

## NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of Nazeing Parish Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 8:15pm at the Leisure Centre, Bumbles Green, Nazeing.

**Members Present:** Cllrs D Borton (Chairman), Arnold, E Borton, Culling, Evans, Frydrych, Joslin.

**Also Present:** Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), 15 Members of Public and 1 Member of Press

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Shorter, Skipper, Castle, Ballard, Carter.

**2. Public participation:** Deferred until after item 4.

It was noted that public were present for matters appearing at item 7 and would be discussed under the relevant heading.

**3. Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest made.

**4. Revd. Helen Gheorghiu Gould:**

Helen is here on an interim basis, for the next 12 months. The focus on her role is pastoral care, relationship building and planning for growth. Helen has identified a number of key issues, these include the parish reconnecting with the community, improving the churchyard & putting in place a management plan, re-opening St Giles and developing the congregation. A new worship plan is being introduced from October 2014.

Cllr Frydrych passed on his thanks with the recent emergency in Nazeing.

Member of the public commented that the catholic community is not being excluded & this is appreciated.

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

a) Full Council Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014. **Approved**

b) Planning Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014. **Noted**

*In relation to 4 b of the above minutes, it was resolved that "No individual Cllr should reply to any complaint sent to Nazeing Parish Council, the Parish Clerk to acknowledge complaint and then respond after consideration by the Cllrs".*

**It was proposed by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr E Borton. 6 Cllrs voted for and with 1 abstention.**

**6. Risk Assessment:**

Still being reviewed. To be finalised at the next Full council meeting.

**DJ/EB**

**7. Amenity Matters:**

**a) Bumbles Green traffic problems & recent accidents.**

Photos shown from around Bumbles Green. Members of the public also commented that accidents occurring due to camber on the road, especially when wet.

It was suggested more active signs, type that flash when speed limit exceeded.

Cllr D Borton proposed that information be supplied (a log of accidents etc.) and then it can be taken up with County Cllr Jackson with a view to it being raised at the Local Highways Panel.

**DB**

**b) Birchwood site – update.**

Photos shown of lorries with extremely large loads & concern of hitting overhead cables, concern raised that treated wood chippings are getting into the waterways. If vehicles are visiting the site before 7am, please contact Clare Munday at EFDC. Member of the public advised that an air pollution monitoring equipment was going to be used by EFDC.

Cllrs Arnold & D Borton to visit the Birchwood site on 26/09/14 with Clare Munday.

**c) Motorbikes - trespass and noise disturbance.**

Cllr Arnold advised that over the past year, the problem has got much worse with up to 30 bikes causing a disturbance. Police have been informed but nothing has happened. Anyone hearing the disturbance should report it to EFDC.

Cllr Frydrych to provide contact details of all the relevant land owners.

**MF**

Land owners will be written to and advised of the trespassing & noise disturbance.

**LE**

**d) Road signs – issue as covered by vegetation/in need of cleaning.**

Some sign issues have already been rectified. Cllr Frydrych needs a list of problem signs and then the Rangers will tackle the issues.

**MF**

**e) Bus shelter - Cleaning service quote.**

It was resolved to

- i) employ Mark Warner Car Valeting to provide a cleaning service to the bus shelter situated at the junction of the Nazeing crossroads in Middle Street for four cleans per annum at £50 per visit
- ii) authorise Eco Power & Lighting to advertise on the above bus shelter.

It was proposed by Cllr E Borton and seconded by Cllr Joslin.

Circulate Eco Power & Lighting information to Cllrs.

**LE**

**f) Allotments – confirm that a deposit is required by all new tenants.**

Cllrs confirmed that a deposit is still required by all new tenants.

**8. Financial Matters:**

**a) It was agreed to authorise:**

- i) payments totalling £7,505.00
- ii) transfer of £5000 between bank accounts to meet future outgoings
- iii) payment of £20 for the Remembrance Sunday wreath (Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal)
- iv) payment for a grant of £150 to the Nazeing Association for the Elderly and Handicapped

**b)** To consider a one-off payment to Mark Pyatt, in lieu of the assistance provided to NPC over the past few months.

This item was moved to the closed session.

**9. To clarify Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) and Councillors withdrawal from meetings.**

**DB**

Cllr D Borton covered the disclosure of interests and withdrawal from meetings. Cllr Frydrych raised a concern that previously Cllrs should have withdrawn from a meeting due to DPIs, however, they did not. Cllr D Borton said that the code of conduct changed in November 2013. Cllrs to review the circumstances. This serious allegation to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

Circulate Code of Conduct – Briefing on Standards Arrangements to Cllrs.

**10. Reports from Councillors who have attended other meetings.**

No reports.

**11. Communications:**

**a) Letter from Essex Air Ambulance.** Thanked NPC for previous support, request to consider making a grant to Essex Air Ambulance.

It was agreed to add to the precept meeting in January 2015.

**12. Information Items and other items for next agenda:**

**a)** Cllr Evans asked dog fouling on the football pitch to be added to next agenda.

**b)** Cllr Frydrych asked that the waste bin be re-instated by Keysers to be added to next agenda.

**c)** Cllr D Borton reported that the service provided by Parkguard finishes in September. Not receiving complaints from the public, as in previous years.

Cllr Evans to notify Parkguard about NPC's future requirements and also to investigate ownership of land, in order to resolve the littering problem. **CE**

**d)** Cllr E Borton advised that Thames Water have removed part of the standing charge for sewage (surface water) at our request and that he will follow up the possibility of a further rebate for the watering the football pitches. **EB**

**13. Exclusion of public and press.** Public and press excluded for items 8b and 14.

**14. Update on Matters relating to the Total site (if necessary, in a closed session should pre-contractual matters need to be considered).**

This item was moved to the closed session.

**15. Date of next meeting of Full Council Committee.  
23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 at 8pm.**

The meeting closed at 9:32pm