



NASH MILLS

PARISH COUNCIL

Full Parish Council Meeting Minutes

13th September 2021 8.00pm

held at Nash Mills Village Hall

Present

Councillor Jan Maddern (Acting Chairman)

Councillor Michele Berkeley

Councillor Alan Briggs

Councillor Nicola Cobb

Councillor Steve Roberts

In Attendance

Nikki Bugden (Clerk)

One member of the public.

21/117/FPC Apologies

Councillor Lisa Bayley

Councillor Emily Tout

Councillor Mandy Lester

Resolved, proposed Cllr Briggs, seconded Cllr Berkeley that the apologies be noted. Unanimous decision.

21/118/FPC Interests

Cllr Berkeley asked for her interest in Highbarns to be noted should it be raised under planning matters.

21/119/FPC Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the following Meeting(s) as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

9th August 2021

9th August 2021 Extraordinary Meeting

Resolved, proposed Cllr Briggs, seconded Cllr Roberts that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings, and they were duly signed. Unanimous decision.

21/120/FPC Reports to Council (information only no actions arising unless separately detailed below)

Crime Report (PCSO Keir Simpson) **Appendix 1**

Clerk Report- circulated. **Appendix 2**

Both reports were received by council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 15 MINUTES TOTAL (MAX 3 MINS PER PERSON)

21/121/FPC Public Issues/Participation

Cllr Jan Maddern updated council in her capacity as Borough and County Councillor.

Updates were received under the following headings and the report is available on request.

Nash Mills School – Road safety, The Willows Rewilding Project, Willow Trees in the Willows Highways Walk-Around

PLANNING & CONSULTATIONS

21/122/FPC

To consider and approve the Parish Council's response to the following planning applications received since last meeting up to 6th September 2021.

- [21/03143/LDP 14 Longdean Park](#)

Resolved, proposed Cllr Briggs, seconded Cllr Berkeley that no objection be given to this proposal. Majority decision. 1 abstention.

- [21/03364/DRC 22 Longdean Park](#)

Resolved, proposed Cllr Briggs, seconded Cllr Berkeley that no objection be given to this proposal. Majority decision. 1 abstention.

To consider any planning applications received during the period after which the agenda was published. 7th September 2021- 13th September 2021.

Clerk to advise. The Dacorum monthly list showing the individual applications that may be included for consideration at this meeting can be verified by members of the public using the link [Monthly List \(dacorum.gov.uk\)](#)

- [21/03412/FHA 2 The Cart Track Belswains Lane](#)

This application was included by the Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) planning team due to its proximity to the parish boundary and therefore NMPC considered the application.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Briggs, seconded Cllr Berkeley that no objection be given to this proposal. Majority decision. 1 abstention.

- [21/03440/HPA 385 Barnacres Road](#)

The information was received late; however, all Councillors had seen the application documents.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Briggs, seconded Cllr Roberts that no objection be given to this proposal. Majority decision. 1 abstention

21/123/FPC Consultations. (Clerk to advise)

To consider and decide actions (if any) to be taken by NMPC in relation to Consultations received.

[Local Nature Recovery Strategies how to prepare and what to include consultation.pdf \(defra.gov.uk\)](#)

NALC Consultation Response Closing date 15/10/2021 **Appendix 3**

Council supported the importance of town and parish councils being involved in this new national strategy to promote recovery and protection of the environment. This forms part of the Govts new Environmental Bill.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Briggs, seconded Cllr Cobb that NMPC create a working group to formulate responses to the questions raised by NALC. All Councillors to be members of this working group due to the short time frame. This action will support NALC in providing informed representation on this DEFRA consultation on behalf of parish and town councils. Unanimous decision. Proposed responses to be brought back to council for deliberation in the October meeting.

21/124/FPC Development Management Committee (to consider any actions required)

To ratify the decision taken by the clerk for Cllr Cobb to represent NMPC at the DMC meeting 2/9/2021

Resolved, proposed Cllr Maddern, seconded Cllr Berkeley that the emergency decision to change representative due to the unavailability of those nominated be ratified. Unanimous decision.

21/125/FPC Planning Information/Updates from Clerk. (Clerk to advise)

The clerk advised that the application for 5 Highbarns had been refused.

The clerk advised that there had been no update from either DBC or HM Planning Inspectorate in relation to the appeals launched for the Nash House applications.

FINANCE**21/126/FPC Monthly Financial Matters Appendix 4 (a, b)**

To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Maddern, seconded Cllr Berkeley that the payments listed below be authorised and paid and the schedule duly signed. Unanimous decision. Cllr Maddern and Cllr Berkeley will be signing off the banking payments. Unanimous decision.

Payee	Description	Amount	Vat		Amount
Salaries/HMRC/Pension	Aug Salaries, HMRC, Pension	£2,244.16		£2,244.16	
Vodafone	Clerk's Mobile	£15.90	£ 3.18	£19.08	
NMVHA	Hall Hire	£36.00		£36.00	
DBC	Garage Rental	£52.60	£10.52	£63.12	
Paybureau	Monthly Wages Fee	£18.00	£ 3.60	£21.60	
Clerks & Councils direct	Copy scroll	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00	21/096/FPC
Clerks & Councils direct	Scroll	£83.80	£16.76	£100.56	21/096/FPC
clerk expenses	NetNerd Domain upgrade	£8.71	£ 1.74	£10.45	
Diverse Print	Magazine Print	£725.00	£ -	£725.00	
WEL Medical	Heated Lockable defib case	£504.95	£100.99	£605.94	21/087/FPC
Lamps & Tubes	Christmas lights inspection	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00	
AC	Magazine Delivery	£120.00	£ -	£120.00	
		£4,084.12	£191.79	£4,275.91	

To receive month end reconciliation.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Maddern, seconded Cllr Berkeley that the reconciliation be noted at £131736.51 at month end and that the unrepresented payments totalling £747.81 be noted. This was represented by the following

Lloyds Current £14768.06 (31/08/2021)

Lloyds 32 Day £32049.02 (31/08/2021)

NatWest Current £4075.89 (30/07/2021)

NatWest Reserve £80843.54 (30/06/2021).

True bank balances had these been presented would have been £130988.70 which matched the cashbook entries. Unanimous decision.

AGENDA REQUESTS FROM COUNCILLORS/WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEES

21/127/FPC The Verges Working Group Appendix 5

To receive the working group report

To confirm the details outlined in the revised report as suitable for investigation with the relevant agencies during the up-and-coming site visit.

The report was received. Discussions were held regarding the report and the suitability of some suggestions due to the possibility of inappropriate parking near to junctions causing visibility issues.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Berkeley, seconded Cllr Briggs that the report remain in the form as circulated and that the opinion of the Herts County Council Highways Officer be sought regarding any potential safety issues during the site visit on 27th September. This feedback will be bought back to council for further discussion prior to any final decisions being made. Unanimous decision. Cllr Briggs and Cllr Cobb will be joining the site visit with Cllr Berkeley, C/Cllr Maddern, and the clerk. Council and the clerk were also notified that an officer from DBC will attend following an invitation from Cllr Maddern.

21/128/FPC Road Safety concerns in the parish/20 mph zones. (Cllr Briggs)

To consider potential NMPC actions in relation to road safety within the parish.

Cllr Briggs expressed a concern regarding speeding within the parish and asked council to consider further investigation of 20mph zones. A discussion was held regarding the efficacy of the proposed scheme. Cllr Briggs used examples of how difficult it was to a) pull out in a vehicle onto Belswains Lane from Kingfisher Drive and Croxley Road and b) to cross Belswains Lane and Barnacres Road as a pedestrian with reduced mobility and suggested that council should look at a wider area in addition to B/Cllrs Maddern's safety ideas for the area in the vicinity of the school. The clerk advised that some parish and town councils had found that there was difficulty in enforcing these restrictions (this was reinforced by B/Cllr Maddern) and suggested that significant consultation with both county highways officers and residents should be taken at an early stage of investigations, prior to any statutory consultation periods.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Briggs, seconded Cllr Berkeley that consultation should be commenced via Facebook and the Parish magazine and that the opinions of the HCC Officer be sought during the parish site visit in September. Unanimous decision.

21/129/FPC Christmas Lights Switch On.

To determine the dates for the Christmas lights (switch on and end) and hours of operation.

To consider whether NMPC wish to plan any supporting events and determine necessary actions to facilitate this.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Maddern, seconded Cllr Cobb that the lights be switched on as close to 19th November 2021 as the contractor can arrange and that they are switched off by 6th January 2022.

Following positive feedback from the public last year the new hours of operation will be 6am-8.30am then 3pm-11pm. Unanimous decision.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Maddern, seconded Cllr Berkley that due to the uncertainty regarding Covid-19 restrictions Christmas event proposals should be deferred until next year. Unanimous decision.

21/130/FPC Parish Aims & Vision Working Group Appendix 6

To receive the working group report

To determine whether NMPC wish to modify the core values as listed in the report.

The report was received.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Briggs that the core values be amended slightly from those in the report and be adopted as listed below. Unanimous decision.

- **Community:** We all love where we live and want residents to feel proud to live in Nash Mills. We will strive to further improve our corner of Hemel Hempstead.
- **Feeling safe:** We believe that residents should feel safe and secure in their homes and within the parish.
- **Inclusion and Communication:** We believe that the parish is about its residents, so we will use a varied communication stream to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to be involved in decisions.
- **Residents' Associations** – We want to encourage and build the number of residents' associations so that every road has an opportunity to be included.
- **Heritage and History:** We respect our fantastic history and will share and protect our heritage.
- **Service to Nash Mills Community** – Parish councillors are here to serve the community and we plan to do this to the very best of our ability.

21/131/FPC Honorary Freeman

To determine the format of the presentation in line with any Covid-19 considerations.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Maddern, seconded Cllr Cobb that the presentation be by invitation only up to the current hall capacity of 26. The clerk will invite representatives from the resident associations and possibly the shops depending on numbers. To assist with keeping everyone Covid secure Cllrs will waive the 'no refreshment' clause on the Covid-19 risk assessment for this evening only but will approach two local businesses to see whether mobile tea/coffee facilities could be provided. Cllr Cobb and Cllr Maddern to take forward investigations for refreshment provision which can be arranged under the clerks delegated authority to spend. Unanimous decision.

21/132/FPC Action list Appendix 7 (for information only)

Our next meeting will be held Monday 11th October 2021, 8.00pm, agenda items to clerk no later than Thursday 30th September please.

Meeting closed 9.25pm

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