

## NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Nazeing Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 24th May 2018 at 7:45pm at St Giles Hall, Nazeing.**

**Members present:** Cllrs Carter (Chairman), Arnold, Billingham, Clarke, Joslin, Skipper.

**Also present:** Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), 11 members of the Public.

#### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Cllrs Frydrych, Gross, McCarthy, Shorter. Apologies noted from County Cllr Jackson.

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of the Nazeing Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th May 2017 were noted.

#### **3. Chairman's Report on the activities of the Parish Council during 2017/18.**

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 2017/18 are complete and the internal audit has taken place. The accounts will soon be available for inspection on the website.

We have seen three councillors leave and two new councillors join the Council over the past year. Councillor Peter Di Maria has had to leave due to work commitments and Councillor Kristy Casey has had to leave due to family commitments. Councillor Chris Evans had to miss a number of meetings for health reasons and fortunately he is now on the road to recovery. Regrettably, however, his mother is having health problems and as a result he had no alternate but to resign from the Council in order to assist with her care. I would like to thank all of them for their contribution to the Parish Council.

I would also like to thank Sarah Billingham and Mandy McCarthy for coming forward to join the Parish Council and I hope they will find it worthwhile and rewarding.

Councillors both old and new have attended numerous training events, myself included, 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.

The agreement that the Parish Council had entered into with a developer for the former Total Petrol site hit a stumbling block and I am pleased to report that this has now been resolved and work has now began on the site. Special thanks go to Councillors David Joslin, Peter Gross and Chris Shorter for their hard work with resolving the matter.

I would also like to give special thanks to Councillors Sue Clarke and David Joslin for all their hard work regarding the Veolia incinerator Public Inquiry. I know they have both worked extremely hard and given up a lot of time to attend various meetings.

I would also like to thank Councillor Mark Frydrych for his hard work and time with regard fly tipping, liaising with residents and visiting locations with planning applications.

The Allotment Association held their AGM on 12/04/18. Due to no volunteers standing for the various officer posts, the meeting agreed to start closing down the

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Association. Fortunately, Arthur Baker agreed to be a liaison between the allotment holders and the Parish Council and I would like to thank him once again for all his hard work with regard to the allotments.

Nazeing along with the rest of Epping Forest is going to be facing some challenges with regard to meeting the Government's Housing requirements. A new Local Plan is currently being agreed and at the moment Nazeing will be need to build 122 houses by 2033 in earmarked areas.

Residents need to realise that parts of Green Belt will have to be sacrificed to meet the Government's Housing requirements that are being forced on Nazeing. As a Parish, we are not here just to accept what is being thrown at us, but to try and limit the density and have some damage control.

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.**

Elizabeth Brown said that the Association tries to run events which are subsidised. There have been a number of coach trips, however, this year, the Association is reducing the number as they have been running at a loss (c.£200/trip). So running 3 full day trips and 3 half day trips. Last year, the Association started a monthly lunch at Highland Restaurant which has been very popular. No Mini-Market this year but Summer Fair fete on 07/07/18 2pm to 4pm. Hoping to have Christmas lunch at Highland Restaurant again. There are also a lots of things planned for during year.

##### **4.2 Royal British Legion (RBL) and Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA). Brian Starling.**

Brian Starling as the Treasurer thanked the Council for their donations. Both branches have lost several members or members have been unwell, so it is proving a difficult year. A new Chairman is required for the RBL, otherwise the branch will be forced to close. RAFA has carried on with looking at merging with North Weald & Ongar. Also looking at using Epping Forest Community Transport to get members to North Weald airfield. Monies donated to various RAFA homes.

##### **4.3 Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. Report from Aderyn Gillett.**

Aderyn Gillett was unable to attend the meeting and provided a report. It was noted that from 01/04/17 to 31/03/18, there were 15 deployments into Nazeing and the surrounding area.

##### **4.4 Nazeing Parochial Church Council. Revd. Helen Gheorghiu Gould.**

Helen Gheorghiu Gould passed on huge thanks to the Council for the contribution to the churchyard. The Church can only charge a set fee for burials, so contributions are required in order to continue maintaining the churchyard. Going forward, there are ongoing discussions about how the cost of maintenance can be covered. Helen is very passionate about the churchyard and wants it to remain open.

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

**5.1** Resident asked what S106 agreements will be made in relation to the residential developments planned for Nazeing. The Council responded by saying that each approved planning application will contain details of any S106 agreement.

**5.2** Resident observed that developers should realise that they can't keep building on Green Belt.

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**5.3** Resident also commented that a huge number of HGV vehicles are going through Nazeing.

**5.4** Resident asked why building is not taking place on the brownfield site at Fernbank Nursery. The Council responded by advising that this is Green Belt land and not a brownfield site.

**5.5** Resident stated that at present approximately 80 planning applications relating to land in Nazeing have been submitted to EFDC.

**5.6** Revd. Helen Gheorghiu Gould proposed that the attendees thanked the Parish Councillors for giving their time to serve on the Council.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

**Signed by the Chairman:** .....

**Date:** .....