

Minutes of the full Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10TH March 2014 at
Nash Mills Village Hall, Hemel Hempstead

Councillors present: - Cllr. Mrs Gough
Cllr. Mrs Bayley
Cllr. Collins
Cllr. Doole
Cllr. Mrs Doole
Cllr. Jackson
Cllr. Mrs Maddern

Also present: Linda Sutton, Clerk.
County Cllr. Anthony McKay
David Drew, Parish Warden
Two members of the public.

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Cllr. Mrs Gough agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of LF. She welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

LF sent her apologies, which were duly noted.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of the public in attendance.

A local resident asked why the cherry trees in Red Lion Lane had been cut down without any fore warning.

David Drew, the Parish Warden advised the Cllrs. that he had noticed that HCC workmen had carried out the tree felling. GD told AM that the developers had originally placed hoardings around the cherry trees to avoid them being disturbed. County Cllr Anthony McKay made a note of the incident and would investigate. **AM**

GD suggested that the cut down trees be replaced with a similar type of tree and of similar age.

HG invited LB to give an update on the Chalkmines and suggested that AM can then report on The Denes Car Parking Scheme as the next item.

LB reported that she had been in contact again with Shane Flynn, DBC regarding the reinstatement works. It appeared that more top soil was needed to assist the returfing. AM commented that the reinstatement of green spaces needed to be of good standard and not result in looking like a patchwork quilt. He commended LB's efforts with regards to the reinstatement.

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LB said it had been frustrating to keep contacting DBC and BAM for updates. She still felt that the works were not being overseen properly. She also commented that the reinstatements to the green spaces were being carried out by workmen rather than professional landscape gardeners and that this was not an ideal situation. She advised that she would continue to check on reinstatement progress. **LB**

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GD asked AM whether the areas where the huts were sited would eventually be grasscreted. AM assured GD that works would hopefully be carried out to help improve the area.

AM said he had managed to get a copy of the contract drawn up between BAM and DBC and it transpired that a fixed price of £20k had been allocated for the reinstatement. This amount would now more than likely double.

LB reported that since the damaged tree in Highbarns was due to be cut down she had now begun to carry out a survey with her neighbours to find out whether they were keen to have some other trees in the Highbarns area 'topped'.

Once the survey is complete LB will contact Luke Johnson, DBC with the results. **LB**

AM reported that The Denes Car Parking Scheme was moving forward. He advised that works would commence as soon as a decision was made concerning the felling of trees around the area.

He explained that the enhancement of the car park would result in 40% more car parking spaces and that the project would take approximately three weeks to complete. AM explained that the next stage would be to communicate to local residents about the proposed work programme.

GD suggested that an article in the spring edition of the magazine should be arranged and made available on the website. **LS**

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AM advised that he had recently commissioned a speed survey for Barnacres Road. It appeared that the average speed of vehicles was approximately 25 miles per hour.

He will email the speed survey statistics to the Clerk for distribution. **AM/LS**

AM spoke about a reoccurring problem concerning a van being parked on a grass verge in Fairacre. This problem had been raised originally by Cllr. Collins. AM advised that since receiving an unsatisfactory response from the local Police, he had then spoken with David Lloyd, Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire for further clarification.

AM said the solution would be to raise the kerb and have bollards at each end of the verge.

AM also reported that yellow lines will be painted in the area previously suggested along Teal Way, and part of Barnacres Road would be resurfaced.

TC asked AM whether zig zag lines could be painted outside the local school. AM suggested to TC that a site visit should be organised in the near future. **AM/TC**

LB and DJ both advised AM about pot holes in the Nash Mills area, AM asked them to drop him an email with exact location details. **LB/DJ**

GD asked AM whether HCC had any information as to why there were still so many repeat street light faults. AM advised he would investigate. **AM**

LB advised she would contact Shane Flynn, DBC regarding the works to the hole in Meadow Road. AM advised that it might be worth leaving the road closures for the time being, he said it all depended on how long the works to Meadow Road would take. LB advised that up to six months should be acceptable. **LB**

HG thanked AM for the update.

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

It was agreed by Cllrs. and with further clarification from Parachute IT, that a three year contract for remote support would be signed at April's meeting. **LS**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GD reported that the parish council accounts were still in the black; however it was understandable that there will be costs incurred with The Denes Car Parking Scheme.

HG advised that there were two planning applications to be discussed after the full parish council meeting.

6. BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS (15 minutes)

7. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME DISCUSSION

a) Website – Information regarding The Denes Car Parking Scheme will be published in the near future on the site as a pdf of the spring parish magazine will also be available. **LS**

b) Chalkmines – This subject was discussed earlier on in the meeting.

c) Abbot's Hill Playing Field – This item is to be discussed in more depth at the April meeting. GD advised that he had recently received a response from AHS. They were not keen to fund the removal of play equipment but may extend the lease at some point.

d) Issues Raised by Warden's Reports – David Drew had emailed AM with a list of silted gullies after the last meeting. LB advised that residents wanted assurances that the drains were clear.

8. Matters Raised by Councillors – AM advised that larger signage would be installed along Bunkers Lane to alert heavy goods vehicle drivers. GD commented that the 7 tonne limit signs were largely ignored and that sat navs were directing drivers along the lane. LB advised that some signage had been replaced in Chambersbury Lane.

f) Memorial Gardens – to be discussed at the next meeting.

g) The Denes Car Parking Scheme. – This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

h) Resident’s Association Initiative – HG advised that Willows Residents Association were now looking for funding and she had advised them that they would need to attend the Annual Parish Council meeting.

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

DJ had noticed that Hertfordshire Police had published leaflets but had omitted information as to who policed the Nash Mills Parish area. It also transpired that the leaflets were not distributed throughout Nash Mills as some Cllrs. had not received them.

HG advised she would investigate.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 14th April 2014**. The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

14th April 2014

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Chairman

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