

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 23rd March 2017 at 8:15pm at the Scout Hut, Perry Hill, Middle Street, Nazeing.

Members present: Cllrs Evans (Chairman), Arnold, Carter, Casey, Clarke, DiMaria, Frydrych & Joslin.

Also present: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), 1 member of the Public.

Cllr Evans, on behalf of the Council, expressed condolences to the families affected by the attack in London.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Gross, Shorter, Skipper. Apologies noted from County Cllr Jackson.

2. Public participation:

None.

3. Declarations of Interest:

None.

4. Approval and signing of minutes:

a) The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council meeting held on 23rd February 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman with no amendments.

b) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9th February 2017 were noted.

5. Leisure Centre. CE/TA

An update on the building condition survey. To consider and agree the next steps to be taken by the Council.

The building condition survey and costs to undertake the repairs was circulated to the Cllrs. The cost to undertake the repairs is significant and it was agreed not to proceed with them, as the building would still only have a limited life span. It was agreed that the Leisure Centre would remain closed.

It was agreed to continue with Parish Council meetings at the Scout Hut and to investigate the costs & options for office accommodation (including storing Council paperwork) in Nazeing.

It was agreed to include a discussion of the possible requirements for a new hall at Bumbles Green on the next Full Council meeting agenda. It was suggested to then form a working group.

Cllr Frydrych would obtain some high level quotes for a replacement hall, based on current requirements.

Action Cllr Frydrych

Following attendance of the Village Hall course, it was proposed to join Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE), as advice is available regarding halls and for producing questionnaires for residents. It was agreed to join RCCE at a cost of £50+VAT.

The building condition survey report to be added to the website & sent to the Council's insurers. Contact insurance company to determine if movement of the building is covered under the Council's insurance.

Cllrs Evans and Arnold will contact Paul Bray to discuss the football clubs continued use of the facilities at Bumbles Green, following receipt of the building condition survey.
Action Cllrs Evans & Arnold.

As the Leisure Centre is remaining closed and the shoreprops have not been used, it was agreed to arrange for them to be collected.

6. Pre-Application - Proposed base station installation at Nazeing Road.

The Council has been asked for initial pre-application comments on this proposal. Drawings and information letter detailing the proposal have been circulated to Cllrs. Response required by 22/3/17 and requestor advised will be 24/3/17.

The Council considered the pre-application proposal and have resolved that it is not a suitable location in the centre of historic Nazeing. It is not in keeping with the surrounding residential area, it is in a very prominent position in Nazeing and would be fully visible. Advise Mr Halfon of the Council's comments on the proposal.

7. Amenity Matters. LE

a) Pound Close Play Area.

An update on tree planting. Following the three emails received from residents, the EFDC Housing department are happy that the complaints have been dealt with and that there are no health & safety issues, so the tree planting can proceed. Date TBA.

b) Elizabeth Close Play Area.

An update following the closure of the play area due to issue with the wetpour (rubber surface). To consider and agree the next steps to be taken by the Council. Some quotes to repair and / or replace the surface have been circulated to the Cllrs. It was agreed to contact the insurance company to determine if the issue with the surface is covered under Council's insurance. It was also agreed that a new notice is displayed at the play area to advise residents that the issue is being investigated by the Parish Council.

c) Bumbles Green and Allotments hedge maintenance update.

There was a query regarding removal of some waste from the site. This has been resolved. Tim Matthews was also concerned that since he cut the hedge by the house at the Leisure Centre, the owner may have cut the hedge further and it may not survive. It was agreed to monitor this. It was noted that Vince Cresswell has put some wooden railing & wire to close the gap from the play area to the road, as it was a health and safety issue.

8. Grant and Donation requests.

a) To consider the request from Marian Caslake (ESSA Water Activities Centre) for a contribution of up to £200 towards the cost of buoyancy aids to be able to attract more children to the centre. Details circulated to Cllrs.

It was resolved that the Council would give ESSA Water Activities Centre a grant of £150 towards the cost of buoyancy aids {Local Government Act 1972 s.137}.

b) To consider the request from St Clare Hospice for a donation to help with care and support provided to patients and their families. Details circulated to Cllrs. It was resolved that the Council would not give St Clare Hospice a donation, however Cllr Evans proposed that Cllrs make a donation themselves at the next Full Council meeting and this could be sent to St Clare Hospice.

9. Financial Matters:

a) To consider and approve employer contribution for the Clerk while the hall is closed. It was resolved to approve an employer contribution for the Clerk of £4 per week (£18 per month) while the hall is closed.

b) The Financial Summary will be amended to include the cost of the hire of Scouts Hut (£87.50) and will be re-circulated. It was agreed to authorise:

i) payments totalling £3,061.20

ii) transfer of £7,000 between bank accounts.

It was noted Cllrs Arnold & Carter will set up & approve direct credits this month.

Action Cllrs Arnold & Carter.

c) The Financial summary for March 2017 was approved with the amendment to include the cost of the hire of Scouts Hut but not signed by the Chairman.

d) It was agreed to transfer from Play Area budget not spent this year (£2,947) into the Play Areas EMR (Ear Marked Reserve).

e) It was agreed to carry forward Street Lighting budget not spent this year (£4008) into next year's Street Lighting budget.

f) It was agreed to carry forward Allotments budget not spent this year (£319) into next year's Allotments budget. It was noted that the cost of allotments hedge work would be recorded against allotments budget.

10. Wood Recycling Site. MF

An update on the wood recycling site. To consider and agree the next steps to be taken by the Council.

There are still issues with the wood recycling site. Wood is still being delivered and concern that there could be another fire, as it is still smouldering.

Cllr Frydrych has asked that he is given permission to speak to the Environmental Agency and Health & Safety Executive (HSE) on behalf of the Parish Council, which the Council considered and agreed permission.

11. Highway improvement requests. All Cllrs

Essex Highways have invited NPC representatives to submit highway improvement requests that can be considered by the Local Highway Panel. A request is not guaranteed but an early submission will ensure consideration for 2017/18 programme of works.

It was agreed to submit the request for additional parking at Hoe Lane again.

Concern was raised regarding parking right at the entrance to Hyde Mead. Confirm if the request for yellow lines would need to be made to North East Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) or Essex Highways.

12. Update on Matters relating to the Total site. CS/DJ

It was proposed to approve retrospectively the consent given to install crossover on the Total site in accordance with plans provided by Liquid Living Developments. All Cllrs voted in favour of the proposal and it was approved.

13. Clerks Report.

Report circulated before the meeting. No questions were raised.

14. Reports from Councillors who have attended other meetings.

Cllr Clarke and the Clerk attended the Village Hall training course.

15. Communications.

For consideration:

a) Letter from Mr Ricotta regarding the Condition of roads in the Lea Valley Nazeing. It was agreed that unfortunately there is nothing further the Parish Council can do.

b) Request from Mr Ellerbeck regarding including notice on the website to inform residents how to register to be eligible for a self-build plot. It was agreed that the notice would not be added to the Parish Council website.

c) For noting. Public Consultation - Police and Crime Commissioner - Give us your views. The consultation closes 10/05/17. Details on website & noticeboards.

d) For noting. Advice from Police and EFDC regarding Cold callers selling burglar alarms. Details on website.

16. Revisions to the code of conduct from Simon Hill (EFDC). DJ

Cllr Joslin will explain the detail of the changes. C/F to the next Planning meeting.

17. Planning Applications: DJ. The following applications were considered:

(a) Application No: EPF/0508/17

Officer: Graham Courtney

Applicant Name: Mr John O'Connor

Location: Woodside Barn, Paynes Lane, Nazeing, Essex, EN9 2EY

Proposal: Demolition of Existing Converted Barn consisting of 3no. dwellings and the erection of 2 Detached Dwellings and 4 Semi-detached dwellings.

Resolved – The Council objects to the application on the grounds that the proposed development is not appropriate in the Green Belt and there are no very special circumstances that are sufficient to outweigh the harm to the Green Belt which would result from the development, contrary to policy GB2A.

(b) Application No: EPF/0554/17

Officer: Corey Isolda

Applicant Name: Mr C Jarvis

Location: Belem, Middle Street, Nazeing, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9 2LH

Proposal: Raising of ridge to accommodate front ground floor extension and first floor extension over existing property and single storey side extension.

Resolved – no objection subject to obscure glass windows being installed as necessary.

This is provided for information only, EFDC do not normally accept comments on this application.

(c) Application No: EPF/0545/17

DRC Officer: Sukhvinder Dhadwar

Applicant Name: Mr S Cuffaro

Location: Lakeside Nursery, Paynes Lane, Nazeing, Essex, EN9 2EU

Proposal: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 8 'drainage details' on planning application EPF/2221/16 (Demolition of existing nursery storage buildings and erection of new nursery storage building).

Resolved – no comment.

18. Information Items and other items for next agenda:

a) Item for next agenda: Planning concerns at Laundry Lane and St Leonards Road.

19. Date of next meeting of Full Council. 27th April 2017.

Meeting closed 10:03pm.

Signed by the Chairman:

Date: