

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL held at 8.20 pm on THURSDAY 24th APRIL 2014 at THE LEISURE CENTRE, BUMBLES GREEN.

Members in attendance: Cllrs. D. Borton (Chairman), Arnold, E. Borton, Carter, Castle, Culling, Evans, Frydrych, Joslin, Shorter and Skipper.

Non members in attendance: Colleen O'Boyle (Director of Governance at EFDC) and 8 members of the public.

It was agreed that Cllr. E. Borton would prepare the draft Minutes.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr. Ballard

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Parking restriction request at Nazeingbury Parade: The Chairman summarised the content of a letter to EFDC signed by some shopkeepers seeking restrictions on long term parking which was allegedly causing damaging effects on turnover. Several public attendees then spoke, admitting the difficulties but rejecting formal controls, fearing that rigid limits would force business away. The consensus was that an informal approach by the Council to all shopkeepers seeking restraint would be a better solution. It was RESOLVED that Cllr. E. Borton would email the Officer at EFDC and advise him of the different views and ask that no formal action be taken at the moment. Colleen O'Boyle also promised to make contact with him. EB would also draft a letter to go to the shopkeepers. **Action EB**

4. Total Site: Colleen O'Boyle then explained her understanding of the background of the issues around the sale of the site and advised use of more than one, but preferably three agents in order to demonstrate value for money. She acknowledged that there had been past commitment to just one agent but felt that it had been satisfied. She added that she had seen no evidence of further financial obligation and felt that it was for the claimant to prove his point.

There was then a long debate on the different processes to be taken given the possible capital payment out of the Chimes development. In the end it was RESOLVED that the Working Party should be authorised to commence a soft marketing approach using several agents with a limited marketing budget for each. However, beforehand, advice would be sought from Chris Pasterfield (Assistant Director of Asset Management at EFDC) and Colleen O'Boyle offered to speak to him first. **Action EB, MF, DJ & CS**

5. Clerk's report: None.

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

- a) Parish Council Meeting and part 2 meeting 27th March 2014. Approved with a date correction on Part 2.
- b) Planning Committee Meetings 10th April 2014. Noted.
- c) Amenities Committee Meetings 10th April 2014. Approved.
- d) Finance Committee Meetings 10th April 2014. Approved.

7. Members Reports: Cllr. Carter drew attention to the meeting which is to be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th April organising the 1914 Commemoration. Cllr. Frydrych mentioned opportunities for road maintenance and asked that the matter be included on the agenda for the next Council meeting. Cllr. Skipper asked about signage in Meadgate Road and the Chairman stated the matter was being dealt with by County Councillor Anthony Jackson. Cllr. Shorter said that there had been dumping in Back Lane and Cllr. Frydrych said he would investigate. The problems with the resumption of wood chipping at Birchfield Industrial Site were discussed but the Chairman said that a date for a combined meeting had yet to be fixed. Cllr Evans reported that a chance contact with two residents had led to disappointment being expressed about the dropping of the Summer Playscheme but no letter had been received. The Chairman mentioned a recent litter incident ignored by one of the football adults at Bumbles Green and Cllr. Castle reported increased litter collections at the play areas.

Actions KC, MF, DB & GC

8. Standing Orders: It was RESOLVED to adopt the revised NALC document without changes except for the deletion irrelevant matters such as Welsh items. **Action EB**

9. Risk Assessments: It was RESOLVED to defer the matter to the May meeting.

10. Information Items and matters for next agenda: Cllr. E. Borton stated that the next meetings were to be on 15th May and would include the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting. He added that a review of the Terms of Reference of Committees was then appropriate together with perhaps a reconstruction of their structure coupled a reduction in the frequency of meetings. **Action ALL Cllrs.**

11. Meeting closed at 9.36 pm after the Chairman had thanked Colleen O'Boyle for attendance, interest and contributions.

EB
25th April 2014