

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2012 AT THE LEISURE CENTRE, BUMBLES GREEN, NAZEING, EN9 2SF

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

Also present: County Councillor Anthony Jackson, approximately 45 members of the public, one member of the Press and Barry Blunden (Clerk to the Council).

The Chairman opened the meeting and explained to the members of the public present that it was not a planning meeting and the reason that most of the people had attended was not on the agenda. Councillor Jackson explained the reason for the Forward Planning Consultation but several members of the public caused a disturbance and disrupted the meeting. After several requests from the Chairman and Clerk to keep quiet or leave the meeting, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8.30pm. The members of the public were again asked to leave but refused to do so and police were required to attend to enable the Council meeting to resume. The meeting resumed at approximately 9.15pm

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr. M. Ballard

2. Declaration of Interests:

3. Local Highways Panel – Cllr. A. Jackson (ECC)

Cllr. Jackson explained the details of the Local Highways Panel. It dealt with maintenance, parking and highway improvements.

Parking - Parking is dealt with by a Parking Partnership and has its own budget.

Maintenance – Previous contractors were not fit for purpose and failed to repair faulty work to the satisfaction of the County Council. New contractors are dealing with urgent repairs first and then dealing with other repairs.

Highway Improvements – There was an increased budget. Discussions between ECC and Parishes did not seem to be working. A new committee has been set up and it was requested that proposed new schemes be submitted.

He spoke of the improvements so far and asked that the Parish keep the Highways Panel informed of possible improvements and maintenance requirements. He also mentioned the availability of the Highway Rangers for smaller maintenance work.

4. Public Participation. Mr. J. Carr spoke regarding the problems of accidents in Bumbles Green. This was discussed at length with Cllr. Jackson agreeing to get involved to try to find suitable ways to help reduce the accidents.

5. Approval and Signing of minutes:

a) Parish Council Meeting 26th July 2012 - Approved

b) Planning Committee 26th July 2012 - Noted

c) Planning Committee Meeting 9th August 2012 - Noted

d) Planning Committee Meeting 30th August 2012 - Noted

e) Finance Committee Meeting 9th August 2012 - Approved

f) Finance Committee Meeting 13th September 2012 - Approved

g) Events Committee Meeting 18th July 2012 - Noted

h) Events Committee Meeting 1st August 2012 - Noted

i) Events Committee Meeting 15th August 2012 - Noted

j) Events Committee Meeting 22nd August 2012 - Noted

k) Events Committee Meeting 29th August 2012 - Noted

6. Communications: The Clerk informed the Council of the items of correspondence. A consultation in respect of Dog Control Orders within EFDC was discussed as the closing date for responses was imminent. Cllr. Joslin had examined the proposals. It was agreed that Cllr. Joslin suggested response be submitted. It was agreed that a letter from several landowners near Millbrook Ind. Est. regarding a change of use planning application be forwarded to EFDC without discussion. A similar application from Glen Plan Ltd in respect of Stoneshots Farm would be forwarded to EFDC. The Clerk informed the Councillors of a training session on Disclosable Pecuniary Interests at EFDC on 1st October 2012.

7. Members Reports: To CONSIDER items a – e of the reports from Members & Clerk.

a) Councillors Responsibilities – Cllr. D. Borton.

Cllr. D. Borton reminded councillors of various responsibilities. If Councillors are expressing their opinions on subjects they must make it plain that it is their own views and not the views of the Council. She stressed the requirement to update any changes in respect of Pecuniary Interests. If Councillors are unable to attend meetings they should inform the Clerk explaining the reason for the absence. She also reminded Councillors to bring relevant papers to meetings.

b) Highway Proposals

The Chairman reported that five proposals had been put forward to the Local Highways Panel. These included proposals previously submitted or discussed at Council plus an item suggested by Cllr. Marcetic.

i) B194 – St. Leonards Road – Village Gateway Sign

ii) Nazeing Road – Pedestrian Crossing

iii) Bumbles Green – Traffic Calming/Speed Limits

iv) Middle Street/Bumbles Green – Footway

v) Middle Street/St Leonards Road – Weight Restrictions

c) Nazeing Association for the Elderly and Handicapped.

A grant of £150.00 to the Nazeing Association for the elderly and Handicapped as recommended by the Finance Committee was **resolved**.

d) Total Site

Cllr. Shorter reported that he had been in contact with Mr. Sweetner. The first phase of reports will be with him by 5/10/12. These will be forwarded to the Clerk. The desk top survey will be available a few weeks later.

e) EFDC Local Development Framework Consultation – Issues & Options for the Local Plan.

Cllr. E. Borton reported that the councils response to the consultation as recommended by the Planning Committee Working Party had been prepared. He felt that in view of the strength of feeling from members of the public earlier in the evening the Council should perhaps strengthen the response to some questions. Cllr. Joslin suggested that councillors email any changes that the working party can consider. This would need to be done within 7 days as the closing date for responses was 15.10.12. It was **resolved** that after the period of 7 days had elapsed the Councils response with any suitable changes as agreed by the working party would be submitted without coming back to full Council. It was proposed that a Public Meeting be organised as soon as possible with Cllr. R. Bassett and possibly a representative of the Forward Planning Team. This would need to be organised by 15.10.12 in order that members of the public would still have time to respond to the consultation. This was agreed.

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

Cllr. E. Borton reported that Nazeing Primary School would be responding to the consultation in respect of education. Cllr. G. Skipper reported that a debrief meeting of the Events Committee will be held in due course and a full report on the Nazeing Festival would follow.

9. Exclusion of Public & Press.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30pm.