

NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday **9th January 2017** at Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Road, Nash Mills.

Those Present:

Chair: Councillor Lisa Bayley

Committee Members: Councillor Jan Maddern
Councillor Rosie Moubray
Councillor Louise Gross (acting as Parish Clerk)

Also present: Dave Drew, Parish Warden
Ian Martin, Hertfordshire Police

1. WELCOME/START TIME & APPOINTMENT OF TEMP PARISH CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

LB welcomed everybody.

She explained that Mrs Linda Sutton, Parish Clerk was unable to attend the meeting.

Councillor Louise Gross was appointed as the Temporary Parish Clerk and Temporary Proper Financial Officer.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT (IF PRESENT)

The Chair welcomed Ian Martin and members of the public to the parish meeting.

IM circulated copies of last month's crime figures.

He was pleased to report the good news that last month's crime figures were the lowest in Nash Mills for many years with just one reported crime. However, in the early hours of Sunday morning reports of an altercation at Evans Wharf (Apsley Lock) were released. It then transpired that a local man had died. This is all the information that Ian had at present and there will be a further update at the next meeting.

Dave Drew advised that children from Nash Mills Primary School have been observed playing in the Methodist church which is highly dangerous. Councillor Maddern will inform the school. **JM**

Councillor Lisa Bayley reported that she had been advised that drug paraphernalia had been found near to the school. Dave Drew has not seen any evidence of this.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION* GUEST SPEAKER (IF AVAILABLE)

Members of the public were advised that the public are welcome to attend Planning Meetings which take place after the main meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The full parish council minutes for December were agreed, but could not be signed. This will be deferred to the next meeting. **LS**

6. ACTION LIST (Update).

Deferred until the next meeting. **LS**

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Report - Councillor Moubray reported that a short meeting had been held earlier. The Committee were unable to sign the minutes and in the absence of so many members it was agreed that actions outstanding would be deferred to the next meeting. **LS**

Personnel Committee Report - Councillor Louise Gross advised that the 'Code of Conduct' needs to be agreed as some personnel issues have arisen in its absence. The Parish Council has a duty of care to its employees of which all councillors should be aware.

Planning Committee Report – Peter Lardi (Chair of Planning) was absent. There are however, no applications to be considered. The public have been advised that they may attend planning meetings.

8. CODE OF CONDUCT

It was agreed that this should be deferred until the full Parish Council meeting in March. **LS**

9. COUNCILLORS TO REPORT ON THEIR DESIGNATED AREAS

Councillor Rosie Moubray advised that following the accident which took place in Red Lion Lane yesterday, that it is important that yellow lines are in place as soon as possible to prevent another.

The flat above the nursery is not occupied by an employee. Councillor Rosie Moubray has spoken to the individual concerned who confirmed that they are renting the property. Councillor Jan Maddern will inform the Enforcement Officer, DBC. **JM**

There is no lighting over the Mill Stream Bridge near Nash Mills House. Councillor Rosie Moubray is in talks with Chamonix over this. **RM**

Councillor Lisa Bayley had nothing to report.

Councillor Louise Gross advised that she has received several requests for steps up to the footpath in Chambersbury Lane (opposite Silverthorn Drive). This is a particularly steep bank which is in regular use in particular by dog walkers. Councillor Maddern will investigate.

10. SAVE THE VERGES. – (Working Party Update).

Dave Drew observed that a sign advising ‘No Parking’ has appeared in one area, and this seems to have worked.

11. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMMES.

a) Issues Raised by Warden’s Reports – none.

b) Matters raised by Councillors - JM advised that Richard Ball (the Chairman of the Chambersbury Lane Residents’ Association) has asked her if a second dog bin could be provided in Chambersbury Lane. JM had then spoken to Dacorum and ascertained that Dacorum have a freeze on new bins due to insufficient funds. The cost (if NMPC were to pay for it) would be £400. However, even if NMPC did agree to fund it Dacorum would still have to empty it. She said she will follow this up.

JM advised that she has considerable evidence concerning 292 Belswains Lane and has a meeting with enforcement to see what action can be taken. JM

JM also reported that she had met with the Planning Department following the Methodist Church’s successful application to install hoarding. She will contact Mr Hussain to ascertain what the owner’s intentions are. JM

JM reported that Geoff Doole had contacted her to advise that the new pathway along Chambersbury Lane is a maximum of ¾ inch deep. She said that she will check with Herts Highways to see if that is the required specification. JM

Councillors expressed concern at the delay in implementing the double yellow lines. This could lead to more accidents. JM is in touch with Anthony McKay. JM

Councillor Dave Jackson had requested a street furniture survey. This was deferred in his absence.

c) The Denes Car park – JM asked for councillor’s views on whether it would be easier to set a maximum time limit of 4 hours in the Dene’s car park or to have a machine. It was agreed that JM will discuss with Graeme Elliott which would be the most effective option and report back. JM

12. TIME MEETING CLOSED/DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

LB thanked the councillors for attending and advised that the next meeting would be the full meeting of the council on **Monday 13th February 2017**. LB closed the meeting at 8.56 pm. JM and LG gave their apologies in advance for the next full parish council meeting in February.

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Chair

13th February 2017