

## NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012 AT THE LEISURE CENTRE, BUMBLES GREEN, NAZEING, EN9 2SF

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

**Also present:** Seven members of the public, one member of the Press, Cllr. R. Bassett, Coleen O'Boyle, Simon Hill and Barry Blunden (Clerk to the Council).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Cooper & Frydrych
2. **Declaration of Interests:** None
3. **Public Participation.** Mr. Bray spoke of a letter to the Mercury newspaper regarding footpaths and footways in Middle Street. He was seeking support for the introduction of footpaths in Middle Street.
4. **Approval and Signing of minutes:**
  - a) Parish Council Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 - Approved
  - b) Personnel Committee 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Closed Session) - Approved
  - b) Planning Committee Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012 - Noted
  - c) Finance Committee Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012 - Approved
5. **Communications:** The Clerk informed the Council of the items of correspondence.
6. **Members Reports:**
  - a) Co-option of Council Member.  
The Chairman explained the procedure for the election. Applications for consideration had been received from Mrs. J. Anderson, Mr. T Arnold and Mrs. K. Carter. In the first round of voting Mrs. Anderson received two votes (Cllrs. Culling and Skipper), Mr. Arnold received five votes (Cllrs. D. Borton, E. Borton, Castle, Ballard and Joslin) and Mrs. Carter received three votes (Cllrs. Marcetic, May and Shorter). A second ballot was taken between Mr. Arnold and Mrs. Carter. Mr. Arnold received five votes (Cllrs. D. Borton, E. Borton, Castle, Ballard and Joslin). Mrs. Carter also received five votes (Cllrs. Marcetic, May, Shorter, Culling and Skipper). The Chairman, Cllr. D. Borton used her casting vote in favour of Mr. Arnold. It was **resolved** that Mr. T. Arnold be co-opted as a member of the Council.. Cllr. E. Borton proposed a vote of thanks to the unsuccessful candidates.
  - b) Terms of Reference for Committees.  
It was **resolved** to change the Terms of Reference for Committees as recommended by the Planning Committee and the Finance Committee.
  - c) Risk Assessment  
It was **resolved** to ratify the proposal recommendations from the Finance Committee in respect of risk assessment review carried out.
  - d) Proposed Fieldes Lock Power Station, Ratty's Lane, Hoddesdon  
Cllr. E. Borton updated the Council on the consultation in respect of the proposed development. He felt that the Public need to be aware of the project. At the second meeting concerns were raised about the number of vehicle movements. Veolia made assurances that the volume would be less than the current use of the site. Questions were also raised about environmental issues and a possible anaerobic site next door. The application to the Dept. of Environment is expected in July/August when representations should be made. Cllr. May

raised the question of the policing of lorries using the designated routes to the site as they would be contractors vehicles and not owned by Veolia.

e) Play Areas.

A report from Cllr. Ballard in respect of the repairs and improvements required at the play areas in Bumbles Green and Pound Close and the various costs involved was deferred to the next meeting.

f) Rose Bushes – Hyde Mead j/w St. Leonards Road.

Cllr. D. Borton explained a request from a chargepayer for a new rose bed at this location in commemoration of the Queen Jubilee. This matter had been referred to Full Council from Finance Committee. A representative of EFDC had attended the site and suggested that wild flowers be planted for the summer and rose bushes planted in October for best results. It was hoped that the rose bushes would be provided by a sponsor and EFDC will maintain the rose bed. It was proposed by Cllr. Joslin and seconded by Cllr. Ballard that the Council agree to the new rose bed. This was **resolved**.

g) Anonymous Complaints

This matter was dealt with in closed session and all members of the public and press left the meeting

h) Contract for Handyman.

It was **resolved** to accept with new contract for the Handyman's weekly services. At £35 per week as recommended by the Finance Committee.

i) Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Marcetic seconded by Cllr. Skipper that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Thursday 17.5.12 at St. Giles Hall and that the Annual Parish Council Meeting be held on Thursday 24.5.12 at the Leisure Centre. This was **resolved**.

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

Cllr. Shorter reported on a meeting he had attended in respect of the decontamination and topographical surveys required at the Total Site and the need for instructions to be given as soon as practical. It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting of the full council be organised for 10.5.12. Cllrs. Castle and Ballard reported that a meeting of the Allotments Committee had been held and a report would be prepared for Full Council.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.