

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Nazeing Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7:45pm at St Giles Hall, Nazeing.

Members present: Cllrs Arnold (Chairman), Carter, Casey, DiMaria, Gross, Joslin, Skipper.

Also present: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), 10 members of the Public.

These minutes are subject to ratification at the next meeting.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Clarke, Evans, Shorter. Apologies noted from County Cllr Jackson.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the Nazeing Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May 2016 were noted.

3. Chairman's Report on the activities of the Parish Council during 2016/17.

All of the statutory obligations of the council have been met and the appropriate meetings have been held in accordance with our Standing Orders. The annual accounts for 2016/17 are complete and the internal audit has taken place. The accounts will be available for inspection on the website.

We have seen one Councillor leave and one new Councillor join the council over the year. Councillor Eddie Culling left the council in the last year to devote more time to the care of his wife. I would like to thank him for his contribution to the council.

I would like to also thank Sue Clarke for coming forward and I trust that she will find sitting on the Council a worthwhile and rewarding experience.

Councillors, both old and new, have attended numerous training events over the last year and I am happy that we have a broad skill set on the Council, with expertise in many areas. Lorraine, our Parish Clerk has also attended training events over the year and has become an invaluable aide to Councillors. I would like to thank all Councillors for their time and commitment in ensuring that Nazeing continues to be a great place to live and work. My thanks also go to Vince Cresswell our handyman and grounds keeper. My appreciation is also extended to our County Councillor, District Councillors and District Officers with whom we continue to have very helpful working relationships.

The Parish Council has entered into an agreement with a developer for the former Total petrol site and over the coming year the Council will have to decide what is to be done with the proceeds and the Public Works Loan.

Planning issues remain important, with several substantial housing applications over the last year. These aroused considerable public interest with some very worthwhile contributions on both sides. We also hope to progress the Neighbourhood Plan this year.

Council meetings this year have been very constructive. We now have a great team on the Council. Debates have been lively and good natured with every Councillor having a chance to contribute.

In the coming year I hope we will fill the two Councillor vacancies that we currently have.

THANK YOU.

4. Reports from Groups receiving grants from Nazeing Parish Council.

4.1 The Nazeingberries Association. Elizabeth Brown.

Elizabeth Brown is grateful for the grant. They have arranged a number of trips during the year, with the seaside trips being well attended. The Association is struggling with Committee members. They introduced a monthly lunch at the Highland restaurant and it is well attended. The next event is a Mini Market at Nazeingbury House on 24/6/17 2pm to 4pm.

4.2 Royal British Legion and RAFA. Brian Starling.

Brian Starling advised that the Royal British Legion is very grateful for the assistance received from the Council. They too are struggling with Committee members. Special thanks was given to Doreen Harding for her help over the past 40 years with the Royal British Legion. Quarterly meetings have been introduced.

The RAFA Nazeing branch has been amalgamated with the North Weald branch due to decrease in committee members. This is progressing well and has provided the opportunity for more events. The Nazeing branch will continue to keep their own accounts. Special thanks was given to Fred Sewell for his help over a number of years, especially as he hasn't been in the best of health recently.

4.3 Nazeing Youth Football Club. Paul Bray.

Paul Bray was unable to attend this evening.

4.4 ESSA Water Activities Centre. Marion Caslake.

Marion Caslake brought along buoyancy aids to show where the grant has been used, this support from the Council is appreciated. They are struggling with advertising – the site is very close to Nazeing and is within walking & cycling distance. They cater for adults and children from 6 years, with courses being run during the year. Refer to website for details www.essa.org.uk. The costs for 2 hour sessions, half day and full day seem reasonable.

5. To answer any questions from residents or representatives of local organisations.

Graham Smith had asked couple of questions about the former Total Site, regarding a possible issue with the dropped kerb and contamination. Cllr Joslin explained the developers are introducing a new dropped kerb (at their expense), however, Highways required a bond of nearly £10,000 which would be held until all the kerb work is completed. In order to prevent monies being tied up unnecessarily, the Parish Council gave Highways a guarantee that they would complete the crossover works if left unfinished by the developer and the Council have an Indemnity Agreement from the directors of Liquid Living Developments which will remove all risk to the Parish Council. The developers are waiting for signoff from Jane Gravelle (Senior Contaminated Land Officer at EFDC) regarding contamination.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Signed by the Chairman:

Date: