

NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Those present:

Vice-Chair: Councillor Jan Maddern

Committee Members: Councillor Dave Jackson
Councillor Louise Gross

Also present: Tina Howard, County Councillor
Dave Drew, Parish Warden
Representatives from Affinity Water
Members of the public

1. WELCOME/START TIME

JM welcomed everyone to the meeting which started at 8.00pm.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors LB, TC, HG, PL and RM had all sent apologies. There were no new declarations of interest.

3. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT (IF PRESENT)

JM read a report from Ian Martin (Hertfordshire Police). There had been 5 recordable incidents in May: A burglary at the Denes (Town Tubs); a theft from the Denes (Tesco), one drug related incident and 2 reported assaults at Gade Tower. JM emphasised to members of the public that Nash Mills has one of the lowest crime rates in Hertfordshire. There were no questions.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/GUEST SPEAKER IF AVAILABLE

Representatives of Affinity Water gave a talk on their rationale for fitting water meters across the Parish. The aim is to save water as according to their figures if nothing is done there will be a shortfall of 170 million litres of water each day by 2040 in this country. Meters will be fitted in a rolling programme but residents will remain on their current tariff and receive comparison bills for the next two years (enabling them to compare costs). Affinity Water have promised one free call out to repair any leaks before moving to the

meters completely. The company have also offered to attend local resident association events if invited.

JM thanked Affinity for their interesting talk.

Geoff Doole/Friends of Bunkers Park

Geoff Doole (representing the Friends of Bunkers Park) requested funding for an additional sign in the park to illustrate the types of flora/fauna to be found there. He reminded Councillors that £5,000 had been allocated to the park 7 years ago but this had not been used. DJ asked where this figure had come from? After some discussion it was agreed that this matter would be considered at the next meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The full parish council minutes for May were agreed as a true record. The chair signed the minutes. The Clerk will publish the approved minutes on the parish council's website.

6. ACTION LIST UPDATE

The Action List was reviewed and Tina Howard (County Councillor) agreed to contact Herts Highway regarding the new pathway in Chambersbury Lane.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

DJ reported that due to a lack of quorum the Finance Committee Meeting had been postponed.

The Planning Committee have three applications to consider and will meet at the end of the main Committee Meeting.

LG reported that the Personnel Committee had met and agreed salaries for the Clerk and Warden for this year. LG thanked LS and DD for the outstanding job they do, and the Committee for the collegiate way in which the salary review had been conducted. It was unanimously agreed that the salaries be agreed.

8. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

JM reported that parking in the Denes seemed to be less of a problem at present.

LM reported on PL's behalf that he had been in touch with Councillor's in Kings Langley regarding the railway bridge near to the Red Lion Bridge, who shared his concerns about its appearance. Unfortunately when PL spoke to the railway authorities they advised that they had no plans (or interest) in renovating the bridge.

LM has been assisting a local resident with a planning enforcement issue. She had also been

asked why there were yellow lines to only one side of Red Lion Road as a resident had very nearly been in a severe collision as a result of parked cars near the bend. JM advised that it would not be possible to place yellow lines on both sides (as the cars had to park somewhere) but it might be possible to extend the yellow line so that cars cannot park on the corner and create a blind spot.

Dave Drew advised that dog littering on Longdene is again becoming an issue.

9. **TIME MEETING CLOSED/DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

JM thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10.

Chair

10th July 2017