

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28th JUNE 2012 AT THE LEISURE CENTRE, BUMBLES GREEN, NAZEING, EN9 2SF

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

Also present: One member of the public, one member of the Press and Barry Blunden (Clerk to the Council).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs. Arnold, Ballard, Frydrych & Skipper
2. **Declaration of Interests:** None
3. **Public Participation.** None
4. **Approval and Signing of minutes:**
 - a) Annual Parish Meeting 17th May 2012 - Approved
 - b) Annual Parish Council Meeting 24th May 2012 – Approved with the following alterations – Item 1 Line 2 change to ‘11 votes in favour and two abstentions’ Item 7h insert in brackets ‘Cllr. E. Borton left the meeting for this item’
 - c) Planning Committee 24th May 2012 - Noted
 - d) Planning Committee Meeting 14th June 2012 - Noted
 - e) Finance Committee Meeting 14th June 2012 - Approved
5. **Communications:** The Clerk informed the Council of the items of correspondence.
6. **Members Reports:**
 - a) New Standards Arrangements.

The position the Council is to take with regards to the New Standards Arrangements was discussed at length with the various options being outlined by Cllr. D. Borton. The first topic to be decided was the Standards Committee. It was proposed by Cllr. Joslin and seconded by Cllr. May that the Council supports affiliation to the District Council’s Standards Committee (Parish reps co-opted but no voting powers). Votes for the proposal - 2 (Cllrs. Joslin and May) Votes against – 4 (Cllrs. D.Borton, E.Borton, Castle and Shorter) Abstentions – 3 (Cllrs. Culling, Marcetic and Cooper). It was proposed by Cllr Marcetic that the Council supports affiliation to a Joint Parish Standards Committee (Parish reps with voting powers). The votes for the proposal – 7. Cllrs. Cooper and Culling abstained. This was **resolved**. In respect of the second topic on the Code of Conduct it was proposed by Cllr. May that the Council supports adoption of the Code of Conduct prepared by Essex PLP. The votes for the proposal – 7. Cllrs. Cooper and Culling abstained. This was **resolved**. In respect of the third topic on the Complaints Procedure it was proposed by Cllr. Joslin that the Council supports adoption of the Essex PLP complaints procedure. The votes for the proposal – 7. Cllrs. Cooper and Culling abstained.
 - b) Accounts 2011/12

The Annual Return and Accounts for 2011/12 were discussed with the Clerk explaining minor alterations in respect of the reserved funds for the Festival. It was proposed by Cllr. Marcetic and seconded by Cllr. May that the Council approve the accounts along with the Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement. This was **resolved**. Cllr. Cooper abstained.
 - c) Total Site

Cllr. Shorter report on progress in respect of the site. He had spoken to the QSPM who had been in contact with the companies supplying quotes for the decontamination reports and mortgage providers to establish requirements of surveys. A report is due shortly. Cllr. E.

Borton explained the current position in respect of the land adjoining the site at the junction of Nazeing Road and St. Leonards Road. Cllr. E. Borton proposed the following which was seconded by Cllr. May. To endorse the proposal to exchange approximately half of the narrow finger of Parish land extending eastwards from the Total site with a similar area of land owned by Essex County Council which extends westwards from the traffic lights. Both parties will then end up with rectangular plots. This was **resolved**. Cllr. Cooper abstained.

d) Options and Issues Consultation re Local Development

Cllr. E. Borton explained that papers were before the Cabinet Meeting of EFDC shortly when further information will become available in respect of the County Plan and EFDC proposals. It was **resolved** to defer the council's response. It was noted that the Council may require a dispensation if a possible 6 councillors or more have to declare a Prejudicial Interest.

Cllr. Shorter made his apologies and left the meeting at 9.05pm.

e) Allotments

Cllr. Castle and the Clerk updated the meeting on the current position of the allotments. The Probation Service can do work on the allotments under the 'Community Payback Scheme'. Access to toilet facilities could be arranged at the Leisure Centre. There is a large quantity of rubbish to be cleared from the site including metal, rubble and non-compostable materials. The clerk to make enquiries as to costs of removal.

f) Review of hire charges

The suggested increases from Finance Committee in respect of charges for the Football Teams was **resolved**. It was also **resolved** that there should be no increase in the hire charges in respect of the Leisure Centre Hall.

g) Youth Football

A proposal for a grant to support the participation of children in Nazeing Youth Football Teams from Cllr May was discussed at length with the suggestion of an allocation of £100 to support a child that could not participate due to lack of funds on behalf of the family. It was decided that this may not be possible for various reason. Further enquiries to be made into the possibility of providing equipment for the group.

h) Website

The current position of the website was discussed. The matter was deferred to the next meeting with the suggestion that Amanda Palumbo be asked to attend.

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

No reports received

8. Exclusion of Public & Press.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.