

# NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **13th February 2017** at Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Road, Nash Mills.

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Those Present:

Chair: Councillor Lisa Bayley

Committee Members: Councillor Rosie Moubray  
Councillor Peter Lardi

Also present: Dave Drew, Parish Warden  
Members of the public

## **1. WELCOME/START TIME**

LB welcomed everybody.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

HG had sent her apologies, which were duly noted and kept on file. JM, LG, TC and DJ sent their apologies.

## **3. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT (IF PRESENT)**

IM had sent his apologies prior to the meeting.

The Clerk had circulated copies of last month's crime figures to Councillors prior to the meeting. LB went through the report and highlighted some of the three crimes reported which included the theft of a motor vehicle, malicious communication via Facebook and one incident concerning a threat to a property.

## **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION\* GUEST SPEAKER (IF AVAILABLE)**

LB announced that the Affinity water saving programme would be rescheduled in the near future. LS will rearrange a date and advertise this on the parish council's website. **LS**

LB invited Doug Davies, local resident to speak. He said that his main issue was inconsiderate parking in his road and the surrounding areas. He said that vehicles were parking up on pavements and he explained that anyone with a double buggy would have to walk in the road. Andrea Maloney, local resident agreed and said that residents from other areas were using Mill Close to park their vehicles overnight.

LB noted their comments and said that this was an ongoing issue within Nash Mills and probably further; she suggested that the Clerk contact IM and ask him to patrol the area. **LS**

Alan Say, Willows Residents' Association advised that they were still liaising with DBC over the noise levels appearing to come from a pump or generator. He gave a brief overview of the issues. LB recalled that Jennifer Percival had attended a meeting recently and had highlighted the concerns of the residents' association. LB reiterated the previous advice given; sending DBC individual letters from residents complaining about the noise, keeping a journal and speaking to the maintenance team using the leaf blowers at unsociable times.

LS asked AS to send over copies of the correspondence so that the parish council were kept in the loop.

The public expressed concern at the progress in implementing the double yellow lines some lines seemed to have been carried further than necessary whereas others seemed not to be carried through to junctions.

LB explained that works had started but due to faults with some of the machinery - progress was slow. She said that JM was in constant contact with Rob Smith, Herts Highways. LB assured the public that once the works had been completed then JM would inspect the areas and draw up a 'snagging list'.  
**JM**

#### **5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The full parish council minutes for January were agreed as a true record. The Chair signed the minutes. The Clerk will publish the approved minutes on the parish council's website.  
**LS**

#### **6. SETTING OF THE PRECEPT/APPROVAL OF DRAFT BUDGET 2017/18**

The Clerk had previously distributed both the working papers of the draft budget 2017/18 and the parish precept forms from Richard Baker, DBC to all councillors via email. Hard copies of both were available for inspection at the meeting. Councillors agreed that the precept figure 2017/18 Band D tax would remain the same at £23.00, the same amount as last year so that meant that there would be a 0% increase. Three councillors signed the precept form LB, RM and PL.

The Clerk will photocopy the signed forms and send the original hard copy to Richard Baker, Finance Department DBC.  
**LS**

The draft budget was approved by councillors and agreed that this would be signed by the Chair of Finance Dave Jackson on his return.  
**DJ/LS**

#### **7. ACTION LIST (Update).**

The action list had been updated and the Chair had deleted items that had been dealt with and were considered resolved.

LB asked RM if there was an update concerning Nash House. RM reported that she had been told that the developer was in the process of applying for a change from commercial use to residential. She said she would keep the parish council informed of any news.  
**RM**

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The Clerk had recently distributed to all councillors an email from Mark Stephens, ex bursar to Abbots Hill School, to Mike Penning. MP. He had requested that the MP contact and lobby Dacorum Borough Council about the future of Nash House.

LB asked PL if he had any updates on the lighting issue. He reported that some lights had been installed in the Nash Mills Wharf area. LB suggested this action could now be removed from the action list. **LS**

### **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee Report - Councillor Moubray reported that the finance meeting had been cancelled as they were not quorate. The committee were unable to sign the minutes and in the absence of several members it was agreed that actions outstanding would be deferred to the next finance meeting. **LS**

Personnel Committee Report - Councillor Louise Gross was absent.

Planning Committee Report – Peter Lardi (Chair of Planning) advised that the planning meeting had been cancelled as they were not quorate. He reported that there was one application to be considered and suggested that he contact Nigel Gibbs for an update on what documents were available for inspection. **PL**

Doug Davies, local resident asked for an update on the Methodist Church. LB explained that fencing was being erected around the area but this would be subject to a time constraint.

LS asked AM if she would like to be added to the distribution list for the weekly planning applications list, AM agreed that this would be most helpful. **LS**

The public were again reminded that they were welcome to attend parish council planning meetings.

### **9. CODE OF CONDUCT**

It had been agreed that this should be deferred until the full Parish Council are all present. **LS**

### **10. COUNCILLORS TO REPORT ON THEIR DESIGNATED AREAS**

LB had nothing to report.

### **11. SAVE THE VERGES. – (Working Party Update).**

Discussed earlier on in the meeting.

### **12. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMMES.**

a) Issues Raised by Warden's Reports – Local residents advised that there were several abandoned vehicles within Nash Mills. Dave Drew, Parish Warden stated that they had all been reported and in some cases the vehicles had been moved.

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b) Matters raised by Councillors - RM commented that car parks with green spaces within Nash Mills were badly designed and that it would be simpler to remove any green spaces. AM agreed and said that verges should be utilised for parking.

PL suggested that the bridge on Rucklers Lane be reported to Network Rail. He said that it looked dirty and had become an eyesore. LB advised that it was not in Nash Mills's parish. It was agreed by councillors present that the clerk would contact the Clerk from Kings Langley PC and check whether they had raised any concerns. **LS**

c) The Denes Car park – There was no update available. LB advised all that JM was currently liaising with both Herts Highways and DBC.

D) Street Furniture Survey – deferred until DJ is present. **LS**

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

LB thanked the councillors and public for attending and advised them that the next meeting would be the full meeting of the council on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

LB closed the meeting at 9.21 pm.

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**Chair**

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