

# NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL meeting held at 8 pm on THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2014 at THE LEISURE CENTRE, BUMBLES GREEN, NAZEING, EN9 2SF

**Members in attendance:-** Cllr's D Borton, Joslin, E Borton, Carter, Skipper, Castle, Frydrych, Evans, Arnold and Shorter.

**Non Members in attendance:-** Mark Paytt ( Clerk) 8 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr's Ballard and Culling.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** No declarations of interest were made.

### 3 Public Participation

#### Request for Village Sign.

The paper previously distributed to Councillors proposing a "Nazeing Upper Town" village sign was discussed with the attending members of the public. The proposal included ideas as to location and design of the sign. The Council welcomed the idea and offered appreciation for a well presented proposal. The proposer was asked to provide a design, costs and a preferred location for the next finance meeting. The Council advised that consultation with planning officers may be required and that the location should consider agricultural machinery movements in that part of the village.

4 **Clerk report** All outstanding actions due, have been closed and the log updated accordingly.

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

- a) Parish Council Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013 **Approved**
- b) Planning Committee Meetings 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013, 09<sup>th</sup> January 2014 **Noted**
- c) Amenities Committee Meetings 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013, 09<sup>th</sup> January 2014 **Approved.**
- d) Finance Committee Meetings 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013, 09<sup>th</sup> January 2014 **Approved.**

### 6. Total Site:

This item was considered under a part 2 meeting.

### 7. Members Reports:

- a) Cllr Frydrych informed members of the public of the increased level of dumping in parts of the village and that the Council are aware of the problem and seeking a solution.
- b) The Clerk reported on a request for the Council to support LVRP and local businesses, who are concerned over the condition of Meadgate Lane. The Council authorised the Clerk to write to Essex Highways to request remedial action. **Action MP**
- c) The Clerk informed the Council of a back dated rental request for Aerodrome Corner. The Council requested the matter to be dealt with at the next Finance meeting. **Action MP**
- d) Cllr D Borton advised that the tree works required due to storm damage had now been completed.

### 8. Precept for 2014/15.

The Council **RESLOVED** to request a Precept of £72,600 for the financial year 2014/15, which although the same as last year may result in a potential increase for residents due to reduction of the District Council Rebate.

### 9. Councillor Training

The Clerk advised Councillors that the EFDC website has a page for each Councillor and their training records are in the public domain. If any Councillors believe that their record is showing incorrectly they should advise the Clerk who will arrange corrections. Additionally any required training should be booked through the Clerk.

### 10. Mineral Rights charges over property in Nazeing

Members of the public raised concerns over letters received regarding mineral rights of property in the village. It was queried if anyone had challenged the rights. Cllr Borton advised that she had undertaken an investigation and the letters had been widely received. It was thought that there was little that land owners could do, and that the charging request was a protection of an historical right over minerals, rather than a threat to owners. Challenges could be made to the Land Registry, but only on substantiated grounds. The Council agreed to ensure that any further developments that they are made aware of are publicised.

**11. Section 137 Grants**

The Council requested that this item be moved to the next Finance meeting.

**12. Nazeingbury Parade Post Office Closure**

The Council were informed that Cllr D Borton will meet with R Halfon MP and District Cllr Bassett at the Post Office on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to discuss the closure. It is understood the Royal mail wish to keep it open and are looking for ways to do so. **The Council expressed their deep concern over the intended closure and expressed their support for a Post Office in the village and any efforts to resolve the situation.**

**13. Councillor Vacancy**

The Council **RESOLVED** that in the event of there being no election called in respect of the current vacancy by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014, then the Clerk will be authorised to post a notice on the Nazeingbury notice board and the web site that nominations for co-option are being sought as from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014. The closing date for such nomination is to be 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**14. HMRC**

Cllr E Borton was given leave to appeal against the HMRC appeal decision to impose a fine for the late submission of PAYE Returns in 2010/11. MP and EB to discuss appeal and make an appeal by 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014.  
**Action MP & Cllr E Borton**

**15. Information Items and matters for next agenda**

There were no informational items or requests for the next agenda.

**Meeting Closed 20:43**