

## NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 19th May 2016 at 7:30pm at St Giles Hall, Nazeing.**

**Members present:** Cllrs Evans (Chairman), Arnold (Vice Chairman), Carter, Casey, DiMaria, Frydrych, Gross, Joslin, Shorter, Skipper (part of meeting).

**Also present:** Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), 12 members of the Public, with a further 2 joining the meeting part way through.

*These minutes are subject to ratification at the next meeting.*

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Culling.

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of the Nazeing Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May 2015 were noted.

**3. Chairman's Report on the activities of the Parish Council during 2015/16.** 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 2015/16 are complete and the internal audit has taken place. The accounts will be available for inspection on the website.

We have seen several councillors leave and new councillors join the council over the year. With the sad passing of Councillor Daphne Borton and Councillor Mike Ballard we have lost two Councillors who were passionate about the village, both possessing a wealth of knowledge amassed over many years of service to the village.

Other Councillors who have left the council in the last year are Ed Borton and Gemma Castle. I would like to thank them for their massive contribution to the council. I would also like to thank District Councillor Yolanda Knight who has left the Council more recently due to her commitments at District Council.

We have welcomed three new Councillors over the year, Peter DiMaria, Kristy Casey and Peter Gross. I would like to thank them for coming forward and trust that they 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 Total site has been sold subject to contract 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 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. We will also have one additional vacancy this year as Councillor Gloria Skipper will be enjoying a well-deserved retirement in Spain. I will take this opportunity to wish her well and thank her for her contribution to the Council, we will all miss her passionate debating!

THANK YOU.

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

##### **4.1 Parochial Church Council. Revd Helen Gheorghiu Gould.**

Rev'd Helen Gheorghiu Gould provided a report as she was unable to attend in person. Cllr Arnold read the report, a summary follows. The grant was used to maintain the churchyard. The Church would like to continue maintaining the churchyard for the parish but clearly, bearing these costs alone is unsustainable (a table was included showing the costs). Options for the future are being explored but if this is not possible, the Church may have to consider closing the churchyard once it is full in the next few years.

##### **4.2 The Nazeingberries Association. Elizabeth Brown.**

Elizabeth Brown appreciated the grant and used it to subsidise the cost of coach trips. The Nazeingberries Association organises a number of trips & events during the year and recently a monthly lunch been introduced & has proved to be successful.

##### **4.3 Royal British Legion and RAFA. Brian Starling and Fred Sewell.**

Brian Starling appreciated the grant and the groups use the money towards welfare, which may be a holiday or help towards hospital visits.

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

**5.1 Elgon dentist.** The dentist is unable to offer NHS service, as it needs to have an NHS licence. In order to obtain a licence, a petition with 500 signatures is required, in order to apply for NHS licence.

**5.2 Maplecroft Lane and motorbikes.** Problem that motorbikes are being ridden on the land by Maplecroft Lane and on Tomworld. It is causing a noise disturbance and has been ongoing. Cllr Arnold requested that members of the public call 101 and report the problem. The item to be included on the next agenda.

**5.3 Elizabeth Close street lights and maintenance of the land by the Close.** Street lights are not being replaced, why? The Clerk advised that a new contract has recently been signed, so the process should be quicker and slightly cheaper. The land by Elizabeth Close was being maintained but is now unkept. The item to be included on the next agenda.

**5.4 Update on the Memorial bench for Dr Gervis.** There was some discussion and it appears some confusion between different members of the Nazeingberries Association. The Association will undertake progressing this forward.

**5.5 Broxbourne bridge and Highways around Nazeing.** Is there any update on when the work will start on Broxbourne bridge? The Council have not been informed of any details.

The state of the highways around Nazeing is not good. Cllr Frydrych advised the District Cllr Bassett & himself had been working with highways to address the issues and would continue to do so. It was noted that work has been carried out on Hoe Lane.

Meeting closed at 8:16pm.

**Signed by the Chairman:** .....

**Date:** .....