



Report to Nash Mills Parish Council 14 October 2024

Working Group Name	Business Planning
Agenda Items for Resolution/Decisions Needed <i>Please list each point requiring a decision separately for inclusion on the agenda.</i> <i>Please note items not included on the agenda cannot be approved.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive the report and to discuss items 2-3 below.
Notes / Other Items Supporting Above	The spreadsheet listing activities is available in SharePoint here .

Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to

1. Continue to keep Councillors updated on the status of activities being undertaken and planned.
2. Prompt discussion on items already allocated to working groups and working groups future plans.
3. Enable Council to consider whether further working groups should be created, which would need resolution at a future meeting.

Background

- The Business Planning Working Group was formed soon after the new Council was formed, to plan the work necessary to deliver on our aims and values (see bottom of report), and to support budget planning. All Councillors were invited to participate.
- Over a series of meetings, ideas were captured, collated and prioritised onto a business planning spreadsheet – see link above.
- Council accepted the spreadsheet’s contents and agreed to create the working groups proposed i.e. Library Box, Events, Heritage & History and Website. Other new working groups were agreed but were to be set up later so that our activities (and workload) were phased across the term of the Council.
- The role of these working groups was to consider the activities agreed by Council, start prioritisation and planning against a delivery timeline, and regularly report back to Council.

Current status

Activities with the Business Planning Working group to progress

Activity	Status	Timing
Bunkers Lane / Park Education route - walk and learn	Further discussion required within WG as to how to proceed, and what can be done while lease is being renegotiated.	Complete by end of 2025/26
Park improvements - plan	Clerk liaising with AHS to renegotiate lease/equip. Review once lease terms known.	Complete by end of 2025/26
Nash Mills EXPO V2.0	Agenda item for autumn 2024	Complete by end of 2026/27
Nash Mills Boundaries	Working Group lead to progress with clerk and bring update to WG meeting.	Complete by end of 2026/27
Youth Council	Clerk to update Council in November.	No deadline agreed

Activities progressed by the Clerk

There were several activities that Council agreed to be progressed by the Clerk. Regular updates have been provided to Council by the Clerk at Council as part of her monthly report. Item-by-item updates are available in the Business Planning spreadsheet.

Activities allocated to Working Groups to progress

It was agreed by Council that items should be allocated to working groups – all itemised on the planning spreadsheet. Summary by working group is as below:

Working Group	WG Lead	Status
Library Box	Alan	Good progress, meetings held and regular reports to Council
Events	Grant	No activity to date.
Heritage & History	Alan	Good progress made with Nash Mills map, but other activities to be commenced.
Website	Jamie	No activity to date.

Further Working Groups to be set up

Council agreed to create a Gardens & Environment working group during 2024 to take forward a small number of proposed ideas. This is yet to happen, and Council needs to consider when they wish to do so in view of the relatively small progress to date in other working groups, and Councillors' workloads.

Budget allocation

The only items that currently have budget allocated to them are the library box, the Nash Mills map, and additional benches. No budgetary consideration will be given to any new projects that haven't yet been progressed.

Summary

Out of all the items agreed by Council, we currently have very little activity underway, and no projects budgeted for 2025/26. We know that major activities and events take a lot of time to plan and deliver. With no major activity planned for 2025/26 that requires budget, we need to carefully consider our priorities between now and the end of the Council term in 2027. This requires all working groups to look at the activities they have responsibility for and propose a way forward to Council.

Steve Roberts

Working Group Lead – Business Planning

Our Core Values and Aims...

- **Community:** We all love where we live and want residents to feel proud to live in Nash Mills. We will strive to further improve our corner of Hemel Hempstead.
- **Feeling safe:** We believe that residents should feel safe and secure in their homes and within the parish.
- **Inclusion and Communication:** We believe that the parish is about YOU, so we will use a varied communication stream to ensure all residents have the opportunity to be involved in decisions.
- **Residents' Associations** – We want to encourage and build the number of residents' associations so that every road has an opportunity to be included.
- **Heritage and History:** We respect our fantastic history and will share and protect our heritage.
- **Service to Nash Mills Community** – Parish councillors are here to serve the community, and we plan to do this to the very best of our ability. New values mapped to actions, progress and future ideas