



**NASH MILLS**  
PARISH COUNCIL

# **ACTION PLAN**

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# Nash Mills Parish Council Action Plan

Nash Mills Parish Council (NMPC) constantly strives to work on behalf of the community to uphold the parish identity, enhance the quality of life for residents and maintain a community spirit. NMPC will be a strong voice for residents and local businesses on matters that are important to them.

NMPC will provide effective, efficient and accountable local government for the parish, enabling residents to be involved in the life of the community and its future development. Councillors are keen to receive ideas and suggestions from parishioners on areas of interest or concerns and where it is felt that the parish council may assist.

This action plan was informed by:

- The views of Parish Councillors
- Community representation at meetings and 'meet and greet' sessions at the Denes
- Community engagement via our magazine and social media

The Action Plan will be reviewed annually following confirmation of the budget for the following financial year.

## About us

We are a cohesive group of likeminded professional local people with a common goal. We all live or work in the parish, are independent of party politics and are committed to serving the community.

## Our Core Values

- **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 elected to serve the community and we do this to the very best of our ability.

## Aspirations of Nash Mills Parish Council (what the council wants to achieve)

### *Completed project tasks and achievements - May 2019 to October 2021*

- Covid good neighbour cards
- New CCTV at the Denes to provide additional coverage
- Christmas lights at The Denes
- Speed indicator devices (SIDs) in Georgewood Road and Bunkers Lane
- Bunkers Lane verge repairs and posts
- The Denes verge repairs and double height kerbs installed
- Defibrillator installed at The Denes
- Upgraded magazine and Facebook page created
- War memorial refurbished and Gilman Dorr Blake memorial tidied and maintained
- Pub listed as 'asset of community value'
- Free magazine advertising for local business during the pandemic
- Improvements to website, including increased accessibility
- Programme of play park inspections established
- Programme of policy reviews created
- Update to finance systems
- CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) qualified clerk
- Proactive approach to sourcing external funding to supplement the parish precept

### *Continuous tasks*

- Ensuring visibility via communication methods above
- High councillor attendance at meetings
- Knowing rules and working with clerk to be fully compliant
- Attending ongoing training as necessary
- Parish warden to keep Nash Mills tidy, litter collection, reporting highway faults
- Encouraging Neighbourhood Watch and sharing OWL updates
- Sharing crime reports, Working with PCSO
- Meet and Greets at the Denes / zoom
- Accessible website with meeting dates, agenda and minutes published
- Sharing information via magazine and social media
- Magazine space for residents' associations and other local groups
- Grants for relevant local projects
- Documenting/sharing stories and photos of local history
- We support local business (advertising space and promotion opportunities, sharing useful links)
- Signposting to DBC, HCC and direct contact with councillor (Jan)
- Protect parish appearance and consider impact of development within the parish. Ensure that inappropriate development is challenged, where it falls short of the national and local planning policy framework, including the newly adopted Dacorum Borough Council parking standards.
- Provide parish view on relevant local consultations

### *In progress project tasks*

- Improvements and promotion of Bunkers Play park
- Protecting our grass verges – next phase of options to be considered
- Improvements at the Denes – noticeboard, bicycle racks, platinum jubilee garden

### *Earmarked items for completion within financial year 2021/22*

- Additional SID in Barnacres (funded by OPCC (Office of Police and Crime Commissioner))
- Information and training campaign for the new defibrillator
- Jubilee tree planting at the Denes (funded by Herts County Council)
- Improved noticeboard
- Step repairs opposite The Denes (with borough councillor and Dacorum Borough Council)

### *Objectives for financial year 2022/23*

- Bicycle rack at the Denes
- Platinum Jubilee garden space at The Denes, including new tree, benches, bins and planting
- Jubilee event at The Denes
- Annual council meeting (or alternative community engagement gathering)
- Share benefits of residents' associations and how to establish, via magazine and social media
- Link to Frogmore paper mill (via Education and Design Manager) to document Nash Mills history
- Start to consider options for social events (postponed due to Covid)
- Continue to implement website improvements
- Investigate and implement long-term digital storage for internal council and working group documentation

### *Further matters for future consideration*

- A programme of social events (postponed due to Covid)
- Options for lighting on grass area opposite the Denes (costs obtained but to be discussed further)
- Continue biodiversity and green initiatives, such as recycling, additional planting, meadow flower turf, rewilding, community orchard
- Additional facilities in Bunkers Lane play park
- Build on existing community engagement