

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL held at 8 pm on THURSDAY 27th February 2014 at THE LEISURE CENTRE, BUMBLES GREEN, NAZEING, EN9 2SF

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

Non members in attendance: 5 members of public 1 member of the press and Mark Pyatt(Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Culling Frydrych, Shorter and Skipper.

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

3 Public Participation

First Nazeing Scout Leader presented a paper requesting support for expanding the group and adding Explorer Scouts (14.½ – 18 year olds)

Cllrs Carter and Evans agreed to prepare a response for presentation at the March Amenities meeting. **Action Cllr Castle, Evans and MP**

A member of public asked about the Parish plans for the anniversary of WW1 as the Royal Air Force and British Legion.

Cllr Ballard clarified the ideas of the Council, although no formal decisions have been made.

4 Clerk report

It was reported that the condition of Meadgate Lane had been chased with Essex Highways, the meeting with the Lee Valley Growers Association is being arranged and that Barclays Bank had confirmed that the signature authority requests should be completed in 7 – 10 days.

5. Approval and Signing of minutes as a true and accurate account of the meeting proceedings:

a) Parish Council Meeting 23rd January 2014. and closed session 23rd January 2014. **Approved**

b) Planning Committee Meetings 13th February 2014 (To be noted.) **Noted.**

c) Amenities Committee Meetings 13th February 2014.

The following amendments were agreed.

Item d to be amended as follows:-

“with one visit *of 4 hours* per fortnight required”.

Item d to be amended as follows:-

“accept the Hall decoration contract *of £2,985.00*”

The amended minutes were approved.

d) Finance Committee Meetings 13th February 2014. **Approved**

6. Members Reports:

To CONSIDER the reports from Members & Clerk.

a) Nazeingbury Parade Post Office Closure.

Cllr D. Borton updated the Council on the post office closure and reported on a site meeting, she attended with R Halfon MP and Cllr Bassett. The Newsagent on Nazeing Parade has met with the Post Office to discuss the possibility of taking over the business. We are awaiting the results of the meetings. But there are still known hurdles to overcome.

The Chair of the local British Legion Branch spoke on the matter and raised concerns over the closure. He advised that there is someone in the village who would like to take over the role if facilities could be found. The British Legion offered their support in keeping the Post Office open. Cllrs suggested talking to the Newsagent and contacting R Halfon MP to express their concerns.

b) Mineral Rights update.

Council were advised that a Member of Public had informed the Council that they had successfully removed mineral rights and this had been communicated to interested parties.

- c) To consider the use of headed note paper for the Council.
The Council **RESOLVED** to use the headed note paper for all future Council correspondence.

7. Highways

- a) Nazeing Road Closures.

The distributed list of road closures for proposed road works was noted.

- b) Dobbs Weir Bridge Closure.

The Council agreed to support Roydon PC to ensure that any closure is kept to a minimum and in summer not winter, to lessen the impact. **Action MP**

- d) Broxbourne Railway Bridge.

The Council received reports of the possibility of train storage in Broxbourne sidings and potential bridge works to accommodate this.

The Council agreed to contact TFL and Network rail to ask about any plans.

Action MP

Cllr Evans agreed to investigate with LVRP, as it is understood they own some of the land in question. **Action Cllr Evans**

8. To agree the meeting dates for May 2014

The Council **RESOLVED** to hold the Full Council meeting and Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May and decide if an additional planning meeting is required nearer the time.

Action MP

9. Flooding Update

Cllr Frydrych has produced a contact list and an emergency flood plan. A copy is to be provided to the Clerk for storage in the office. Cllr Evans stated he is holding the sandbag stock for future emergencies. It was agreed that Parish Council Flood warden would be discussed at next meeting and EFDC informed. **Action Cllr Frydrych and MP**

10. Councillor Vacancy

There has been one enquiry for the position, but they have not pursued the matter further. The Vacancy is now open for people to request co-option to the Council.

11. Information Items and matters for next agenda

Cllr D Borton has received an e-mail providing an update on the Nazeing Sign suggesting location. Details will be presented at the March meeting.

Cllr E Borton requested that at the March meeting Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Committee Terms of Reference are reviewed. Cllrs have documents and any comments are to be provided to the clerk 20th March 2014.

The Clerk informed that the annual audit is booked for 13th May 2014.

Cllr Evans requested to be booked on planning training day 20th June 2014. **Action MP**

Cllr training records to be followed up with EFDC

Action MP

Meeting Closed 21:05