

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 24th July 2014 at 8.35 p.m. at the Leisure Centre, Bumbles Green.

Members present: Councillors D. Borton (Chairman), Arnold, Ballard, E. Borton, Carter, Castle, Evans, Frydrych and Joslin.

Also present: 1 Member of the Press.

1. Clerk for the Meeting: Councillor E. Borton undertook the Clerk's role for the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence: Councillors Shorter and Skipper.

3. Public participation: None.

4. Declarations of interest: Councillors Arnold and Evans declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 8.

5. Approval and signing of Minutes:

- a) Council Meeting 26th June 2014. Approved.
- b) Planning Meeting 26th June 2014. Noted.
- c) Planning Meeting 10th July 2014. Noted.

6. Risk Assessment: Councillor Joslin briefly reviewed the risks attaching to assets, financial matters, keys, computer codes, public use of parish grounds and buildings and allotments. Councillor E. Borton mentioned that he had located a paper file and computer disc about earlier risk assessments and Cllrs. Carter and Joslin agreed to review these matters before further discussion. **KC, DJ & EB**

7. Accounts for Payment: Payment of accounts totalling £10,668.56 was authorised. No transfer of funds between bank accounts seemed necessary.

8. Football Field: Councillor Castle reported that Vince Cresswell had been forced to increase the number of grass cuts possibly because parts of the field had been fertilised. There was a discussion about other reasons, costs, and equipment suitability. It was agreed to consider the matter again in the autumn when the total number of cuts and other costs would be known. **GC**

9. Total site: Councillor E. Borton reported that the restrictions on purpose contained in the Particulars of Sale had been removed on the suggestion of Councillors. Furthermore, David Bond, EFDC Valuation and Development Surveyor, had advised that the restrictive covenant originally included was contrary to Section 127 of LGA. The bidding process was then discussed. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the advice from Mr. Bond for an initial marketing period of some six weeks, with bids going to EFDC, opened there and recorded, possibly with some Parish Councillors present as observers. A report will then be issued to NPC and Bidwells with the bids passed back to Bidwells for them to analyse/negotiate with possibly another round of bids going to EFDC. Councillors agreed to accept the offer of an overview from EFDC with negotiations being handled by Bidwells. It was also unanimously RESOLVED that, if matters proceeded in accordance with this process, then a public explanation of any decision would be given. However it was recognised that not every resident might be satisfied with a disposal for a consideration representing "the best that can be reasonably obtained" which is the Section 127 legal requirement.

10. Reports from Councillors:

a) Councillor Arnold raised complaints about traffic speeding around Bumbles Green and the results of a survey. It was agreed that the Council would support District Councillor Bassett in any campaign for safety measures.

b) Councillor Frydrych asked if the draft advertisement to be displayed in the bus shelter could be distributed. **EB**

c) Councillor Castle mentioned overgrown hedges in Nazeing Road and agreed to contact Highways. **GC**

d) Councillor Evans stated that overgrown hedges in the Crooked Mile were due to be cut back.

e) Councillor Frydrych stated that damaged fencing around the Total site would soon be replaced. **MF**

f) The Chairman reported that interviews for a new clerk were about to take place.

g) Councillor Ballard reported on the changes and problems relating to All Saints Church and graveyard. It was agreed that this matter be discussed at a future meeting. **DB**

h) Several Councillors commented favourably about the commemoration and exhibition at the Congregational Church.

13. Next meetings: It was agreed that the next Planning Meeting would be held on 14th August with a finance component and that the next Council Meeting would probably be held on 25th September.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.