

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE of NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 13th March 2014 at the rising of the Finance 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 : Cllr Frydrych and Mark Pyatt (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Culling and Ballard
2. **Declaration of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Clerk Report:** The committee were updated on outstanding action points

4. **Response to the Scouts Request from the Full Council Meeting.**

The committee were informed that the Explorer Scouts request of the previous Full Council meeting was being progressed and that no action was required at present.

5. **Members Reports:**

a) **Play Areas**

Handyman wants to commence grass cutting at Elizabeth Close and outside Aerodrome Corner .This was agreed. Clerk was requested to ask Handyman for costs for cutting all areas for 2014 growing season, including new area of Elizabeth close where oak tree has been removed, Cllr Castle agreed to speak to Handyman to discuss. **Action MP Cllr Castle**

It was agreed that the refurbishment of Pound Close play area has stalled. Cllrs Castle and Arnold to make a site visit and to report back with recommendations. **Action Cllrs Castle, Arnold**

b) **Allotments**

Update on Allotment agreement.

Clerk to send Cllr Joslin a copy of the old agreement file. **Action MP**

Cllr Castle to send Clerk Allotment Plan **Action Cllr Castle**

The Council **RESOLVED** to review the Allotment Rental charge to be brought before the next Full Council meeting. **Action Cllr Castle, Arnold**

Clerk to look up cost of Allotment water bill for last summer. **Action MP**

To consider Allotment report.

A report from Cllr Castle had previously been distributed covering a site meeting attended by Cllrs Castle and Ballard and the Allotment Chairman. Most clearing work has been undertaken. The 3m strip is now mostly clear. The council thanked the Allotment Chairman for his efforts. One area (between the tank traps and the road which is not under the management of the Allotments Association) is not in a maintainable condition and only partly cut back with dumped rubbish. It requires clearing and levelling and put to grass.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to obtain quotes to clear the area. **Action Cllr Evans.**

The Committee agreed to a request from the Allotment Association to allow for one bonfire to clear rubbish.

The Allotment Chairman has requested a letter to be sent to Long Green residents. Cllr Castle agreed to ask the Allotment Chairman to draft a letter to be sent by the Clerk. **Action Cllr Castle**

The working party agreed to monitor the stream to ensure it is kept clear.

The committee agreed to a request for a one final new skip on the condition that it is for a short period with a collection date agreed upon delivered. Cllr Castle to arrange. **Action Cllr Castle**

Cllr Arnold agreed to provide weed killer to clear nettles which would be sprayed by the Allotment Association.

The Allotment Chairman requested to receive Amenities agenda and minutes. **Action MP.**

c) Football Pitches.

A request for the Handyman to roll the football pitch at a cost of £50 was agreed. **Action Cllr Arnold**

d) Leisure Centre.

Decoration has commenced and will take around 3 weeks. A local plumber will be attending to the leak on 14/03/2014 and undertaking other repairs.

5. Information Items and matters for next agenda

There were no matters discussed

6. There was no exclusion of public & press.

The meeting closed at 22:26