

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7:45pm at the Scout Hut, Perry Hill, Middle Street, Nazeing.

Members present: Cllrs Carter (Chairman), Arnold, Benton, Billingham, Clarke, Frydrych, Joslin, Skipper, Smith.

Also present: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), 13 members of the Public and County Cllr Jackson.

These minutes are subject to ratification at the next meeting.

Cllr Carter welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies noted from District Cllr Bassett.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the Nazeing Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th May 2018 were noted.

3. Chairman's Report on the activities of the Parish Council during 2018/19.

All of the statutory obligations of the Council have been met and the appropriate meetings have been held in accordance with our Standing Orders.

The annual accounts for 2018/19 are complete and the internal audit will take place on Thursday 23rd May 2019. The accounts will soon be available for inspection on the website.

We have seen two councillors leave and one new councillor join the Council over the past year.

Councillor Mandy McCarthy has decided to leave due to her husband's health problems and Councillor Chris Shorter failed to send his election forms to EFDC in the allotted time and was not in the election. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their time and hard work.

I would also like to congratulate Stan Benton for coming forward to join the Parish Council and being elected and Margaret Smith who joined earlier in the year. I hope he will find it worthwhile and rewarding.

Councillors both old and new have attended numerous training events and I am happy that we have a broad skill set on the Council at present.

I would like to show my appreciation to the following:

Thanks go to Lorraine Ellis our clerk who has been outstanding throughout the year. Not only has she had to deal with more than her work load, but she also has to work in a unit on a farm which is not ideal and I hope we can rectify that as soon as possible.

I am pleased to see that finally the new houses on the former Total Petrol site are almost complete. Special thanks go to Councillors David Joslin, Chris Shorter for their hard work with resolving the matter.

Councillor Gloria Skipper for her work on the Community Emergency Plan for Nazeing.

And the rest of the councillors for all their hard work and time.

I feel we have a good team of Parish Councillors at present who have different skills that can be brought to meetings and that residents can see we are trying to make Nazeing a wonderful village to live in.

Thank you.

4. Reports from Groups receiving grants / contributions from Nazeing Parish Council.

4.1 The Nazeingberries Association. Elizabeth Brown.

The grant has been used towards the cost of the coaches for trips. Elizabeth Brown also thanked Cllr Frydrych for his donation for the raffle. There is still uncertainty over St Giles hall, which is making it difficult to arrange events at the venue. The Nazeingberries will be celebrating "United Nations Day for the Elderly" with an afternoon tea on 08/10/19 at the King Harold's Head. The Christmas Dinner was well supported and the monthly lunches have between 40 and 50 people attending. Elizabeth thanked the Council and the Clerk for help with displaying posters.

4.2 Royal British Legion and RAFA. Report from Brian Starling.

"As I have another local conflicting engagement this evening, please accept my apologies for not being able to present this summary personally. On behalf of the Nazeing branch of both the RAFA and RBL we would like to thank the Parish Council for their ongoing support. As you may be aware the RAFA Branch has now been merged with North Weald & Ongar branch, offering more possibilities for social interaction and other RAFA events. Most of your grant has been used for transport for the merger negotiations for our members and a little for a joint lunch. The grant for Nazeing RBL was used for visiting members in hospital and towards Remembrance Sunday expenses. This branch is now under County Supported status but we can still use money for welfare purposes." Brian Starling.

4.3 Epping Forest Community Transport (EFCT). Angela Canham.

Angela Canham advised that EFCT has managed the C392 service since January 2017. The trackers funded by the Council for the two mini buses for this route are able to supply information as to the whereabouts of the buses. This allows EFCT to provide up-to-date details on the location of the bus when they receive an enquiry. It also monitors driver behavior as well. EFCT provide transport on average for 1,700 passenger journeys per month within Nazeing.

There is the possibility of the C392 service extending its route to Harlow bus station. Angela advised that this was something for the bus users to request however, she had been looking into the possibility of extending the route.

5. To answer any questions from residents or representatives of local organisations.

No questions were raised.

Meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed by the Chairman:

Date: