

NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL JULY MINUTES 2014

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Minutes of the full Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th July 2014 at Nash Mills Village Hall, Hemel Hempstead

Councillors present: - Cllr. Mrs Foster – Chairman

Cllr. Mrs Gough

Cllr. Ms Bayley

Cllr. Mrs Maddern

Also present: Linda Sutton, Parish Clerk.

County Cllr. Anthony McKay.

David Drew, Parish Warden.

Six members of the public.

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME.

Cllr. Mrs Foster welcomed everybody to the meeting. She explained that several Cllrs. were on annual leave and with this in mind the agenda would be slightly altered and certain items would be deferred until the September meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

DJ, GD, JD and TC sent their apologies, which were duly noted.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were six members of the public in attendance.

Jennifer Percival, Willows' RA had contacted the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting regarding the problem of dog fouling within the Willows estate. She was invited to speak by LF.

Jennifer explained that the Willows' RA had been maintaining a small green space located at the back of their properties for some time. Occasionally, they hold small events and children from the area use the green space to play on. Recently, local residents were then made aware that dog walkers from the surrounding area were

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using the area to let their dogs off the lead. There had been no attempt by the dog owners to follow their dogs and clean up after them.

Jennifer asked the parish council that some signage could be erected around the area advising owners that their dogs must be kept on a lead. She also advised that Willows' RA were willing to fund the signage

LF thanked JP for her comments and suggested that the Parish Clerk contact the dog warden at DBC for some advice and to then liaise with JP. LS

LF then addressed Andrea Maloney, NASH Residents' Association. Andrea had recently spoken to David Drew, Parish Warden regarding a request for funding. He suggested that she contact the Clerk.

AM advised the parish council that NASH RA' funds were low after holding several local events and paying for the hiring of the hall. LF asked JP, Willows' RA whether they charge fees to which they replied that each member pays £5 annually. LF then asked AM did NASH RA charge local residents fees and she said that they no longer did. DBC had helped RA's with set up costs many years ago and at one point the RA had a large membership of 350 but now they reduced to 120.

LF suggested that the RA write in to the parish council with a formal request and copy in County Cllr. Anthony McKay. He mentioned at that there may be some funds within his locality budget. LF suggested that NASH RA stipulate an amount that they would need in order to carry on functioning as a RA. The request would then be considered.

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

LF signed June's minutes as a true record. LF read through the previous action list and this was then updated.

All other actions had been carried out and were considered resolved. LF advised everybody attending the meeting that it would need to move along quickly as a Personnel meeting was due to be held later in the evening.

She invited Cllr. McKay to update the parish council on the car parking scheme.

5. THE DENES CAR PARKING SCHEME UPDATE

Cllr. McKay advised the parish council that he had received good news from Dacorum Borough Council. They too had agreed to contribute towards the cost of the scheme.

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This effectively meant that HCC, DBC and NMPC were donating just under £15k each. The total cost of the works was a fixed price of £43,868.56. Cllr. McKay advised the parish council that DBC had already put in writing that they were willing to donate.

JM said that if her memory served her right she recalled that NMPC had agreed that they would donate approximately £20k, when she first had the concept of improving the car park.

Cllr. McKay advised the parish council that he had fought hard to get the fees reduced. LF told Cllr. McKay he was not to slow the process down by involving Tesco.

LF and all the Cllrs. present at the meeting agreed to fund the amount.

Cllr. McKay advised LF that an invoice would be sent to the Clerk. The Clerk told him that a cheque would be signed in August. The Clerk will contact GD and DJ to arrange to have cheques signed. **LS**

Cllr. McKay suggested the clerk contact Peter Wright, HCC for further details. **LS**

LF asked Cllr. McKay whether he had information on how long the works at The Denes would take. He advised that they would take approximately 12 weeks and that he was trying hard to keep most of the car park open.

LF emphasised that Herts Highways must not ruin the verges when working on the site.

Cllr. McKay advised that all of Barnacres Road will be resurfaced once the works at Red Lion Lane are completed.

LB asked him when the pavements would be completed in the Pond Road area. She advised that it would make more sense for all residual works to be completed at the same time. She advised she did not want the result to 'look like a patch work quilt'.

LB also asked Cllr. McKay whether he was resolving the problem of the large trucks travelling down Bunkers Lane. He advised that he had been speaking to Geoff Bayley, Herts Highways over this issue and GB had advised that HCC would need some evidence. LF said this was ridiculous idea and suggested that Geoff Bayley visits Bunkers Lane on a Monday morning at 8am to see for himself.

Cllr. McKay suggested to the parish councillors and public that if they have any images of large trucks using Bunkers Lane that they email them to him for evidence.

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He also reported that he had monies from his locality budget available for any miscellaneous works in the area. He had already planned to have yellow lines in Teal Way and Bittern Close. These were needed to stop cars parking close to the junction and causing an obstruction.

At this point everybody at the meeting gave their opinion on where the yellow lines should be put. Members of Willows' RA advised Cllr. McKay that they had already suggested where the yellow lines should go. After much discussion Cllr. McKay advised he would contact individuals after the meeting for their opinions.

It was also highlighted to Cllr. McKay by the parish council that the approach to the roundabout at Kingfisher Drive was still causing issues due to restricted visibility. Local properties had overgrown hedges which obscured the view. Cllr. McKay advised he would investigate.

LF thanked Cllr. McKay for his report on the car parking scheme.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There was no finance report as the finance meeting was cancelled due to not being quorate.

The Clerk advised that the expenditure sheets and financial schedule would be signed at the September meeting. The Clerk will contact either GD or DJ in the near future and arrange to have a second signatory sign the cheques. **LS**

LF had signed all the cheques and the bank transfer letter at the full parish meeting.

A short planning meeting had been held prior to the full parish council meeting and two applications had been approved.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting full parish council meeting will be on Monday 8th September 2014.

LF thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 9pm.

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Chairman

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8th September 2014