



NASH MILLS

PARISH COUNCIL



Clerk Report June 2023

Banking

Separate agenda point.

March 2023 report clerk noted 'NetNerd' as provider of Cllr email addresses rather than Chess ICT. Minutes have been annotated by hand as is required by law. Revised copy has been uploaded to the website.

Pension deductions.

We weren't advised of the new pension deduction rate for 2023/24 following a Hertfordshire fund revaluation.

Overpayments totalling £29.77 (made in April and May) will be adjusted in June. The correct rates have also been advised to our payroll provider.

Our payroll provider now has a new director, the invoiced payroll payments for April and May have bounced back as they have changed their bank details. These will be remitted in June once I have the new correct bank account details on an invoice.

There is a small increase to payroll service costs (less than £1 per month)

Canal Towpath Upgrade

Apology received from HCC re delays. Start date now scheduled for 12th June.

Elections 2023

All new Cllrs have attended new Cllr training.

DBC have been chased to ask for new declarations of interest forms.

DBC were chased about Cllr expenses forms, and this has now been resolved.

Defib pads

Childs pads replaced June 2023-expired pads will be offered to community responders as training materials.

Theft

Bunting and roundels stolen from The Denes on Sunday 7th May 2023.

PC Broom has CCTV footage and had decided that as they cannot ID the culprits from their systems/fellow officers, the case will be closed. I have emailed to ask if they have managed to capture the details of the vehicle that they arrived in or if they would be willing to share a description with the PC.

Insurance

Claim submitted for 'welcome' sign. Waiting for 2 quotes for replacement signs to send to insurer
New insurance policy taken out with BHIB. All renewal documents uploaded to website

Local Council Clerk Week

Local Council Clerk Week will take place this summer from 10 to 14 July. This new SLCC initiative is a fantastic opportunity for your council to promote the profile of their clerk, celebrating and recognising the all-encompassing work clerks carry out within their community.
There are several ways in which your council can take part and engage with your community. For promotional material and ideas on how to get involved, please visit [SLCC's website here](#) where you will find a wealth of information.

Playpark

I am waiting for quotes to make repairs to the swing fixings. 3 companies have been approached. Warden has checked the safety of the swing and this item was raised as non-urgent in the most recent playpark report. Trying to find a contractor to remove existing fixings and replace with new fixings is challenging. Waiting to see if DBC would consider assisting. I have also approached the manufacturer (Kompan)

First quote for basket swing replacement (removal and replacement) £1650

The King & Queen

Will be relocating from the Denes to Nash Mills School (correx photo boards)

Warden Updates

Graffiti has been reported and cleaned up (twice).

Reports of abandoned vehicles (Nash Green, Canal car park) -these have tax and MOT so no action can be taken.

Recycling bins at The Denes were filled with black bags again-DBC left these due to contamination (bags had food, clothes, wood in them).

Issues with Fly Tipping on the canal footpath carpark and also on the corner of Red Lion Lane. Warden removed some and reported some which should be removed next week.

Action List Updates

Bank signatory changes in progress -once new signatures are added we can then start the removal of old signatories. There is no risk to services or security as no one Cllr or solely the clerk has the ability to make sole payments or amendments.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

New complaint raised with Lloyds. I have queried this previously, but the FSCS cover only covers 'small' local authorities (annual budget under £500,000) Lloyds have again said we are exempt-we are not; therefore, I have contacted them again to ask that the correct status be applied.

Training Attended/Attending/CPD

Wednesday 28th June 2023 SLCC meeting (clerk full day)

Wednesday 14th June 2023 Clerk meeting with HCC corporate policy team and HAPTC

June 2023 (Cllrs Kennedy, Kitson and Bailes all attended the HAPTC new Cllr training via zoom.

Correspondence received (please note that this may not include all items)

- Complaint from resident about lack of width restrictions on Bunkers Lane. Email to be shared with Cllrs and also County Cllr once permission to share given.
- Query re SID data request (June agenda item)
- Query from a resident re possibility of re-wilding and tree planting at Mill Close. To be added to 'business planning' working group agenda.
- Resident reported graffiti in the play park.
- Complaint re lateness of grass cutting (now cut)
- Report of fly tipping on canal slip road-this is not NMPC land (it is unadopted).
- Concerns re swing fixings raised on Facebook, warden checked immediately report received.
- Complaint re waste left by road workers.

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