

Minutes of the full Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11TH November 2013
at Nash Mills Village Hall, Hemel Hempstead

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

Also present: Linda Sutton, clerk.
Four members of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Vice Chairman Cllr. Mrs Gough took the chair in the absence of Cllr. Mrs Foster and welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Two local residents had attended the meeting in order to give their opinion on a proposed planning application. Stephenson's Cottages were due to be converted into childcare facilities on Nash Mills Wharf opposite their home. One resident asked to make his comments earlier in the meeting as he had time restrictions.

HG suggested that they could make their comments under Item 3.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

LF sent her apologies, which were duly noted. TC gave his apologies from the previous meeting.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Shephard, local resident advised that he and his neighbour had serious concerns over recent proposed plans on the Nash Wharf development. It was proposed that Stephenson's Cottage would be converted into a childcare facility.

Their concerns were wide ranging covering outlook from their properties, parking, and the safety of children, parents and staff etc. He advised that Belswains Lane was already a very busy road especially at peak times.

PS raised concerns on the process in which the Planning Department had notified local residents. Letters were received close to the closing date thereby not giving them much time to research or visit the planning offices. (For the full comments sent to the Planning Department by PS please contact the Clerk).

GD suggested that a site visit could be organised in the near future.

GD

HG thanked them for attending the meeting and advised them that their comments would be noted. A planning meeting was due to be held after the full parish council meeting.

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

GD was still attempting to contact Fiona Webb, DBC. He advised that one issue that was made apparent during the Remembrance Service was that access around the pond was very restricted. He reported that twenty adults and thirty children struggled to assemble around the area. **GD**

TC advised that dog mess was very evident around the Memorial Gardens. It was suggested that once the new warden had been appointed they would be advised to monitor the area.

GD suggested that local residents should complain to the environmental health department at Dacorum Borough Council.

TC and JM's article about The Denes Car Parking Scheme for the parish magazine is ongoing. There have been no recent updates from Cllr. Anthony McKay.

TC advised the clerk to contact him and ask why he had not attended the parish council meeting. The clerk will email AM. **LS**

LB advised that she was willing to help organise the Chalkmine event, but GD suggested that since the discovery of a further hole it would be best to first contact Shane Flynn, DBC for an update.

HG advised she was currently compiling an article about the Residents' Associations Initiative. This would be advertised in the winter edition of the parish magazine and posted on the parish council's website. **HG/LS**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

GD reported that Nash Mills Parish Council were still in the black. A budget meeting would be arranged either in December or January and GD was aiming for a zero increase as in the previous year. **LS/GD**

HG advised that the comments made earlier by the two members of the public would be noted and taken into consideration.

The Planning Committee were meeting later to discuss the proposed amended planning application for Stephenson's Cottage.

6. PERSONNEL REPORT – Warden Vacancy

LB reported that there had been a good response to the advert. She advised that a paper sift would be conducted after the meeting and an interview date would be arranged. **LS/HG/JM**

7. BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS (15 minutes)

8. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME DISCUSSION

- a) Website – TC queried how many people looked on the website and whether statistics were still available. DJ advised he would investigate and report back. **DJ**

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b) Chalkmines – LB reported that another collapse had occurred. This was just outside the Land Dereliction Order, and therefore was not covered in the current works. LB will email out the information she had received to Cllrs. She advised that the next meeting to discuss the Chalkmines would be held on the 19th November.

c) Abbot’s Hill Playing Field – GD reported that he had emailed James Wood, the newly appointed bursar at the school concerning the playing fields and was waiting for a response.

d) Issues raised by Warden’s Reports – the clerk reported that a new grit bin had been purchased by NMPC and sited on the junction of Meadow Road and Pond Road.

e) Matters Raised by Councillors – JM commented that she was very surprised and concerned that works to the pedestrian crossing had still not been carried out. She advised that she had rung Dave Bowman, Ringway. He had advised that he would now prioritise the works in the near future.

f) Memorial Gardens – GD reported that during the Remembrance Service it had become apparent that when large groups of people gathered that it was difficult to negotiate around the pond area.

g) The Denes Car Parking Scheme. – deferred to the next meeting.

h) Resident’s Association Initiative – HG will compile an article for the winter edition of the parish magazine and website. **HG**

i) Chalkmine Event – GD and LB will check with Shane Flynn, DBC regarding the date of the planned event. **GD/LB**

9. PLAN FOR DIVERSION ROUTES WITHIN NASH MILLS

This item would be deferred to the next meeting.

TC warned that adverse weather conditions were forecast for the next few months so parish council meetings may be cancelled.

Information on meetings would be published on the parish website and tweeted by the clerk. **LS**

HG closed the meeting 9.09pm.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th December 2013.

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CHAIRMAN

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