

## **Nayland with Wissington Parish Council : Update re Caley Green**

The Parish Council is continuing to explore all feasible options, in particular the proportion of planting to non-planting erosion prevention measures. However, there are statutory requirements that must be fulfilled when completing a Flood Risk Application permit, two of these being to conserve and enhance the environment and to consider biodiversity (*please see our webpage for full presentation*). We are now seeking further professional guidance and advice from several suppliers. Whilst we explore these avenues, it has been decided that it is prudent at this stage to delay any decision about including a jetty.

The maintenance of the long reed bed would not form part of the application to prevent erosion, however, we are committed to establishing a long-term maintenance programme that controls the reeds. The Working Party has been looking at the various licences granted by Suffolk County Council. We are considering further negotiations with Suffolk County Council Asset Management Officers to establish a community wide group of volunteers to work on the reeds annually under the leadership of the Parish Council using the strict guidelines set out by Suffolk ecologists and the Environment Agency. If you are interested in becoming involved in such a group, please contact the Parish Clerk, Debbie Hattrell [pc@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk) or the Working Party at [caleygreenproject@gmail.com](mailto:caleygreenproject@gmail.com). The minutes of the two working party meetings held since the Caley Green Open Meeting, along with previous Caley Green documents and minutes of 2021 meetings, on the Parish Council webpage of the Nayland and Wiston Community website..

The purpose of the Open Meeting in November was to present information and report progress with several opportunities for residents to ask questions or make comments. We have noted the negative comments made in the December Community Times, but councillors also received positive feedback and offers of assistance after the meeting. We do accept that there were problems for those wishing to access the Open Meeting via Zoom. The notice on our webpage at the time did warn about potential difficulties as the Village Hall had no wifi or IT equipment. That notice also included contact information for zoom link requests. Everyone who made a request was sent the link by email. We attempted to be as inclusive as possible in stressful times but without access to appropriate technology it proved to be too difficult.

We would like to thank everyone for their comments so far. Please rest assured that we, the Parish Council, have the best for Caley Green at heart and will do everything we can to enhance, protect and provide a safe communal area for the local community to enjoy for many years to come.'

*Mary George: Chair of Nayland with Wissington Parish Council*