

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10th JUNE 2015, AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NAYLAND.

Present: Mrs George (Chairman), I Harris, G Battye, Mrs Fuller arrived late, G Walker, Mrs Hattrell (Clerk), Melanie Barrett (District Councillor), J Finch (County Councillor) arrived late and 2 members of the public.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. Public Forum

Nothing was raised.

b. District Council Report

District Councillor Melanie Barrett introduced herself as the new District Councillor. She has joined the planning committee at Babergh District Council. She went through matters at the District Council since the elections and mentioned the new councillor training that was being carried out.

Conservatives have the majority for the first time at the District Council.

c. County Council Report

County Councillor James Finch attended and his report is attached to the Minutes. He is now responsible for highways and transport.

d. Police Report

PCSO Mandy Coleman sent her apologies and had confirmed there were no reported crimes since our last meeting.

Parish Council Meeting

1. Apologies

None were received.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2015 was proposed by G Battye, seconded by G Walker and unanimously carried.

3. Declaration of Interest by Councillors

Nothing was declared.

4. Finance Report

The Clerk read from the bank balances as at 4th June 2015 as £1000 in the Current Account, £44219.55 in the linked Account and £10916.35 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £56135.90.

5. Accounts for Payment

Chris Mortimer Grounds Maintenance (Litter/grass)	669.60
Employment Costs totalled	1098.17
S Carter (Bus Shelter Clean)	20.00

6. Planning

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority: No decision notices had been received since the last meeting.

2. Perry Farmhouse, Bear Street – B/15/00477/FHA – The Parish Council had considered this application between meetings to comply with the deadline – There were No Objections to the proposed side extension, loft conversion and dormer windows

3. 24 Stoke Road – B/15/00419/FHA. The Parish Council had No Objections to the front and side extensions, however, observed that no pre-application advice was sought by the applicants from the Heritage Officer.

4. Stour Valley Consultation – The Chairman had sent a supportive response to the consultation as approved at last meeting.

5. Essex & Suffolk Gliding Club Wormingford Airfield – Reference 150972 - The Parish Council Objects to this application due to its unrestricted nature. Concern was also expressed that the Parish Council was not consulted as an adjoining Parish.

7. Highways

Positive comments were made that pot holes reported on the on-line highways system were getting filled. The mechanical sweeping organised by Babergh District Council is not achieving the desired result. The Chairman has been collating evidence to send to the District Council. G Battye was to check the Heights. Concerns were raised by members that uncut verges were making visibility at junctions poor. All the junctions in Wiston cause concern. It was agreed for the Clerk to report on-line – **Action Clerk**. The meeting was closed briefly for M Barrett to question further about the sweeping and she asked the Chairman to copy the correspondence to her. The new Heights signs were on order.

8. Recreation and Open Spaces

G Batty and I Harris had inspected the Playground and were concerned with the safety surface which is in need of repair and has sunk near the bottom of the slide. It was agreed to arrange for contractors to prepare quotations – **Action Clerk**. The Chairman confirmed the Vicarage is likely to be sold and she has written chasing outstanding matters and particularly the on-going maintenance of the driveway following the sale. G Batty had investigated and found suitable spikes for the top of two swing units to help prevent bird droppings. Members approved the purchase which will be followed up by G Batty and the Clerk – **Action**.

9. **Street Lighting**

The Parish Council were frustrated by further delays with the up-grade project. It was agreed to arrange an urgent site meeting with senior representatives from the County Council to try to get all outstanding issues identified and resolved. ** The meeting took place on 17th June

10. **Footpaths**

The Footpath Warden, Sally Bartrum, continues to chase for a resolution to the damaged bridges. It was agreed to complain to Essex Highways including information that families are still able to cross the bridge despite the attempted closure and copy to Cllr Anne Brown – **Action Clerk**. R Knox had passed footpath paperwork to G Walker. He will scan the summary for members – **Action G Walker**.

11. **Allotments**

The ESA claim had been sent ahead of the extended deadline. The Allotment Competition judging was being organised. One allotment had been vacated and it was agreed to offer it to the person at the top of the waiting list – **Action Clerk**. Members had been contributing their ideas for the long term future of the Allotment field. The Chairman made the point that if there was greater need in the future for further allotments, the land would need to still be available for that purpose. It was agreed to arrange a daytime meeting with the Dedham Vale team to explore ideas and options – **Action Clerk**.

12. **Village Hall**

Mrs Fuller attended the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting. They would like to arrange for more grass cuts of Webbs Meadow. Members agreed they had no objections. That was a decision for the management committee as the Parish Council only contributes towards the cost, currently at £275 annually. Various capital projects are being planned at the hall including the roof renewal in 2017. They will approach the Parish Council for financial assistance from the Capital Investment Fund.

13. **Community Council**

There was nothing to report and the next meeting was scheduled for 1st July.

14. **Correspondence**

The correspondence report was provided to members ahead of the meeting. The circulation envelope was started.

15. **Burial Ground**

Memorial applications in the names of MacBeth, Mann and Walton were approved. The one in the name of Willis had been approved previously – **Action Clerk to confirm**.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.