

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26th JANUARY 2012 AT THE LEISURE CENTRE, BUMBLES GREEN, NAZEING, EN9 2SF

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs. D. Borton (Chairman), G. Skipper, A. Cooper, E. Culling, M. Ballard, D. Joslin, E. Borton, M. Frydrych, G. Castle, M. Marcetic and J. May.

Also present: Two members of the public, one member of the press and Barry Blunden (Clerk to the Council).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Frydrych

2. **Declaration of Interests:** None

3. **Public Participation.** None

4. **Approval and Signing of minutes:**

a) Parish Council Meeting 15th December 2011. – Approved

b) Planning Committee Meeting 5th January 2012 – Noted (Approved by Planning Committee)

c) Finance Committee Meeting 12th January 2012 – Approved

5. **Communications:** The Clerk informed the Council of the items of correspondence and of the resignation of Cllr. Smart. Councillors were told of the Localism Act Briefing to be held on 11.2.12 at EFDC. Cllrs. Skipper, Cooper, Shorter and Culling wished to attend.

6. **Members Reports:**

a) Proposed amendment to Committee Terms of Reference.

A proposal from Cllr. Cooper that the Terms of Reference for Committees should include in the section headed Membership a provision for committee members to nominate a substitute in the event of their inability to attend a meeting was discussed. The question of the Chairman and Vice Chairman as ex officio members being able to nominate substitutes was raised. It was agreed that only ordinary members could be substituted. The following proposal was put forward by Cllr. Borton and seconded by Cllr. Marcetic that a new clause be added to the terms of reference for all committees under the heading of membership. The new clause to read – ‘If an ordinary Member of the Committee cannot attend a meeting then he or she may nominate another Councillor who is not a Member provided that written or email notice of the substitution has been given or sent to the Clerk before the meeting commences. Such appointment would count towards a quorum.’ This was **resolved**.

b) Parish Council Precept for 2012/13

The draft figures for the Precept for 2012/3 as recommended by the Finance Committee were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. E. Borton and seconded by Cllr. May that the Precept 2012/13 be set at the figure of £72550 as agreed by the Finance Committee. An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Cooper and seconded by Cllr. Skipper that the Precept 2012/13 be set at the figure of £72550 with a provision that essential services are maintained by looking at the reserves. Votes for the amendment - 5 (Cllrs. Shorter, Marcetic, Skipper, Culling and Cooper) Votes against the amendment – 6 (Cllrs. E. Borton, D. Borton, Ballard, Castle Joslin and May) The amendment was defeated. A vote was taken on the original proposal which was **resolved**. Votes for the proposal – 8 (Cllrs. Cooper, Skipper and Culling abstained).

c) Total Site

Cllr. Shorter explained the requirement to put a pre-application to EFDC to seek any comments prior to the submission of full planning documentation. It was proposed by Cllr. Shorter and

seconded by Cllr. Joslin to submit the agreed drawing for the site as a pre-application. This was **resolved** unanimously. **CS**

d) Nazeing Youth FC

The proposal for the leasing of the Leisure Centre by Nazeing Youth FC was discussed at length with questions being raised with regards to the need for the premises to remain in the public domain, the problems of a 25 year lease and the legal position of the original conveyance of the land by Lord Mackie. Cllr. Joslin and Clerk to look into the legal aspect.

DJ & Clerk

It was proposed by Cllr. May and seconded by Cllr. Skipper that the matter be deferred for 6 months whilst further investigations are made. Cllr. Ballard proposed an amendment seconded by Cllr. Castle that the matter was deferred for 3 months. This was **resolved**. Cllr. Cooper abstained. It was agreed that a working party consisting of Cllrs. Shorter, Joslin, E. Borton and Ballard look into the matter and report in 3 months. **CS, DJ, EB & MB**

e) Ground Maintenance Contract

The quotations for the contract for the Ground Maintenance were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. E. Borton seconded by Cllr. Skipper that the Council accept the quote from Mr. V. Cresswell subject to the signing of a suitable contract. This was **resolved** unanimously

7. Report back from Committee/Sub committees etc. where Parish Councillors have been in attendance.

Cllr. E. Borton reported that he had attended a presentation at EFDC about the Local Plan. EFDC Officers felt that there was an obligation to provide 7,000 new houses within the district. There are concerns that the plan for 1300 houses in Sumners Estate, Harlow will get the go ahead. They are also looking into using brownfield sites for housing

8. Exclusion of Public & Press.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.