

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 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, C. Shorter & M. Marcetic..

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Castle & May

2. Declaration of Interests: None

3. Public Participation.

Cllr. Bassett spoke about the current rules as to the building of houses and the Local Plan. EFDC should take notice of Parish Council with regards to future developments. Discussions had taken place between two members of EFDC Forward Planning Team, Parish Councillors and himself. The need to identify possible development areas and other problem areas was discussed.

4. Approval and Signing of minutes:

a) Parish Council Meeting 26th January 2012. – Approved

b) Planning Committee Meeting 9th February 2012 – Noted (Approved by Planning Committee)

c) Finance Committee Meeting 9th February 2012 – Approved

5. Communications: The Clerk informed the Council of the items of correspondence.

6. Members Reports:

a) Parish Council Website

The draft format for the website was discussed with questions being asked regarding this with responses from Amanda Palumbo. The format was approved and it was agreed to complete the website with minor modifications.

b) Total Site

Cllr. Shorter spoke of the initial response from EFDC in respect of submission of pre-application for planning. Quotes for contamination reports had been received but another was still awaited. The intention being to go to EFDC with quotes to see what type of report would be required. Cllr. Shorter spoke about possible remediation work required. Cllr. Shorter produced a report on the necessary steps to be taken to progress the planning application. It was proposed by Cllr. Shorter and seconded by Cllr. Frydrych that the Council instruct the Clerk to progress with full planning application and to instruct contamination surveys as suggested by EFDC plus a Flood Risk Assessment. This was **resolved**.

c) Forward Planning for Nazeing.

This was discussed at length and it was **resolved** that the draft list of areas to be considered as possibly suitable for redevelopment be sent to EFDC. Cllrs. Marcetic and E. Borton abstained.

d) Council Investment.

A recommendation from Finance Committee to continue to invest monies available upon the maturity of current Investment Bond was discussed. The proposed amount of £100,000 suggested by the Finance Committee was agreed subject to this leaving sufficient funds available for possible expenses in connection with the Total Site. The Clerk in conjunction

with Cllr. E. Borton would re evaluate projected expenditure for the next 9 months. The Clerk was given discretion to reduce amount if he thought it was prudent. This was **resolved** Cllrs. Frydrych and Shorter gave their apologies and left the meeting at 9.40pm.

e) Changes to the Standards Regime

Cllr. D. Borton gave a brief report about the changes to the Standards regime resulting from the Localism Act. The matter would be discussed at the forthcoming Liaison Meeting on 22nd March 2012 and a second training session is being given for Councillors and Clerks by EFDC on 23rd March 2012 at 7pm.

f) Change of Date for Council Meeting.

It was **resolved** to alter the date of the next full Council meeting from 22nd March to 29th March 2012 at which changes to procedures to the Standards Regime would be discussed.

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

Cllr. Cooper reported that the proposed development by Valley Grown Nurseries, Paynes Lane had been refused at a meeting of the District Development Committee at EFDC.

8. Exclusion of Public & Press.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.