

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015, AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NAYLAND.

Present: Mrs George (Chairman), M Pescott Frost, Mrs Fuller, G Walker, Mrs Knox, T Gardiner, W Hitchcock, Mrs Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Councillor), R Cave (District Councillor) and Mrs Cook (For the Press) and 2 members of the public.

**Before Commencement of the Meeting**

**a. Public Forum**

Residents attended to express safety concerns about Anchor bridge and urged consideration of double yellow lines. The Chairman explained the history and confirmed the Parish Council will ask County Highways to review again. The residents mentioned the pub parking and the Chairman confirmed no planning application had been received in this connection.

**b. District Council Report**

District Councillor Richard Cave attended and confirmed that the District Council is looking at all services to make them more effective and to generate the required income. They are prioritising as their grant from central government continues to reduce.

**c. County Council Report**

County Councillor James Finch attended and his report is attached to the Minutes.

**d. Police Report**

Three crimes were recorded during December. Jewellery was stolen from Bear Street. During a separate incident in Bear Street, keys were stolen and there was criminal damage to a wing mirror on Mill Street.

**Parish Council Meeting**

**1. Apologies**

Were received from G Battye and I Harris.

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 was proposed by Mrs Fuller, seconded by M Pescott Frost and carried with 1 abstention due to absence at the meeting concerned.

**3. Declaration of Interest by Councillors**

Nothing was declared.

**4. Finance Report**

The Clerk read from the bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014 as £1000 in the Current Account, £39064.32 in the linked Account and £11952.06 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £52016.38.

**5. Accounts for Payment**

Employment Costs totalled	1069.97
Chris Mortimer Grounds (Litter)	201.60
Nayland Village Hall (Hall Hire)	45.00
SALC (Training)	6.00

**6. Planning**

**1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-**

- a) Advertisement Consent had been granted for 4 flat logo signs at Travis Perkins, Nags Corner, Wiston Road – **B/14/01294/ADV/JP.**
- b) Permission had been granted for an agricultural building at Townlands Farm, Harpers Hill - **B/14/01378/FUL/JP.**
- c) Permission had been granted for single storey extension at Wissington Grove Farm, Bures Road – **B/14/01370/FHA/JP.**

2. **B/14/01478/LBC & 1557/FHA** – This application including Listed Building Consent for single storey rear extension, pitched roof, replacement windows and doors and rendering at 12 Stoke Road was considered between meetings to comply with the deadline. Members had No Objections subject to a condition that the colour of the render be agreed with planning officers and should be sympathetic with the location.
3. **B/14/01542/LBC** – This application for installation of stairlift, shower room and internal alterations at 2a Birch Street was discussed. The Parish Council had No Objections.
4. **B/14/01539/FHA** – This application for single storey side/front extension, to provide games room, utility, oil tank room and two bay cartlodge and 2 dormer windows at Grove House, Bures Road was discussed. The Parish Council had No Objections

5. **B/14/01169/LBC** – This application for replacement roofing from felt to a pitched tiled lean-to roof at 1 Birch Street was discussed. The Parish Council had No Objections in principle subject to conditions relating to the detail of the roof. This is due to concerns that the tiles proposed would be unsuitable on the proposed pitch of 30 degrees. With this pitch second hand slates may be more suitable. With a minimum pitch of 40 degrees the proposed peg tiles could be used.
6. **B/14/01293/FUL** – The decision to grant permission for a commercial building and boundary fence at Nags Corner was read. The Parish Council agreed to ask the planning authority to consult them with regard to the external lighting.
7. **B/14/01590/ROC** – Little Firmins, Cawley Road. This application to remove agricultural condition attached to planning permission S/73/01503/M was discussed. The Parish Council objected to the removal of this condition for the following reasons: -
  - i) members do not believe the property has been advertised widely enough for agricultural tenants to be found
  - ii) if the land changed ownership there may be a need for another farmers residence
  - iii) members are concerned that approval may set a precedent in the rural area.
8. It was agreed to implement the new on-line planning procedure with the hand over from G Walker to the Clerk during February.
9. It was agreed to include the Planning Consultation – single policy - on the Agenda for the February Meeting – **Action Clerk**.
7. **Street Lighting**  
The County Council Engineer had spoken to the contractors and they were still on track with the end of January/beginning of February start date for our upgrades. They urged us to order the work for next financial year early as other Parish Councils are currently ordering substantial work. Members agreed for the Clerk to go ahead and order the agreed work for 2015/16 – **Action Clerk**.
8. **Highways**  
The Chairman explained that the bollards in Birch Street were replaced in December but the reflectors were missed – the highways authority has been advised. Members were reminded to report any pot holes in their areas on the County on-line reporting system and forward the reference to the Clerk for our records. The County Councillor has called another Highways Meeting involving the Parish Council Chairman. The Chairman agreed to add Anchor bridge (the item raised in the Public Forum) to the existing extensive highways issue list.
9. **Recreation and Open Spaces**  
The recent risk assessment carried out by T Gardiner was discussed. He had advised that one of the wooden “A Frame” supports on the new rope swing is not embedded in the ground. The Clerk confirmed that she had telephoned the installer who confirms that the design involves keeping the timber out of the ground and if one support looks different to the others this may be due to uneven ground. The installers have agreed to inspect when they are next in the area to confirm. Members agreed to proceed to insure the new equipment for a pro-rata additional premium of £79.92 – **Action Clerk**. Potential graphics-based signage was discussed and it was agreed to obtain quotations. The bin is on order, matting tiles to combat mud and bollards to prevent parking are installed. Liaison is ongoing between the Parish Council and the Diocese regarding maintenance. A final report will be required for the Big Lottery fund, however, no request has been received to date.
10. **Footpaths**  
The Footpath Warden, Sally Bartrum had reported safety issues with two bridges – Horkesley Lock bridge and the overflow channel bridge from Popp's Piece. This follows various reports from residents and observations by members of this Council. It was agreed for the Parish Council to support Mrs Bartrum in this respect by contacting Essex County Council – **Action Clerk**. Funding is available for new stiles and landowner discussion continues in this respect.
11. **Allotments**  
Most of the rents have been received and the Clerk will chase the remainder – **Action Clerk**. The various works outlined in the previous meeting had been authorised.
12. **Village Hall**  
Mrs Knox reported that quotes were being obtained for clearing the drains.
13. **Community Council** - Mrs Knox advised that the Community Council had given small grants to Woodland Corner for computers and the Bowling Club for a machine to wind up the mats. She reminded everyone that the Community Council invites applications for grants as supporting village societies was one of its functions.
14. **Correspondence**  
The correspondence report had been circulated to members ahead of the meeting. The Chairman was delighted to report that the Parish Council's nomination for the Community Achievement Awards had been successful. Additionally she was pleased to report that a further Community Achievement Award

had been given to another member of the Parish. The Parish Council had received a Rail Consultation which included a proposal to reduce the two-hourly train service running from Ipswich to Peterborough. Both Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Chamber of Commerce are strongly opposed to this and are in fact lobbying for an increase to an hourly service (regarded as critical) with infrastructure improvements at Ely. Members were in support of the County view, pointing out that the route is used by students and the public and that access through Bury St Edmunds would be seriously affected by the proposed changes. It was agreed for the Clerk to write in support of the County view – **Action Clerk.**

15. **Burial Ground**

The Chairman reported on the maintenance recently carried out in the Burial Ground.

16. **Annual Parish Assembly**

The Parish Assembly will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall. The format will be an Agenda item at the February Parish Council Meeting – **Action Clerk.**

**The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.**