes	Tommies
	-What would you like to see done in / with the park				
Logo	-What would you like in the Parish Magazine	Partnerships - Nash Mills Village Hall / Friends of Bunkers Park	War memorial restoration	PARISH MAGAZINE	Gym equipment
				Magazine - make more funky	
Notice Board	Red Lion Lane Fly Tipping etc	Alocate councillors to Stakeholder groups			Parking meter Denes (Borough project)
		- School Support		Council Social Media presence incl Facebook & Twitter	
Grass verges	Park - Trees maintenance	- Chamonix / Nash Mills Wharf			Solving the Denes derelict site issue
				Promote the Play Park	
Wild flower garden opposite the Denes?	Defibrilator				
				Website enhancements	
Road / area councillor allocations and Residents Association interaction	Red phone box for the defibrilator				
				Events Team (Lisa)	
	Park lease			- NM summer social event (in the green area?)	
				- Front garden competition	
				-Nash Mills in Bloom	
				- Scarecrow Trail	
				-Christmas Lights at The Denes	
				-Carol signing and mince pies	

# Full Council Action List

April 2019- updated May 2019

<b>Actions From Most Recent Meeting</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Clerk salary increase to be notified to Paybureau	Clerk
Compile list re parking issues/verges	Clerk then Agenda item
Herts Building preservation Trust	AB taking forward.
Personnel Minutes from March required	NB email LG
Appoint Auditor	Clerk
Submit Affinity Consultation	Clerk
Book Wickstead	Clerk
Update policies and procedures with adoption dates, add to review schedule.	Clerk
<b>Awaiting Further Updates (ONGOING to be discussed)</b>	
Clerk to update o/s items at end of term	Clerk
DD/NB Dog bag dispenser-NB to investigate.	NB
Tommies –quotes and proof of various permissions required	TC
Memorial repairs	JM
Debris on paths	TH (C/CLLR)
All councillors to continue to report unauthorised banners within NM to JM.	ALL
Defibrillator	JM
Noticeboard	JM/NB
2019/013/P/Milbor	AB Awaiting Dev Mgmt Committee
Draft Communication to be prepared regarding NMPC concerns surrounding handling of Nash House Appln and wider concerns re handling of local planning applications.	JM/CLERK NB to request all pertinent, historic emails and notes from LG re communication and meeting with James Doe & Cllr Lardi
<b>Long Term Actions No Immediate Resolution (Reminders)</b>	
LG to contact Andrew Williams and Tina Howard re: steps on Chambersbury Lane. (ongoing)	LG/TH
Warden Risk assessment to be approved by personnel committee, then brought to full council	LG
JM to contact Steve Barnes re: ticket meter. (ongoing, waiting until mosque planning application is complete)	
Traffic calming Bunkers Lane –C/Cllr Tina Howard to take forward	TH (C/CLLR)
LS contacted Luke Johnson, re: tree survey in Highbarns. (JM requested – Luke Johnson added to next local circuit, DBC to cut back ivy so they can see the trees better to survey).	JM
Garage Clear out/archiving	

# Full Council Action List

Sept 019

<b>Actions from Most Recent Meeting</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Compile list re parking issues/verges	Moved to Agenda for October (working Grp)
<b>Awaiting Further Updates (ONGOING to be discussed)</b>	
DD/NB Dog bag dispenser-NB to investigate.	Clerk
Memorial repairs	AB
All councillors to continue to report unauthorised banners within NM to JM.	ALL
Defibrillator	JM
Noticeboard	Agenda October -Clerk
arde	Appeal lodged Clerk to submit speech from DMC to supplement our original objection.
<b>Long Term Actions No Immediate Resolution (Reminders)</b>	
Warden Risk assessment to be approved by personnel committee, then brought to full council	SR/Clerk To be signed once new contract finalised.
JM to contact Steve Barnes re: ticket meter. (ongoing, waiting until mosque planning application is complete)	JM
Traffic calming Bunkers Lane –C/Cllr Tina Howard to take forward	TH (C/CLLR)
LS contacted Luke Johnson, re: tree survey in Highbarns. (JM requested – Luke Johnson added to next local circuit, DBC to cut back ivy so they can see the trees better to survey).	JM/LB
Garage Clear out/archiving	CLERK/JM/LB (Spring 2020)