

NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the full Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10TH June 2013 at Nash Mills Village Hall, Hemel Hempstead

Councillors present: - Cllr. Mrs Foster
Cllr. Doole
Cllr. Mrs Doole
Cllr. Jackson
Cllr. Ms Bayley

Also present: Linda Sutton, clerk.
Hertfordshire County Councillor Anthony McKay.
One member of the public.

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Cllr. Mrs Foster welcomed everybody to the meeting and extended a warm welcome to County Cllr. McKay.

LF explained that the order of the agenda would need to be changed as Item 5 Approval of Annual Return 2012/13 would need to be discussed at the beginning of the meeting as GD was unable to stay for the remainder of the meeting due to work commitments.

GD read out the part of the yearend and the variances between the current and the previous year. He explained that there had been higher donations paid from the previous year and more donations were intended these would include The Denes car parking scheme. He explained that monies had been set aside in Reserves for this purpose. GD also mentioned that grit had been provided free of charge by Hertfordshire County Council in the last year which had helped considerably. Last year the warden had been on less hours and GD explained that new office equipment had been purchased.

The Annual Return 2012/13 was circulated to all Cllrs. it was approved by the council and signed, the annual governance statement was also approved and signed. A copy of the AR is held by the clerk for inspection purposes.

The clerk will send the AR to BDO by special delivery before the 30th June.

LS

LF explained that the main topic of the meeting tonight was the funding for The Denes car parking scheme. This meant that some items maybe deferred to the next meeting in July. She suggested that the plans for The Denes car parking scheme be exhibited at some point either on the website or magazine so that the local community could be engaged in discussions.

At one point before the plans had been drawn up Cllr. Mrs Maddern and Cllr. Mrs Doole had canvassed the shop keepers along the parade. They had asked them whether they were interested in the car parking scheme being implemented at the time all the stores contacted were very enthusiastic about the project.

LF explained that the car park refurbishment had been Cllr. Mrs Maddern's idea; she had recently given an update on the scheme and explained the estimated costs and how much she had spent out of her locality budget. LF invited AM to speak.

Cllr. McKay (AM) introduced himself to all and thanked the parish council for inviting him to the parish council meeting.

He explained that he had inherited the remainder of JM's locality budget and would still have to oversee the remaining projects she had implemented during the previous year. This did leave him somewhat restricted financially.

AM listed some of the projects he had inherited included the resurfacing of Risedale Road, signage for Bunkers Lane, footways repairs in Hobbs Hill Road and resurfacing of Belswains Lane.

He advised that he had already met up with Peter Wright, Hertfordshire Highways and also spoken to Dave Bowman, Ringways and considered himself up to speed with The Denes car parking scheme, but wanted to find out whether third parties would consider contributing.

AM asked the parish council whether they all thought Tesco would be willing to help with funding. LF said she did not think so at this point and he agreed.

AM advised that he would contact Tesco himself and clarify with them whether they intended to make a contribution to the scheme. He explained to all that he may have more impact as a County Councillor. Everybody agreed that this was a good idea.

The clerk was advised to send AM the email address of Cllr. Collins so that he could get the contact details for Tesco.

LS

AM said that he was already aware of the amount of money that JM had spent (£7k) from her locality budget so far on the four revised sets of plans. He said he was concerned that tax payers had now already spent this amount of money and advised the parish councillors that he would speak again to HCC to see whether they could help further.

LF emphasised that this was a County project however, all Parish Cllrs. had agreed previously that they would consider helping with the funding. She said she felt very strongly about ensuring the scheme went ahead, as it would benefit the local residents of Nash Mills. LF also mentioned that Nash Mills Parish Council would certainly be making a large contribution towards the scheme.

JD stressed it was an important part of the parish. GD gave his apologies and left the meeting.

LF explained to AM that at one point monies had been available from DBC; this was to enable the refurbishment of the shopping parade. However, due to the shops already being in quite good condition DBC had agreed to help fund the scheme instead. AM said he would contact DBC on the current situation.

AM advised the parish council that he had reported to Hertfordshire Highways the unmarked roundabout at the junction of Kingfisher Drive.

DJ advised that the home owner on the corner had now trimmed their hedges back, this had helped with visibility.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Maddern sent her apologies, which were duly noted. Cllr. Collins had informed Cllr. Doole earlier that he would not be attending the meeting.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No comments were made by the public.

LB asked AM whether he would attend and participate in the Chalk mine meetings. He asked for details and she advised him that she would send an email out after the meeting with the relevant information.

LB

LF suggested that AM contact Shane Flynn, DBC. She said that DBC had been the facilitators between all the bodies during the works and had made a very good job of it so far.

LB also advised AM of a recent security incident that she had dealt with involving a young woman's complaint within that area. She reported that the security number of the community office that had been advertised had just rang out. Another telephone number LB had been given was also unable to help as they were unaware of where the Highbarns area was. LB said this service was unacceptable and said she was disappointed with the outcome as she had been previously informed that the area was under 24 hour surveillance. BAM had yet to return LB's calls.

AM said he would investigate.

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

LF signed the approved April's draft minutes and the draft minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council once Cllrs. had all agreed they were true and accurate.

5. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL RETURN 2012/13 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

See Item 1.

6. BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS (15 minutes)

7. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME DISCUSSION

a) Website - any updates have been deferred to the next meeting. The Clerk will contact Peter Fleming to arrange to reinstall adobe on the new laptop as she was unable to add any new information.

LS

b) Chalk mines – discussed earlier.

c) AHS playing fields -any updates have been deferred to the next meeting.

d) Issues raised by warden's report. – no new updates had been reported. The clerk will check with the warden whether further supplies of dog bags need to be ordered.

LS/TB

e) Matters raised by Cllrs. - no matters had been raised.

f) Memorial Gardens – any updates have been deferred to the next meeting.

LF emphasised that NMPC wanted the scheme to go ahead as soon as possible and were committed to the project. She advised AM that a parish council meeting was not held in August and that he would need to get back to the Parish Council with an update as soon as possible in order for a decision to be made.

After much discussion for most of the meeting between AM and the parish councillors on how much money was needed to complete the works, a decision had still not been reached.

It was therefore agreed that AM would go back to Hertfordshire County Council and clarify whether a firm figure had been finalised and how much of his locality budget he had remaining.

AM reiterated to all that he would contact Tesco and DBC in the near future. He thanked everybody at the meeting and gave out his contact details for future reference and advised all to contact him if they needed to at any point.

LF thanked AM for his time and asked all the Cllrs. present whether they had anything they would like to have added to the agenda for the next meeting on Monday 8th July. There were no suggestions.

DJ advised that he would be unable to attend this meeting and gave his apologies in advance.

LF closed the meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be on Monday 8th July 2013.

8th July 2013

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CHAIRMAN

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SIGNED ON