

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE of NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 09th JANUARY 2014 at the rising of the Planning Meeting at THE LEISURE CENTRE, BUMBLES GREEN, NAZEING, ESSEX, EN9 2SF

Members in attendance: Cllrs. D Borton, Joslin, Castle, Evans, Arnold, E Borton

Non Members in attendance: 1 member of Public and Mark Pyatt (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Ballard

2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Clerk Report:**

The outstanding action points were discussed and the clerk log updated accordingly.

4. **Members Reports:**

a) **Play Areas**

No visits have been undertaken and except for concern over a branch that requires removal, no issues were reported. Cllr D Borton to contact Tree Surgeon to ascertain when authorised work will commence

Action D Borton

b) **Allotments**

The EFDC request for a 3 metre gap between the allotments and the watercourse was discussed. The Chair of the Allotment Association advised that a 3m gap seems excessive. The Committee advised that the Council are the tenant for the allotment and that EFDC wanted a wider gap, but the Council managed to agree a reduction to 3m. Reports of an agreement for a 2m gap were raised, but no written evidence is available to support this. Requests for structures at the site require written Council approval, as per the conditions posted at the site.

It was confirmed that the structures are movable, but it may be problematic to move structures in the middle allotments.

The Council raised that non allotment rubbish had been placed in the skip facility that was provided to clear the allotment and that rubbish still remains. The Allotment Chair stated that most of the rubbish had been cleared.

A copy of the EFDC letter was provided to Allotment Chair and he was advised of a letter to be sent requesting movement of structures in the 3m area and for the allotment to be cleared. It was noted that vacant plots are becoming overgrown.

The neutral allotment budget with £600 income and expenditure looked realistic for the Precept.

c) **Football Pitches.**

Playing has stopped due to poor weather conditions. The NYFC invoice for £375 has been paid, with £75 expected from the School Academy. It was confirmed that £450 is the income from football per football season.

The Committee agreed that the provision of football pitches does not cover the cost of maintenance and renovation when required, although renovation does balance out over time. NYFC are open to discussion over higher pitch fees as they do have exclusive use of them.

A request for a summer school has been received, Cllr Arnold will progress the matter and report back.

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d) **Leisure Centre.**

One more decoration quote expected and electrician due to commence work soon. Heating of hall will be discussed with electrician.

e) **Ground Maintenance**

Awaiting tree work to commence.

5. **Precept Requests**

Further discussion of Precept Requests for amenities will take place in the Finance Meeting.

6. **Information Items and matters for next agenda**

No items were discussed.

7. **Exclusion of public & press.** There was no exclusion of the press or public.

Meeting Closed 8:45