



NASH MILLS

P A R I S H C O U N C I L



Clerk Report Sept 2023

Parish Asset/Warden Walkaround.

Clerk would like to invite the Cllrs to join a walkaround with the warden around the boundary and to catalogue the parish assets. Dates to be determined to suit the majority but warden has requested a Tuesday or Thursday please (morning or lunchtime?)

Suggested dates

Tues 19th Sept Tues 26th Sept Thurs 28th Sept Tues 3rd Oct

Canal Towpath Upgrade

Works have commenced.

Lease

School have finalised the outstanding items at their end and our solicitor is just finishing off the formalities.

County Archives Hertford

Items now deposited. Reference number and receipt held in clerks 'cloud' files.

Insurance

Claim outstanding -awaiting council decision re design for sign.

HCC will need to appoint a contractor and we will need to obtain permissions from HCC to install the replacement (see separate report)

Warden Updates

Warden received a complaint about children playing in the Dorr-Blake memorial garden, padlock now placed on the gate (warden and clerk have the code)

Warden returned from leave to a huge amount of waste and litter.

Warden liaised with DBC to assist with additional help needed to put the basket seat back in operation (main repairs undertaken by KOMPAN but additional fault discovered). Seat now back in service. KOMPAN have quoted £400 for a new rope and bracket but the DBC parks team assisted Dave in fixing the necessary attachment at no additional cost.

Clerk will be writing to DBC to ascertain if there is any way we can contract (for a fee) with DBC in the future as they are local, and repairs can then be undertaken more quickly (previously clerk has been told that DBC have no additional capacity to offer this service.)

Warden received reports of a rough sleepers, one at the canal and one at Little Wood, no sign of individuals but warden did remove the litter at Little Wood (there was no need to call environmental health team)

Facebook/Magazine- decision required

Working groups need additional help. Council to appoint someone for social media and magazine working group.

Cllrs will be asked to produce regular articles for inclusion in parish magazine to share the workload. Cllr Cobb will explain further.

Some loss of advertising revenue. One new customer obtained. Savings on delivery costs.

DBC Polling Places Review- decision required

There are no proposed changes for NMPC-the polling station remains at the Village Hall.

Every five years DBC are required to carry out a formal review of their polling scheme, which comprises of the Polling Districts (individual registers), the Polling Places (building within the area where voting can take place), and its Polling Stations (the room/rooms where the actual voting takes place).

DBC have begun this review for Dacorum. Consultation closes on the 16th of October and all responses will be considered by the Electoral Review Committee before an updated Polling Place Order is recommended to DBC Full Council.

Further details can be found on their website: [Polling places review 2023 \(dacorum.gov.uk\)](https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/polling-places-review-2023)

Christmas Lights

Stage 1 licence paperwork with HCC. Same times as last year.

25th Nov switch on

Off by 6th January

Daily hours 6am-8am 3pm-11pm

The Denes Repairs

DBC have confirmed that the repairs mentioned at the last meeting are the responsibility of the leaseholders.

Former Methodist Church site

Council requested that I contact our B/Cllr to ask what can be done to keep the site safe and secure, particularly with it being school holidays. Cllr Maddern has written to DBC to request advice on this matter.

SharePoint

Access set up for the business planning working group and also for Cllr meeting papers. Meeting papers will remain on the website too for the time being.

Cllr responses.

Please can I respectfully request that all Cllrs check their emails regularly and respond to the clerk to indicate whether items have been seen/received.

Action List Updates

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Please can Cllrs confirm to the clerk if they have any issues with their NMPC Cllr email addresses.

Training Attended/Attending/CPD

DBC Planning Training (Aug 2023) Cllrs Cobb, Berkeley, Kitson and the clerk attended.

Clerk attended the Internal Audit Forum executive team and training team meeting Thursday 17th August 2023

Correspondence received (please note that this will not include all items dealt with by the clerk)

Milbor Site

Photos below received from a resident relating to the quality/appearance of the boundary fence. Clerk has contacted B/Cllr requesting assistance or contact point at DBC as (similar to the former methodist church site) there are safety concerns should the site not be safely secured.



- Chased election invoice
- Hertfordshire health walks, I liaised with HCC officer to obtain details of routes within or nearby Nash Mills.
- Notified regular meeting attendees that August meeting was not taking place
- Freedom of Information Request-Nash Mills War memorial (4/9/2023)
- Complaint about stinging nettles in the playpark and loose stepping stone (warden has assessed)
- Query re yellow lines at Mill Close and commencement dates- no update received yet.

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