

NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors present: - Cllr. Mrs Foster – Chairman
Cllr. Mrs Maddern
Cllr. Doole
Cllr. Mrs Doole
Cllr. Jackson
Cllr. Mrs Bayley
Cllr. Mrs Gough

Also present: Linda Sutton, clerk.
Andrea Maloney - NASH Residents Association.

1. CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME.

The Chairman, Cllr. Mrs Foster welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

TC sent his apologies, which were duly noted. JM advised that she would arrive later on during the evening. LF declared an interest in the discussion of possible funding for Nash Mills Primary School, as a recent ex-employee she advised she would leave the room whilst this item was being discussed.

LF advised that the action list would be dealt with first then they would move on to the requests for funding as there were several to discuss.

The warden will re-attach a plaque on a tree in Chambersbury Lane. **LS/TB**

LB had sent out a recent news letter to all Cllrs. concerning updates on the chalk mines. The next meeting is to be held at Nash Mills School 26th March.

GD had written to DBC again regarding the damaged wall in Meadow Road. He is still waiting for an update. **GD/LB**

GD will send the link to DJ re: Hemel Hempstead conservation volunteers. **GD/DJ**

The clerk will report potholes to HCC. **LS**

The Clerk will contact the warden regarding working extra hours. **LS/TB**

DJ advised that the twitter widget had been updated. He advised more tweets should be made and that NMPC should follow more organisations. **LS**

The competition that DJ and HG had setup on the website called ‘Where am I?’ will remain on the website for the foreseeable future.

GD had met recently with MS, Bursar from Abbot's Hill School and discussions had taken place. GD was hopeful of the current issues being resolved. **GD**

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AM was asked whether she would like to speak as she was here representing NASH Residents Association.

NASH Residents Association (NRA) had planted a tree in 2012 to commemorate the jubilee. They would now like to add a granite plaque. AM asked the parish council whether they would consider helping with funding. LF advised that NRA would need to provide them with quotes etc. She said this was needed so that the parish would be able to reserve monies at a later date.

GD read out a request for funding from 1st Apsley Scouts. The group were looking for a donation to help with repairs to their hut. After some discussion the Cllrs. present voted that they would donate £2,500.

The Clerk will contact fund raiser Dave Woodall and advise the outcome. **LS**

A further request for funding had come via email from Rosie Washford Mower, Head at Nash Mills Primary School.

LF had earlier declared an interest and then left the room before the discussion started.

GD read out the request for funding.

The school was looking for help towards funding 32 ipads this equated to approximately £8,640. Cllrs present discussed the idea and were unable to support the application at this time. Their decision was based on the fact that they would rather fund a more 'permanent' project. The Cllrs. felt that ipads were expendable and have a relatively short life. They also suggested that they would rather consider a project that would impact on more children rather than just the one class.

The Clerk will contact RWM with the Parish Council's decision. **LS**

LF came back into the meeting.

Another request for funding was from a local Residents Association looking to buy a noticeboard. Cllrs. agreed that the association would need to supply quotes and also check with the planning department on the siting of it.

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman, LF signed November's notes and December's minutes.

5. FINANCE/PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORTS

GD recapped on the Finance meeting held earlier. He said that as they were now approaching the end of the financial year he was confident that all transactions had been properly accounted and budgeted for.

GD explained that DBC had received monies from the Government; this in turn was to be allocated to Parish Councils to help cover the shortfall caused by a recent change in the benefits system. GD advised that this should be left in a designated account.

He also reported that DBC had recently advised local parish councils that would be unable to continue giving IT support. This had meant NMPC would need to look for a local company that provided remote service support.

The Clerk had sourced over three quotes. These had been sent out previously for the Cllrs. to read. The Clerk had been recommended 'Parachute IT' by Tim Perkins, the Clerk of Abbot's Langley Parish. They had been with the company for over three years and were pleased with their performance.

Darren Kemble, DBC had advised the Clerk that in the long term an i5 processor would be more beneficial with regards to longevity and speed (most quotes were for an i3). Cllrs. agreed with this and advised the Clerk to ask for a revised quote. On the basis of this amendment Cllrs. agreed to use Parachute IT.

The Clerk will contact Parachute IT.

LS

6. BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS (15 minutes)

7. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME DISCUSSION

These items had been dealt with earlier on in the meeting.

The Chairman had asked whether there were any matters to be raised.

At this time JM arrived at the meeting and gave her apologies. She said she would be speaking to Dave Bowman, Ringway concerning a pavement with a trip hazard.

JM

GD reported that he had recently been in contact with the British Legion with regards to the Memorial Gardens. He had then contacted DBC's Heritage Officer, Fiona Webb and was still waiting for a response.

GD

LF advised that there was no point in worrying about the outcome just yet, as the housing development was not fully completed.

GD advised the parish council that he had spoken recently about an update on the Chalk mines as part of a feature on the local radio.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 8th April 2013.

LF closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

8th April 2013

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CHAIRMAN

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