

## NAZEING PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 24th November 2022 at 8pm at the Scout Hut, Perry Hill, Middle Street, Nazeing.**

**Members present:** Cllrs Joslin (Chairman), Benton, Elton, Judge, O'Connor and Wagg.

**Also present:** Lorraine Ellis (Clerk), 5 members of the Public.

#### **22/232. Welcome and Introductions:**

Cllr Joslin welcomed Cllrs and members of the public to the meeting. Due to the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council, it was agreed that Cllr Joslin would preside at the meeting.

#### **22/233. Apologies for absence:**

Cllrs Carter, Shorter and Stock. Also District Cllr Bassett.

#### **22/234. Public participation in relation to items on the agenda:**

One resident asked to speak on item 22/249 and Cllr Joslin proposed that he participates when that item is considered by the Council.

#### **22/235. Declarations of Interest:**

None.

#### **22/236. Approval and signing of minutes:**

**a)** The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 27th October 2022 were approved with no amendments and were signed by the Chairman.

**b)** The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8th September 2022 and 13th October 2022 were noted.

**22/237. Planning Applications:** The following application was considered:

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

**(a) Application No:** EPF/2515/22

**DRC Officer:** Alastair Prince

**Applicant Name:** Not provided

**Site Address:** Sedge Green Nursery, Sedge Green, Nazeing, Waltham Abbey, EN9 2PA

**Proposal:** Application for Approval of Details reserved by conditions 4 "Visibility splays", 6" contamination", 7"verification report", 9"enhance ecological value", 12"landscaping", 13"surface water disposal", 15"secure cycle provision" & 16"details of parking spaces" for EPF/1704/18. (Demolition of part of an existing glasshouse block; change of use and conversion of remainder of block to form 8 units in mixed light industrial and storage use (Class E(g)/B8).

**Resolved – no comment.**

#### **22/238. Date of Full Council and Planning Committee meetings to April 2023.**

It was resolved to have Planning Committee and Full Council meetings on the second and fourth Thursday respectively of each month up to and including March 2023.

It was agreed to review the date for the meetings in April next year, at the February Full Council meeting, as the Planning Committee meeting date in April may need to change due to the Easter weekend.

### **22/239. Declarations of Interest.**

All Cllrs to review their declarations of interest and either advise no changes required or update if necessary. **Action All Cllrs.**

### **22/240. Financial Matters:**

**a)** It was resolved to authorise:

i) Payments totalling £24,370.32

ii) Transfer of £30,000 between bank accounts for November expenses.

The Financial Summary for November 2022 was approved and signed by the Chairman.

**b)** It was noted that Cllrs Judge & Joslin (both authorised signatories on the bank account) will set up & approve direct credits this month. **Action Cllrs Judge & Joslin.**

### **22/241. Clerks Action Log.**

Document circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Joslin queried item 22/106 and the Clerk explained that she would have one final check for any documentation relating to the land at Elizabeth Close in the Council office. No further questions were raised.

### **22/242. Council Projects.**

Document circulated to Cllrs. The Clerk advised that a request had been received from Cllr Stock to add Project No. 13 - Provision of HR support for the Council to the projects list. It was requested that this is raised and considered at the next Full Council meeting.

### **22/243. Amenity Matters:**

**a)** Elizabeth Close Play Area. The groundsman has advised that the problem with the mole hills has continued. The Clerk advised that the mole scatter granules have been ordered and that Cllr Stock will contact the groundsman. **Action Cllr Stock.**

**b)** Allotment Site. Following training undertaken by the assistant Clerk, it was noted that a meeting has been arranged with a National Allotment Society Representative to visit the site and produce a list of priorities.

### **22/244. Street Lighting:**

Street light no 5 on Middle Street. The column is leaning backwards and potentially reducing the lighting on the road. The light has already been converted to LED and as it is leaning backwards, it provides more light on the road. Although leaning, the column is very stable. It was resolved that no changes would be made to the light.

### **22/245. Grant Applications.**

One grant application had been received from the Nazeingberries Association. The working group had met and on behalf of the working group, Cllr Judge made a proposal for a grant for the Nazeingberries Association, which was based on the amount in the Association's accounts. This was not seconded. A further proposal was made. It was resolved that the Council provide the Nazeingberries Association with a grant of £500 to help subsidise the cost of coach outings & the Christmas lunch, to provide boxes of biscuits or chocolates for the housebound and to provide afternoon entertainment {Local Government Act 1972 s.137}. It was noted that Cllr Benton abstained from voting.

### **22/246. Broxbourne Station Bridge Works.**

The proposed closure for the works will take place from Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Sunday 30 April 2023. Details are on the website.

### **22/247. Demolition of the Leisure Centre.**

For the demolition of the Leisure Centre, a Section 80 Demolition Notice was required by the District Council, this was submitted and the demolition can now proceed. The demolition will start w/c 05/12/22. The Clerk highlighted to the Council that there are some items in the Leisure Centre and that if they wished to retain them, the items would need to be removed by 02/12/22. **Action All Cllrs.**

### **22/248. Pound Close Playground Refurbishment.**

The District Council have given approval for the Playground refurbishment, subject to a number of conditions. As per the resolution at the last meeting, the playground equipment has been ordered and an estimated installation date to commence works has been given as w/c 02/01/2023.

### **22/249. Essex Highways Issues.**

Cllr Benton advised the Council that there had been an update meeting with Cllr Whitbread when all the various carriageway defects had been reviewed. The majority of potholes that the Council reported to Cllr Whitbread / Essex Highways have been repaired, however, it was requested that Cllr Whitbread re-visit some of them to review the work carried out. The drainage covers near Tatsfield Avenue have still not been repaired and Cllr Whitbread will follow up. There has been some progress with overgrown foliage on Nazeing Road, but not enough and again Cllr Whitbread will follow up.

A resident was concerned that the issues with the carriageway outside his house on Middle Street, which he has raised many times with Essex Highways (EH) and the Parish Council, has still not been resolved. The resident was advised that there is nothing further that the Parish Council can do and that it is the responsibility of EH.

The same resident also raised concern with a section of the carriageway on Broadley Common and was advised to log it on the Essex County Council reporting system and forward the reference details to the Clerk, who would raise it with Cllr Whitbread.

### **22/250. Recent Public Events.**

As Cllr Stock was unwell, it was fortunate that Cllr Benton was able to represent the Council at the two public events.

Cllr Benton met with Cllr Whitbread for the Councillor Surgery held on 12/11/22 and two residents were in attendance. A number of issues were raised, including the Broxbourne station bridge closure and road surfaces.

Cllr Benton chaired the Public Meeting attended by Jane Gardner (Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner), Essex Community Policing Team and Epping Forest Community Safety Team held on 15/11/22. The meeting covered progress and police attendance in the village. Various questions were raised and answered satisfactory. Details will be on the website.

## **22/251. Consultation on Ward Boundaries in Epping Forest.**

The Local Government Boundary Commission has published draft recommendations for new ward, ward boundaries and ward names for Epping Forest. Details have been circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr Joslin explained that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is undertaking an electoral review for Epping Forest to decide:

- i. Number of Councillors needed.
- ii. How many wards there should be, where their boundaries are and what they should be called.
- iii. How many Councillors should represent each ward.

There are three main considerations:

- i. Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors each Councillor represents.
- ii. Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity.
- iii. Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government.

Currently Epping Forest has 58 District Councillors which it is proposed will be reduced to 54.

There are two proposals which affect Nazeing:

- i. A three councillor ward to be known as Epping West and Rural ward is proposed. This ward would group together part of Epping parish west of the High Street, the parish of Epping Upland, the eastern area of Nazeing parish and Broadley Common.
- ii. In order to provide a better reflection of community identity it is proposed to join the current wards of Roydon and Lower Nazeing to create a three councillor Roydon and Lower Nazeing ward.

The proposals were considered by the Councillors and it was noted that if they are adopted it is not clear what effect, if any, there will be on Parish Councillors. It was resolved that the Council make no comment on the draft recommendations for new ward, ward boundaries and ward names for Epping Forest.

## **22/252. Epping Forest District Local Plan: Consultation on Further Main Modifications.**

The District Council has published further Main Modifications for consultation. Cllr Benton has reviewed the information and his observations have been circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr Benton provided some background and highlighted some of the points he covered in his observations. It was questioned by Cllrs whether the St Leonards Road development was still required as there have been other developments in Nazeing and the impact on infrastructure, schools etc with additional houses.

Cllr Benton read his observations at the meeting. It was resolved to submit Cllr Benton observations in response to District Council's published further Main Modifications. Cllr Wagg thanked Cllr Benton for producing his document for the Council, which was agreed and appreciated by all Cllrs.

**22/253. Transport East Rural Mobility in Parishes Survey.**

Transport East have launched a Rural Mobility Survey, which will reveal a wider picture of the connectivity challenges and opportunities in their region. Details have been circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr Stock has offered to respond on behalf of the Council. It was resolved that Cllr Stock will complete Transport East's Rural Mobility Survey on behalf of the Council.

**Action Cllr Stock.**

**22/254. Essex County Council 2023/24 Budget Consultation.**

Essex County Council have opened a consultation inviting all county residents and businesses how to spend its 2023/24 budget. Details have been circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr Benton provided a summary of the purpose of the survey. He advised that it is for individuals to complete the survey and encouraged residents to respond by 28/11/22. Details will be added to the website for members of the public.

**22/255. PFCC Survey on Paying for Services in Essex.**

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex (PFCC) is seeking views on paying for policing and fire & rescue services in Essex, as he sets the 2023/2024 budgets for the Services. Details have been circulated to Cllrs.

Cllr Benton advised that the survey is for individuals to complete and encouraged residents to respond by 27/11/22. Details will be added to the website for members of the public.

**22/256. Correspondence:**

**a)** Attendance at the EFDC Local Council Liaison Committee 29th November 7pm. The Clerk advised that Cllrs can attend the meeting if they wish to and attendance can be virtual.

**22/257. Reports from Councillors who have attended other meetings/ events.**

As Cllr Stock was unwell, Cllr Judge represented the Parish Council at All Saints Church for Remembrance Sunday on 13/11/2022 and laid the wreath.

**22/258. Information Items.**

**a)** A resident advised that there is defibrillator at the Nazeing Golf Club, it is primarily for golfers and consequently is only accessible when the Golf Club is open.

**b)** The final Council defibrillator has been installed at the Chimes site and should be registered shortly once the pre-installation report has been completed.

**c)** The title of the Leisure Centre has been registered at Land Registry.

**22/259. Items for the next agenda.**

None.

**22/260. Date of next meeting of Full Council.** 15th December 2022.

Meeting closed 9:45pm.

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

**Date:** .....

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