

## NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012 AT THE LEISURE CENTRE, BUMBLES GREEN, NAZEING, EN9 2SF

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs. D. Borton (Chairman), G. Skipper, E. Culling, E. Borton, M. Frydrych, C. Shorter, J. May, G. Castle & M. Marcetic..

**Also present:** Three members of the public and Barry Blunden (Clerk to the Council).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Cooper & Ballard. Cllr. Joslin (delayed)
2. **Declaration of Interests:** None
3. **Public Participation.** None
4. **Approval and Signing of minutes:**
  - a) Parish Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 - Approved
  - b) Personnel Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 (Closed Session) - Approved
  - c) Planning Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – Noted (Approved by Planning Committee)
  - d) Finance Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 - Approved
5. **Communications:** The Clerk informed the Council of the items of correspondence. A letter received from Mr. D. Coster regarding traffic exceeding the speed limit in Middle Street was discussed with suggestions being made in respect of traffic calming and the extension of the 30mph limit. Cllr. Frydrych reported that he was liaising with ECC Highways Department on this matter.
6. **Members Reports:**
  - a) Risk Assessment and Insurance Review.  
It was **resolved** to ratify the resolution from Finance Committee that Cllrs. Joslin and E. Borton carry out a Risk Assessment and Insurance Review as required by the Terms and References of the Finance Committee.
  - b) New Standards Regime.  
Cllr. D. Borton reported on the proposals put forward in respect of procedures required by changes to the Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedures. This being the type or involvement of parishes in a Standards Committee. This was deferred until such time as further information on the option is available.
  - c) Leylandii Trees at Leisure Centre, Bumbles Green.  
A proposal to remove trees alongside the Leisure Centre was discussed. Cllr. Shorter offered to cut down the trees at no cost to the Council. This was **resolved**.
  - d) Council Investment.  
It was **resolved** to ratify the recommendation from the Finance Committee to reduce to £90,000 the investment in a Barclays Bond.
  - e) Terms of Reference of Committees.  
It was **resolved** that Committees report back to the Full Council at its meeting in April on any proposed alterations to Terms of Reference.
  - f) Caretakers Gratuity (Closed Session)  
This matter dealt with in closed session after the conclusion of other business.

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

Cllr. E. Borton reported on the proposed planning application at Shottendons Farm. There had been agreement reached on the proposal to close footpaths and install a new North/South footpath. The planning application had been approved as it was on land designated for greenhouses and the volume of traffic would decrease.

**8. Exclusion of Public & Press.** The public and press were excluded for item 6f.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.