

NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 26th May 2022 at 7:30pm at the Scout Hut, Perry Hill, Middle Street, Nazeing.

Members present: Cllrs Carter (Chairman), Benton, Joslin, Judge and Stock.

Also present: Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), Katie Fletcher (Assistant Clerk) 2 members of the Public.

Cllr Carter welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs Elton, Shorter. Apologies noted from District Cllrs Avey, Bassett and Pugsley.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the Nazeing Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2019 were noted.

3. Chairman's Report on the activities of the Parish Council during 2021/22.

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 2021/22 are complete and the internal audit took place on Tuesday 17th May 2022. The accounts will soon be available for inspection on the website.

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

Both councillors Tom Arnold and Stephen Clarkson decided to leave due to work commitments.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their time and hard work.

I would also like to congratulate David Elton and Andrew Judge for coming forward to join the Parish Council. Not only are they both local residents but have businesses in Nazeing as well. I hope they will find it worthwhile and rewarding.

We still have a number of vacancies.

Nazeing Parish Council has also recruited a new assistant clerk, Katie Fletcher, who has helped Lorraine with her workload as well as the office move to the new temporary portacabin at Bumbles Green Leisure Centre.

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'd like to thank all of the councillors and clerks for their hard work and time.

We do have some difficult times ahead of us with the closure of Broxbourne Railway bridge and both parish and district councillors are doing their utmost to help residents during this 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 awarded grants from Nazeing Parish Council in May 2021.

4.1 Epping Forest Community Transport. Angela Canham.

The C392 route is very important to us, and we are delighted to have been able to have assisted in providing this vital service for the local community. The route is popular, and we have received a great deal of positive feedback from service users and residents over the years.

The word "community" is very much central to everything that we do, and it is particularly gratifying when the parish feels able to provide tangible support for our work, and you can be assured that the Grant has been of direct benefit to all the local people who make use of the C392 Route.

In the last year of current challenging times, all Community Transport schemes have struggled with providing services to the community when financial income has dropped.

Community Transport used the grant towards the cost of PPE equipment, such as hand sanitizer, wipes, cleaning materials, adding protective screens in the vehicle, and providing face masks to passengers, when needed.

Contactless payment was first introduced to the C392 passengers and worked so well we were able to introduce contactless onto all our routes, passengers found contactless useful.

The team continued through the pandemic introducing new services meeting the challenges brought in by COVID-19 and investigated into how costs could stay the same or be reduced.

During the difficult times Community Transport was asked to provide emergency services such as:

- Delivering prescriptions for the NHS (PAH) to vulnerable & Coronavirus patients.
- Temporarily running a bus service requested by ECC, for the key workers, to get to our local Hospitals.
- C392 bus service from Harlow to Hoddesdon and return for key workers of a pharmaceutical company in Hoddesdon (Mon-Fri).
- Dial-A-Ride service continued for emergency health appointments, essential shopping, and COVID-19 vaccines.
- Admin staff working from home telephoning passengers to check on well-being and to see if we could provide help or support during these difficult times.

All the above services included Nazeing Parish residents.

Grants are essential; therefore, Community Transport is extremely grateful for the continued support received from Nazeing Parish Council.

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

5.1 A resident believed that only one tree was planted in Nazeing in the past year and asked why the District Council is no longer planting trees in the parish of Nazeing. Cllr Carter asked that the Council write to the District Council to enquire why they no longer appear to be planting trees in the parish of Nazeing. Cllr Benton believed that there are tree planting plans as part of the Jubilee celebration.

Meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Signed by the Chairman:

Date: