

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 22nd December 2016 at 9pm at the Leisure Centre, Bumbles Green, Nazeing.

Members present: Cllrs Evans (Chairman), Carter, Clarke, DiMaria, Joslin, Shorter.

Also present: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), 3 members of the Public.

These minutes are subject to ratification at the next meeting.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Arnold, Casey, Frydrych, Gross and Skipper.

2. Public participation:

Ed Borton asked for consent to display a notice for Nazeing Conservation Society on noticeboards, which was given. It can also be added to the website.

Graham Smith advised that the £6,000 section 106 agreement as a result of the new houses at 2 North Street by the crossroads is with EFDC.

3. Declarations of Interest:

None.

4. Approval and signing of minutes:

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council meeting held on 24th November 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman with no amendments.

b) The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 10th November and 24th November 2016 were noted.

5. Pound Close Play Area.

Following discussion on the request by Graham Smith (resident) for the Council to plan to enhance the play area by planting some suitable trees around the green edge and to provide new play equipment to be placed on the south end of the area, it was agreed that

- i) Graham Smith would talk to neighbours and ask about trees, fencing & new play equipment and report back to the Council in January.
- ii) The Clerk would establish the cost to buy & plant trees.

6. Reduction in Bus Services. CE/LE

There are changes to 392 and 505 services including withdrawal of some services.

Epping Forest Community Transport are providing a new commercial service (CT392) from 04/01/17, which initially will be chargeable. Once approved by the Traffic Commissioner, bus passes will be accepted.

The current service 86 will be diverted via Lower Nazeing from 02/01/17. Timetable details to be obtained and included in the communication.

Notice from ECC and new CT392 / revised service 86 timetables to be displayed on the noticeboards and website.

7. Street Lighting. LE

a) A&J Street Lighting are planning to do the annual maintenance survey early in the new year, date tbc.

b) Update on replacement street lights in a number of locations in Nazeing

i) Betts Lane nr the pond: light has been ordered.

ii) Elizabeth Close nr junction with Nazeing Road: light has been ordered.

iii) Betts Lane nr the Church: lantern has been replaced.

iv) 5 Wheelers Close: light has been ordered.

v) The Crown Public House: lantern has been replaced.

For noting: Street light near Golf Club is Essex Highways responsibility.

8. Amenity Matters:

a) Maintenance of the hedges / trees at Bumbles Green and the allotments.

Not all the quotes have been received, C/F to next meeting.

9. Update on Matters relating to the Total site. DJ/CS

Cllr Shorter has circulated his monthly update: demolition completed and solid hoarding now erected.

It was proposed to approve retrospectively the access license agreement entered into between the Parish Council, the developer and the Parochial Church Council. All Cllrs voted in favour of the proposal and it was approved.

10. Financial Matters:

a) It was agreed to authorise:

i) payments totalling £11,984.66

It was noted Cllrs Joslin & Carter will set up & approve direct credits this month.

Action Cllrs Joslin & Carter.

b) The Financial summary for December 2016 was approved and signed by the Chairman with no amendments.

11. Precept 2016/17. LE

To review first draft of Precept for 2016/17. Final figure required by 31/01/17.

Insufficient time to review the first draft, so C/F to next meeting 12/01/17.

12. Highway improvement requests. All Cllrs

Essex Highways have invited NPC representatives to submit highway improvement requests that can be considered by the Local Highway Panel. A request is not guaranteed but an early submission will ensure consideration for 2017/18 programme of works. C/F to next Full Council meeting.

13. Planning Applications. CE

To discuss and consider having Planning Committee meeting once a month (to remain as 2nd Thursday of the month). The consideration of Planning Applications to be incorporated as part of the Full Council meeting, instead of a having a separate meeting and agenda on 4th Thursday of the month). C/F to next Full Council meeting.

14. Clerks Report.

It was asked if items could be removed from the report if there was no update, however, the Clerk advised that this would result in extra time to remove and then re-instate the items.

15. Reports from Councillors who have attended other meetings.

None.

16. Communications.

Item a) was noted:

a) Nicola Ceconi (Countrycare at EFDC) advised that they have £8000 grant from the "Tesco Bags of Help" scheme to put in a dipping platform, new interpretation panel and plant a few native pond plants at Nazeing triangle. Anticipated that work will start in January.

17. Information Items and other items for next agenda:

Information item

a) Consultation by DCLG "The 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement – Technical Consultation Paper". The Government was planning to bring in new rules forcing local councils to hold costly local referendums over increases to the parish precepts. Update: The Government will **NOT** be applying referendum principles to parish precepts for 2017/18.

18. Date of next meeting of Full Council. 26th January 2017, 8pm.

Meeting closed 9:47pm.

Signed by the Chairman:

Date: