

Nash Mills Parish Council – Borough Councillor Report – January 2021

With the Christmas holiday period during the month not a great deal has happened, however there are a few things to report on.

Nash Mills Methodist Church Site

As you may well have seen, the Methodist Church site's security boarding was broken and partially removed just before Christmas. I have been in communication with Mr Khan, the ex Mosque President, who very kindly arranged to have everything repaired. I understand this has now been done.

Nash Mills Wharf

The JCB arrived on site this morning to start the works. I have emailed Vistry to ask for an update on progress and received this in reply: "Land and Water have been instructed to install a new orifice plate in the basin over the next couple of weeks, this work will allow the water to be let back into the basin and run through the system. There is also some further maintenance works to be undertaken whilst they are on site".

Nash House

I have been contacted by several residents regarding the latest application for Nash House. I had a look at the plans over the holiday period and spoke to the planning officer yesterday. I pointed out that the scale on the plans is listed incorrectly and the planning officer has contacted the agent to request a corrected drawing. Also, I raised some questions about the parking spaces and pointed out – once again -that the drawings do not tally with what has been built. I visited the site and took more photographs yesterday in order to give further evidence to the planning officer that the windows are not positioned where they are shown on the elevation drawings. I will update the parish council on Monday while we deliberate the application.

Georgewood Road Steps

I continued to chase this issue and was furious to discover that, having been told via email from HCC that the steps didn't need any work, they are in fact owned by Dacorum! I have no idea why HCC didn't know or tell me that. However, this is good news and I am in discussion with Dacorum about them being repaired. They are in the process of ascertaining which department of DBC is responsible for them, but we think it is Housing. They seemed to be missed off a list many, many years ago when all the DBC open spaces were allocated to departments for maintenance. However, the grass on both sides is the responsibility of Housing so we are confident they will be the ones who resolve this. Steve also sent me some excellent photos that I forwarded to Housing yesterday. I am hoping to be able to give a further verbal update at the meeting on Monday.

Gade Tower Bins

I am currently looking into the issue with the bins for Gade Tower. These are often left outside the bin store, overflowing and even upside down. I have sent an email to DBC to ask someone to explain what they are going to do to resolve this as it needs to be sorted.

Grit Bin – Bunkers Lane

Before Christmas I made contact with Longdean Park RA regarding the siting of a grit bin outside number 23 Bunkers Lane, on the verge belonging to Longdean Park. I'm waiting for a reply which I hope to receive in time for Monday's meeting. The gentleman I spoke to suggested a 'camouflaged' bin may be preferable should the RA agree, so I would suggest a green one. It would also only need to be small. We will discuss further on Monday.

Dacorum Local Plan

The consultation is open and in the public realm. Please can I ask that everyone pushes it out and encourages people to respond, in addition to the parish response. This is our residents' opportunity to have their say. Of course, this was discussed at the December meeting but I really want to encourage as many people as possible to respond. All the information can be found here:

<https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/planning-development/planning-strategic-planning/new-single-local-plan>

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