

NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the full parish council meeting held on the 12th March 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 Dave Jackson
Rosie Moubray
Councillor Louise Gross
Councillor Peter Lardi
Also present: Linda Sutton, Parish Clerk
Dave Drew, Parish Warden
Members of the public
Ian Martin, Hertfordshire Police

1. WELCOME/START TIME

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Apologies were received from TC and HG. These were duly noted and recorded.

3. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT

LB invited IM to read out the crime figures for February. There were two crimes logged in February. IM explained that a vehicle had been in Barnacres Road and a garage had been broken into again on Barnacres Road. JM asked IM if the damaged vehicle was related to an incident in January and IM confirmed that the two incidents were linked.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/GUEST SPEAKER (IF AVAILABLE)

Andrea Maloney asked JM if she had been able to investigate the ownership of the damaged lamp post in Mill Close. JM apologised to AM and said that she would look at the lamp post after the meeting. JM

5. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

LB did not attend the January meeting. However, councillors present for January approved the minutes and agreed that they were a true record. LB signed the minutes.

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

6. WORKS TO WEBSITE

It was agreed by all councillors present that Peter Fleming, website designer would update the word press on the website. His quote had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Peter would carry out all works to ensure a smooth transition.

The Clerk will contact PF. LS

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7. ACTION LIST (UPDATE)

LB read through the action list and highlighted outstanding actions. It was agreed that the Code of Conduct item would be deferred until all councillors were present. LB clarified that the planning application on the action list was 28 Silverthorn Drive. JM confirmed that as Borough Councillor she will vote to 'object' at the development management committee meeting once a date has been confirmed. **JM**

LS will contact Tina Howard, County Councillor as the re-siting for the new notice board would require approval from Hertfordshire County Council. **LS**

It was agreed that if anyone should be interested in further information on using a defibrillator they could visit Nash Mills Primary School. Rosie Washford-Mower, Head who had kindly invited Cllrs to visit and see the unit in situ. Both Cllrs Louise Gross and Rosie Moubray volunteered. The Clerk will arrange a date and time suitable to them both. **LS**

PL commented that he thought that a user may find activating the unit stressful. LB commented that it was fool proof and RM said that hopefully someone who was calm in difficult circumstances would step in. DJ asked whether permission was needed in order for it to be sited and he suggested that it be installed near to the new noticeboard he also queried the power supply. LG suggested in sight of CCTV. JM said she would investigate and would contact Dacorum Borough Council. **JM**

The clerk will source further quotes from trusted companies for the defibrillator. **LS**

JM confirmed that she was still dealing with the parking issues on Red Lion Lane and had previously contacted Sir Mike Penning for further support. LS reported that she had received yet another complaint about the parking situation. IM had confirmed that he will be attaching 'polite notices' on vehicles parking inconsiderately in the area within the next week. He said he would need to be on a late shift and would patrol 'hotspots'.

LB suggested that the items; Red Lion Lane 'parking issues' and Georgewood Road 'verges and potholes' would be added to the action list. **LS**

LB asked JM whether she had followed up on the dilapidated fence reported by a Kingfisher Drive resident at the last meeting. JM said that it was on her 'to do' list however; she had been very busy dealing with the aftermath of the recent fire at Tesco, The Denes. **JM**

LB asked LS whether 'Groundworks' would fund the repairs to the most damaged verges within Nash Mills. LS said that the funding was more likely to be allocated to 'rights of way' such as information boards. She will contact them for further advice. **LS**

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

LB asked the chairs of each committee for their reports. LG (Chair of Personnel) said that everything was running smoothly.

DJ (Chair of Finance) said that the finance committee monitor the budget monthly and have accepted that at the end of the financial year the parish council would be slightly over budget.

PL (Chair of Planning) said that there had not been a recent update on the situation with both Nash House and the proposed Mosque planning applications.

JM advised that these topics would be addressed in an article she was writing for the spring edition of the parish council magazine. She said that both the Mosque and Nash House are being scrutinised very carefully due to strong objections from several angles. She emphasised that she would keep everyone updated. JM

PL commented that the level of house holder planning applications have been quite low in recent months.

9. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME:

a) Issues Raised by Warden's Report:

DD reported that pot holes were still appearing on the surface of the Cart Track and said that existing ones were increasing in size. He advised that he was still monitoring them and reporting the holes on HCC's website. LB asked LS whether Tina Howard, County Councillor had been contacted for an update and the Clerk said she that she had contacted her but had not received a response so will contact her again. LS

LS advised that historically, Anthony McKay, the County Councillor had visited the site with Collin Chambers, DBC (now retired) and at the time they had agreed to have the track resurfaced. However, due to weather and the current buildings works in progress the track has reverted to its original state. JM reported that Belswains Lane was being resurfaced in the next few days.

DD reported that he had recently been finding raw food being discarded in the large recycling bins situated around Nash Mills. It was suggested that he take photos of the discarded wrappers which did show some identification of origin and send the images to JM who will report them to the appropriate department. DD/JM

DD advised that the number of abandoned vehicles in the overflow car park had reduced significantly within the last month. LB thanked him for his hard work.

LB asked JM whether Highbarns was a primary route for gritting. JM confirmed that this was the case and she added that Pond Road and Meadow Road were *not* on the list.

b) **Matters Raised by Councillors** – LB highlighted the fact that the state of Georgewood Road had deteriorated she said that the potholes and verges were getting increasingly worse. JM advised that she was visiting a local resident in Georgewood Road in the coming weeks as he had complained about the state of the potholes. JM

c) **The Denes Car Park** – JM advised that she was still liaising with the parking team and had asked for a breakdown of the £27k figure which had been quoted for the cost of the ticket machine. JM

JM explained that she had been liaising with Tesco, the Police, shop owners and residents from the flats above the shops. She reported that the occupants of the flats above the store had been evacuated at one point.

There were still on-going problems including loss of power to the flats. JM reported that another issue was contaminated food, it had not being cleared out of the store which had created a health hazard (this was due to the fact that an asbestos survey had to be scheduled in before the food could be removed). JM also reported that after the fire it had been brought to her attention that an unmarked van had parked on the car park opposite the Tesco store and that the driver had not made himself known and this had unnerved some local residents who were unsure who he was. With this in mind, JM had contacted the Police; it then transpired that the van belonged to a security company employed by Tesco.

JM said that the timescale for the reopening of the store had been estimated as mid-June. However, JM said that she thinks that Tesco will be ahead of the schedule. There were still ongoing issues with the cash machine not working which was having an adverse effect on the fish and chip shop business. On a positive note, JM explained that the new store may include a bakery.

LB thanked JM for her report.

10. TIME MEETING CLOSED & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

LB thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.01 pm. She advised that the next meeting would be held on the 9th April.

She invited the public to stay for the planning meeting.

9TH April 2018

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