

NASH MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the full parish council meeting held at Nash Mills Village Hall, Lower Road, Nash Mills on the 13th November 2017.

Those present:

Chair:	Lisa Bayley
Vice-Chair:	Councillor Jan Maddern
Committee Members:	Councillor Dave Jackson Councillor Rosie Moubray Councillor Peter Lardi
Also present:	Linda Sutton, Parish Clerk Members of the public

1. WELCOME/START TIME

Councillor Bayley welcomed everyone to the meeting which started at 8.00pm.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Louise Gross, Terence Collins and Helen Gough had sent apologies which were duly noted. There were no new declarations of interest.

3. HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE REPORT

Cllr Lisa Bayley advised that Ian Martin had sent his apologies.

She reported that there had been a drop in crimes committed in the last month with 6 crimes reported in September and 2 in October. The two crimes recorded were a burglary from an office situated at a car dealership the second reported crime involved a malicious communication.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Lisa Bayley explained to the public that they had an opportunity to speak.

A representative from the Willows Residents' Association asked whether any progress had been made on the tree survey which had been discussed at a previous meeting. Cllr Dave Jackson explained that it had been discussed at the Finance Committee earlier and that the clerk would be contacting Luke Johnson, DBC with a request for an extensive tree survey to be conducted throughout Nash Mills.

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Most of the members of the public attending the meeting explained that they had attended in order to put forward their comments on the proposed mosque (item 8).

Cllr Lisa Bayley said that the parish council would make their comments at the planning meeting. She advised all that they were quite welcome to attend the planning meeting however, would not be able to participate.

She invited the public to express their comments at this stage.

All of the local residents in attendance raised their concerns which focussed on the size of the proposed building, parking issues associated with the development and the estimated number of potential visitors on a weekly basis. However, residents also complained that they had not been made aware of the application and would have liked to have been invited to a meeting held by the applicants. Nearly all the residents attending the meeting agreed that the notices displayed by DBC were not in areas where they could have been seen. It was reported by the public that most of them had been unaware of the forthcoming plans until they had seen information posted on social media sites. Residents that had tried to access the planning portal were unable to view documents as it appeared the site might have crashed due to the number of people accessing the site.

Cllr Lisa Bayley advised that all the information concerning the planning application had been made available on the parish council's website and had been since the day DBC had released the planning application along with the supporting documents. She stressed to the residents that they should all individually send their comments to Andrew Parrish, DBC and to make sure that they included their own addresses.

Cllr Peter Lardi addressed the public and described the easiest way to search for the planning documents on DBC's planning portal; he reiterated the planning application reference number. In the event residents did not have access to a computer it was suggested by Cllr Jan Maddern that they could go along to DBC and request details in person. She also reported that she had requested a public meeting with the applicants on many occasions and was disappointed that a meeting had not been arranged. She said that she would be contacting both James Doe and Andrew Parrish from DBC demanding that the date for submission of comments be extended. JM

Cllr Lisa Bayley advised that once the planning committee had made their comments these would be collated and uploaded onto the parish council's website. LS

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The full parish council minutes for October were agreed by all and Cllr Lisa Bayley signed them. The minutes would be made available on the parish council's website. LS

6. ACTION LIST UPDATE

Cllr Lisa Bayley read through the most recent action list and updated them accordingly. It was agreed by Cllrs present that the clerk would contact Nigel Gibbs regarding the resiting of

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the noticeboard at The Denes. It was also agreed that the tree survey needed to be prioritised. The clerk will contact Luke Johnson, DBC. **LS**

It was agreed that the idea of purchasing a defibrillator be deferred along with the idea of developing a parish council logo. It was also agreed that some items could be archived.

Cllr Jan Maddern reported that she had recently attended a site meeting with Graeme Elliot, DBC. It was agreed that a vote be taken as to whether or not the parish council agree to have a ticket machine installed at The Denes car park. Cllr Dave Jackson asked if the site would be policed and Cllr Jan Maddern confirmed that this would be the case.

It was agreed that the clerk would contact Nigel Gibbs over Nash House. PL had said he was still waiting for clarification on some comments raised by the parish council. **LS**

All councillors present agreed unanimously to the installation. Cllr Jan Maddern said she would advise Graeme Elliot, DBC. **JM**

Cllr Rosie Moubray explained that Red Lion Lane car park had still not been handed over to Chamonix Estates, Management Company. LS will contact David Jordan, Linden Homes. **LS**

The clerk will recirculate the P3 scheme. **LS**

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Jackson reported that the Finance Committee had met earlier prior to the full parish council meeting. He said that the Expenditure sheets and the financial schedule for October had been reviewed by the Finance Committee. All Cllrs present agreed that they were happy with the accounts and agreed the payments on the financial schedule. It was noted that both DJ and LB would authorise the Lloyd's online payments.

8. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR FORMER METHODIST CHURCH

Discussed under item 4.

9. FUNDING REQUESTS UPDATE

Councillors agreed to the request for an information board submitted recently by 'Friends of Bunkers Park'. The clerk will advise Geoff Doole, FoBP. **LS**

The full council agreed that they would at the same time order a new notice board for the parish council, noting that by using the same supplier they would receive a 5 per cent discount.

The clerk will contact Nigel Gibbs, DBC for further information on re-siting the board at The Denes and will then order both boards from the preferred distributor. **LS**

It was agreed that the suggestion for the purchase of defibrillator would be deferred. **LS**

10. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

a) Issues Raised by Warden's Reports - Dave Drew was not present at the meeting.

It had been noted that the builders rubbish dumped in Nash Mills had been reported by several Cllrs, the clerk and the parish warden. The clerk had received confirmation that the fly tipping was 'under investigation' by DBC.

B) Matters Raised by Councillors – JM advised that she had met with Sir Mike Penning. The site meeting had focussed on local parking issues in Red Lion Lane, Bunkers Lane and other surrounding areas. Cllr Jan Maddern had identified a local space that could be converted into a car park and reported that Sir Mike Penning had supported the idea. **JM**

c) The Denes Car Park- discussed earlier in the meeting.

11. TIME MEETING CLOSED/DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillor Bayley thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.05. The next meeting will take place on 11th December 2017.

Chair

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