

# NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the full parish council meeting held on the 11th June 2018 at Nash Mills Village Hall,  
Lower Road, Nash Mills, HP3 8RT.

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**Those present:** **Chair:** Councillor Lisa Bayley  
**Vice-Chair:** Councillor Jan Maddern  
**Committee Members:** Councillor Rosie Moubray  
Councillor Louise Gross  
Councillor Peter Lardi

**Also present:** Linda Sutton, Parish Clerk  
Dave Drew, Parish Warden  
Councillor Tina Howard, HCC  
Members of the public

1. **WELCOME/START TIME**

Cllr Lisa Bayley, Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting at 8pm.

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

Apologies were received from DJ, TC, and LG. These were duly noted and recorded.

3. **HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT**

LB advised that Ian Martin, PCSO had sent his apologies.

LB read through the most recent crime report. There had been several crimes logged in the previous month, one included a drug related offense, a hoax bomb threat, domestic related incident (threats of violence) and one dog out of control. For further information contact either Ian Martin, PCSO or the parish clerk.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/GUEST SPEAKER (IF AVAILABLE)**

LB invited the members of public present to speak.

Doug Davies, local resident reiterated his previous comments at a previous meeting on parking in around Nash Mills. He said he could not understand why yellow lines had not been carried on further at the junction of his road. He said that vehicles from Belswains Lane were parking in Mill Close on a regular basis. JM asked Doug Davies how many parking spaces that would take out and he estimated about four in total. JM then addressed Tina Howard, HCC and asked her what her plans were and would she be able to assist. TH said that she would look into the issue.

JM went on to advise that she was liaising with DBC and trying to get them to release land in order to make another car park and relieve the pressure of parking in the roads within Nash Mills.

LB said that parking in Nash Mills was horrific and that it could get worse with regards to recently submitted planning applications. She said that Bunkers Lane was at breaking point. JM reported that she had recently managed to get a planning application turned down in the Nash Mills ward.

LB said that she sympathised with local residents and advised that most of the roads in the area were dealing with the same parking issues.

JM reiterated that it was illegal to park on a junction. RM suggested that both TH and JM liaise. JM agreed and said that at least 20 metres of yellow lines is all that is needed and that this would be enough for emergency vehicles to get through. She also advised Doug Davies to read the Mosques recently amended traffic assessment.

LB at this point suggested that this part of the meeting must be concluded as there were other items to discuss.

5. **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

Councillors present for the April meeting agreed that they were a true record and they were approved. LB signed the minutes.

The Clerk will upload the approved April's minutes onto the parish council's website. **LS**

6. **ACTION LIST (UPDATE)**

LB read through the action list.

She said that the reporting of banners and for sale signs was still ongoing. JM advised that she was still taking pictures of boards and banners when walking around Nash Mills.

LB said that the Code of Conduct was once again deferred until all Councillors were present. She advised that Dave Drew, Parish Warden was still reporting abandoned vehicles. The potholes issue was still ongoing. It was noted that Luke Johnson had reserved willow trees as requested by the parish council. Other actions were either still ongoing or had been actioned.

Tina Howard said that the pot holes in Georgewood Road were still an issue as they were not deep enough to fill. However, she advised the parish council that she was looking into the situation.

7. **DEFIBRILLATOR (UPDATE)**

The Parish Clerk confirmed that the order would be processed once the payments had been authorised. It was agreed that the parish clerk would contact SJA and order a lockable unit and accessories for the ZOLL/AED. **LS**

8. **FUNDING REQUEST (NASH MILLS C of E School)**

LB read out a funding request from Rosie Washford-Mower, Head of Nash Mills C of E School. LB advised that RWM had advised that the School had faced budgets cuts of up to £40k. She was asking for funds to help with tree works. JM queried how many trees needed work and how many quotes had the School received.

LB advised the parish clerk to contact RWM and ask these questions. RM asked when had the School last received funding and the Clerk said approximately two years ago Councillor disagreed and thought it was the previous year. The parish clerk will check in the records and advise Cllrs accordingly. **LS**

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LB said she thought the funding request was a bit vague and that much more information was needed in order to make an informed decision. LG said that in theory it was a lovely idea but felt that the parish council needed to cater for the parish. JM advised that it *was* the only School in the parish. RM asked if the PTA were match funding the request and JM said that when she was on the School's fund raising committee she regularly raised large amounts of funding for several initiatives.

It was agreed by all that the parish clerk should contact RWM and ask her who they had received the quote from and whether there were any further quotes due in and also to query whether the PTA were raising similar funds for the tree works. **LS**

## 9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

In the absence of DJ, Chair of Finance RM Vice- Chair advised that the last two months of accounts had been approved. She reiterated that the Residents' Association Initiative would come from reserves as would the replacement willow trees. An amount of £200 had been set aside for the afternoon tea event organised by herself and LG.

LG advised that the Personnel Committee would meet in the near future to review staff salaries. **LG**

PL said he had concerns with the way planning comments were being dealt with. JM said that case officers were not obliged to respond to the Parish Council, unless they had a query or needed further information or clarification. PL said he thought that the Planning Committee should approach case officers prior to giving written comments, with their specific queries. He said he felt that the Planning Department held the parish council in total disregard. He went on to say that he had submitted an 18 page dossier to James Doe, DBC months earlier and to date had not received a response.

LS advised that she had now been given a response from Intan Keen regarding 28 Silverthorn Drive.

It was discussed in length and agreed by all Councillors present that PL would contact James Doe, DBC. **PL**

## 10. **RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INITIATIVE (UPDATE)**

LS advised that all the RAI'S had submitted their bank account details to her and that the payment for the initiative will be made on or around the 12<sup>th</sup> June. **LS**

## 11. **FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME:**

- a) Issues Raised by Warden's Report- There were no issues.
- b) Matters Raised by Councillors – PL raised his concerns over the state of the playing ground. Following on from reading Wicksteeds annual report PL and LG had carried out their own inspection. They said that the equipment installed was in poor condition with cracks in the timber. LG reported that the safety matting was a disaster and would need work on it in order to make safe. LB asked how many times a year the inspection was carried out (annually). She then suggested that perhaps it be inspected bi-annually. LS said that DBC had used s107 monies from the Wharf development and had arranged for the installation of the equipment through a supplier.

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It was agreed by all Councillors present that Robert Cassidy, DBC be contacted by the parish clerk and check whether the suppliers had provided warranties at the time of installation. LS would also ask RC for advice on whom to contact regarding the installation and power supply of the ZOLL/AED at The Denes, shopping parade **LS**

It was also agreed by all that the sewage leak in the play area leased by the parish council (previously reported by Dave Drew several months ago) be reported to Environmental Health, DBC. **LS**

Councillors agreed that the leak most likely would have contaminated the land and be a health hazard. Dave Drew, Parish Warden advised that the area surrounding the leak had been fenced off by grounds men, Abbots' Hill School.

c) The Denes Car Park – JM said that she was still waiting for a breakdown of the most recent costings for a parking meter from DBC. **JM**

## **12. TIME MEETING CLOSED & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

LB thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.51pm. She advised that the next meeting would be held on the 9<sup>h</sup> July.

LG advised that she had reported the damaged bollard at the junction of Silverthorn Drive and Chambersbury Lane.

LB invited the public to stay for the planning meeting.

9<sup>TH</sup> July 2018

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**CHAIR**

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