

Minutes of the full Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13TH January 2014 at Nash Mills Village Hall, Hemel Hempstead

Councillors present: - Cllr. Mrs Foster
Cllr. Doole
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Cllr. Collins
Cllr. Mrs Gough
Cllr. Mrs Maddern

Also present: Linda Sutton, Clerk.
David Drew, Parish Warden
County Cllr. Anthony McKay

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Cllr. Mrs Foster welcomed everybody to the meeting. She asked Cllr. Anthony McKay whether he would give the parish council an update on The Denes Car Parking Scheme. Nash Mills Parish Council had helped towards funding for the car parking scheme.

AM advised that the work on the design was due to be completed by the end of February, the redesigned car parking spaces would maximise the spaces by 50 per cent.

He added that the original draft had been forecast at £36k, but at this stage it was coming in under this figure. AM also advised the parish council that he was going to approach Dacorum Borough Council for help with funding towards the scheme. He also made assurances that he would give a further update in March. TC advised he would approach Tesco for funding at a later date.

LF agreed that the full parish council meeting to be held on the 10th March would be a suitable date for an update from AM. She thanked AM.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

DJ and LB sent their apologies, which were duly noted.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public in attendance.

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

LF signed the Decembers' draft minutes as a true record. She then read out the current action list with updated actions.

With the recent adverse weather conditions it was suggested that DD draw up a list of all the silted gullies and forward them to AM. LF advised that opposite the entrance to the ski centre was also flooding on a regular basis and should be reported.

TC reported that Barnacres Road had a history of flooding including outside the site of the new development, where The George pub was originally. He also suggested other areas including the back of The Denes and outside the launderette.

DD was advised to make a list of these problem areas and email it to the clerk and AM. **DD**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

GD, Chairman of Finance reported that he had recently held a budget meeting with the Clerk. Items on the budget for 2014/15 had been identified for either an increase or decrease and amendments had been made accordingly.

The draft budget figures had been circulated to all the Cllrs. earlier in the week. The setting of the Precept would also be confirmed. Both these items would be discussed under 6.

HG advised that a short planning meeting had been held prior to the full parish council meeting, for the benefit of local residents. HG assured them that their concerns would be taken into account with regards to the proposed amendments to Stephenson's Cottages, and would be noted at the Planning meeting. **HG**

HG also mentioned that with the recent alterations on a property in Swan Mead and confusion over access, she had asked Ian Martin, PCSO to visit the properties concerned.

6. BUDGET AND SETTING OF THE PRECEPT 2014/15

GD explained that this year NMPC would effectively be reducing the precept figure by 3%. He advised that there had been an increase and in some cases a decrease on some items within the budget for the expenditure for 2014/15.

Cllrs. formally agreed to the proposed changes and to minute the setting of the precept figure at £23.16. **LS**

7. BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS (15 minutes)

8. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME DISCUSSION

a) Website – DJ had recently contacted Peter Fleming, website designer regarding the google analytics. PF would now email the information to the clerk on a monthly basis.

b) Chalkmines – JM said that she had attended a site meeting along with LB, Mike Penning, MP and a representative from BAM. The reinstatement of some paving had been described as a patchwork quilt.

AM had recently walked around the area with Shane Flynn, DBC. He had asked to see the contract drawn up between DBC and BAM. Unfortunately this had not been possible however, it was suggested that BAM 'make good' all areas.

AM advised that he could help fund some works on the reinstatement out of his locality budget. JM disagreed and suggested that Herts Highways should make up the difference in funds. She advised that HH and BAM need to maintain and upkeep the tarmac area around the Pond Road area.

AM advised that s106 monies were still available from a previous development, these funds would be used to pay for yellow lines along Teal Way. He said that there was £7k available for safety and improvements around the Belswains Lane area.

JM asked AM whether he would fund the resurfacing of the rubble footpath at the back of the flats in Nash Mills that runs down towards the canal. This was originally a cinder path that was then covered in bark however was still deemed unsuitable and dangerous by local residents. She suggested that to use tarmac would be a cheap and safer option than other coverings. AM will investigate and report back.

c) Abbot's Hill Playing Field – GD had contacted James Woods, the bursar and was waiting for a response.

d) Issues Raised by Warden's Reports – during December, the Warden had reported that bird deterrent materials had been found strewn on the ground around Gade Towers. This had been reported to Stephanie Bayley, DBC by the clerk.

e) Matters Raised by Councillors – GD asked whether the parish council would help fund the refreshments at all forthcoming 'Friends of Bunkers Park' events. The amount that was proposed was £60 - £100 all Cllrs. agreed.

f) Memorial Gardens – A sign for dog fouling had now been recently erected around the grassy area. There had been no further problems reported.

g) The Denes Car Parking Scheme. – This item was dealt with by AM at the beginning of the meeting.

h) Resident's Association Initiative – HG had been advised by a local Residents' Association that they would be applying for funds from the parish council in the Spring.

i) Chalkmine Event – This event will now be rescheduled to a later date.

LF closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 10th February 2014.**

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CHAIRMAN

10th February 2014
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