

Minutes of the full Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9TH September 2013 at
Nash Mills Village Hall, Hemel Hempstead

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

Also present: Linda Sutton, clerk.
PCSO Martin
Two members of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Cllr. Mrs Foster welcomed everybody to the meeting.

She invited PCSO Martin to read out the most recent crime report for Nash Mills. He advised that there had been 7 crime incidents. IM reported that a vehicle in Teal Way had been vandalised the tyres had been slashed, another incident involved two drunken men kicking a vehicle in Barnacres Road, other incidents included common assault at Gade Towers and scrap metal stolen from Barnacres Road.

A further incident involved a drunk driver failing to stop after a traffic accident.

TC asked whether IM had known about a robbery at a garage in Barnacres Road, IM replied that he knew that the area had been targeted recently by thieves.

IM left the meeting after LF thanked him for his report.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

DJ sent his apologies, which were duly noted.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments made by the public.

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

LF signed the July's draft minutes as a true record. She then went through the current action list.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

GD advised that earlier at the Finance meeting Cllrs. examined two months' worth of expenditure.

It had been decided at the Finance meeting earlier that a separate item line would be added to the expenditure sheets under the heading of 'The Denes Car Parking Scheme'. **LS**

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An amount had already been donated by NMPC towards the next stage of the scheme. It was also suggested that more information regarding the car parking scheme be made available on the website and in the parish magazine winter edition. LF suggested that the public be made aware that trees will be cut down she advised it was imperative that they be given a platform to view their concerns. It was also suggested that Cllr. Mckay should be invited to every other NMPC meeting so that he could update the Cllrs. The Clerk will contact him and invite him to the October meeting.

LS

HG reported that various planning applications had been inspected over the last month. She advised that a meeting in the near future had been organised by the developers. They will meet along with residents from Nash Mills Wharf, to discuss some outstanding issues concerning the development. DJ would also be attending as a representative of NMPC.

JM asked what the issues were but HG said she would rather wait until the outcome of the meeting and report back next month.

HG/DJ

6. BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS (15 minutes)

7. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME DISCUSSION

a) Website – Gade Tower event had been advertised on NMPC’s website. GD advised he would be attending along with JD.

GD/JD

b) Chalk mines – GD reported that a press release had recently been announced stating that the chalk mines works should be finished by November. GD also suggested to councillors that an event could be held at the village hall to celebrate the works being completed. He asked LB who is an events manager whether she would be able to help organise the celebration.

GD/LB

c) AHS playing fields – GD had sent an email to Peter Storey, temporary bursar at AHS and was still waiting for a response. Wicksteed had contacted the clerk and advised they would be carrying out an unaccompanied inspection on Thursday 12th September. GD advised the clerk to contact the parish warden and ask her to have a walk round on Wednesday and check that litter and other debris had been collected up.

LS/TB

d) Issues raised by warden’s report. – The clerk had received several responses to the siting of grit bins in Nash Mills Parish. One local resident advised that the grit bin at the bottom of Georgewood Road should be relocated to its original place.

The clerk will advise the warden.

LS/TB

e) Matters raised by Cllrs - GD advised he would be accompanying Sally Marshall, Chief Executive of Dacorum Borough Council on a ward walk. He asked that any items of concern be emailed to him. Issues already identified included congestion of cars parked on Bunkers Lane by dog walkers. Other items included damaged nameplates, parking congestion at The Denes and the damaged steps on Georgewood Road.

JM reported that there had been a fire in the car park at the site of the old Methodist Church. TC explained that volunteers had been burning litter and the fire became unmanageable. The local fire brigade were then alerted.

LB advised that an online petition had been set up against the development of a mosque on the site. She said it had already attracted several hundred names.

LF warned all councillors that if they were on the Planning Committee and had already made known their feelings regarding any hypothetical application they will have lost the right to vote as they have publicly announced their views. She stressed that this rule would be enforced.

f) Memorial Gardens – GD had received plans from Linden Homes which showed that there had been new developments. The water feature was to be covered over and hedging would be introduced, seating appeared to differ from the original concept.

GD suggested that after the parish council meeting councillors were given the opportunity to view the plans and leave comments with him to take forward to the meeting on the 25th September. He would then report back. **GD**

g) The Dene’s Car Parking Scheme - discussed earlier.

h) Resident’s Association Initiative – GD advised that Cllrs. had agreed to help provide set up costs and maintenance for the new initiative. They had agreed that £100 per annum would be an acceptable amount.

They also agreed that they would like the RA’s to then give some feedback at the annual parish council meeting on what the monies had been spent on.

The information concerning the new initiative will be made available in the parish magazine winter edition and on the parish website. **LS**

LB asked when a new list of meeting dates would be available. The clerk advised that they would be available at the next meeting. **LS**

LF closed the meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th October 2013.

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CHAIRMAN

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