

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

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

Also present: Linda Sutton, Parish Clerk.
David Drew, Parish Warden.
One member of the public.

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Cllr. Mrs Foster welcomed everybody to the meeting. She invited PCSO Ian Martin to speak.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Apologies had been received from GD and TC. JM had sent her apologies advising she would be late, all were duly noted.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PCSO Ian Martin advised that there had been five crimes reported in October within Nash Mills. He commented that October had been fairly quiet. He explained that there had been one theft from a motor vehicle and that a ladder had been taken. There was also a report of a motorcycle being stolen in Nash Mills Wharf. A car was keyed in Bittern Close and a motorbike was pushed over and damaged by an inebriated friend. JD asked if the figures were down from last year.

LF commented that theft from shops appeared to have dropped and IM commented that he didn't think half of the thefts were being reported.

One particular prolific offender was stealing items on a regular basis from Tesco, The Denes. He was subsequently arrested.

HG asked IM whether there had been a lot of motorbike thefts in recent months. IM said that only the ones that were not garaged. LF commented that these were opportunist thefts.

LF thanked IM for attending the meeting and IM left the building.

LF invited the member of public to speak. AS, the treasurer for the Willows Residents' Association, he had come to the meeting to ask whether a decision had been made about funding for the recent advertised initiative. LF replied that funding was to be made available and that she already had a figure in mind. She proposed a figure of £2k, to be used for RA funding requests. New Residents' Associations may be given slightly more to cover set up costs. Once a decision has been made the information will go on the website.

AS, Willows RA, advised that they do get funds from their members by way of membership subscription fees. He also said that they do hold numerous fund raising events. LF said that she was aware that some RAs do not take membership fees. She said that RAs can request funding from the Parish Council via email. LF proposed £2k as the amount and LB, HG and JD all agreed that it would be set aside and reflected in the budget.

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

LF was unable to sign the October's minutes as a true record as there were not enough Cllrs present that had attended last month's meeting. This was then deferred to December's meeting. **LF**

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A finance meeting had not been held earlier. There had not been enough Cllrs. at the meeting to constitute a quorum.

The financial schedule and expenditure sheets will now be signed in December.

LF signed the cheques. The clerk will arrange for the cheques to be signed by DJ when he is available. **LS**

6. BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

7. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

a) Chalkmines Update – LF asked LB whether there was an update in the chalk mine works. LB replied that the 24th November had been provisionally booked as the start date for the reinstatement.

b) Issues raised by Warden’s Report – LF asked DD, the Parish Warden, whether there were any issue to discuss, he replied there were none.

c) Matters raised by Councillors – LF reported that she had recently read an email from Jackie Ambrose planning officer at DBC. LF said she was not happy with the response. She said that at the very beginning when the planning application was initially submitted that Cllrs at that time had concerns and one condition was that the cherry trees on Red Lion Lane were to be retained. LF said ultimately it is down to Dacorum Borough Council to pay for the costs. She was aware that GD and DJ were both investigating the removal of the cherry trees and that GD had said that he would contact JA at some point. If the situation is not resolved successfully then LF suggested that the parish council contact Sally Marshall, CEO.

LB asked the clerk whether any progress had been made with a recent request from a local resident asking whether the resurfacing of the Cart Track would be possible. The clerk advised that Herts Highways were still investigating the status of the Cart Track. She said she would contact Herts Highways again and update the local resident.

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HG asked the clerk whether she had received any further information from County Cllr. Anthony McKay regarding the yellow lines. The clerk said that there was no update at this time.

LB said that the yellow lines need to be implemented as a priority as vehicles were already started to park down Red Lion Lane. LF added that they were also parking down Bunkers Lane. LB reported that she had already sent an image to AM that she thought may help. LF suggested that AM look at the highways agreement. LB said that the prime time for this to have been implemented was when the roads had been previously closed. LB will contact AM.

LB

d) Abbot’s Hill playing fields – This item was discussed in the October meeting.

e) Works to trees in Nash Mills - LB said she had been contacted by Luke Johnston, DBC, regarding the topping of trees in High Barns. He has now reported back to her saying that there are further issues.

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LB said that she needs to speak to GD as there are financial implications. LF asked her if there is a figure in mind. LB said that that there is no figure at the moment. LB to contact GD. **LB**

f) Nash Mills C of E School request for funding - LF advised that the parish council had recently received a funding request from Nash Mills Primary School C of E.

Andrew Henderson, deputy head, had sent in the request along with a quote outlining the works that the school would like to carry out in the near future. This amounted to approximately £6k.

Cllrs. discussed the request in detail and all agreed that they would be quite happy to donate £1k towards the improvements.

The clerk will email Andrew Henderson. **LS**

LF thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

The next full parish council meeting will be held on Monday 8th December 2014. JM gave her apologies as she will be unavailable on this date.

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