

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018, AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NAYLAND.

Present: K Cannings (Chaired the Meeting), P Fuller, G Battye, M Booth, G Walker, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr), M Barrett (District Cllr), M Cook (community reporter) and 3 members of the public.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. Public Forum

Nothing was raised

b. District Council Report

M Barrett had confirmed in advance of the meeting that she has nothing to report. However, she confirmed she would investigate the condition of the Old Bus Station in Mill Street with Building Control. She was also asked to take on board the Parish Councils Objections to the Bungalow plans on Harpers Hill and call for it to go before the Planning Committee following a site inspection. Her initial views were supportive of the changes, however, she agreed to re-consider with the Parish Councils comments.

c. County Council Report

J Finch had sent apologies and had provided a report covering improved GCSE results and another outstanding year for Suffolk A'level students. It also covered support available to young people in Suffolk leaving residential care and Suffolk's booming tourist trade.

Parish Council Meeting

1. Apologies

M George (Chairman) and I Harris.

2. Approval of Minutes of 11th July Meeting: These were accepted as a true record.

3. Declarations of Interest by Councillors:

Nothing was declared.

4. Parish Council Vacancy update:

K Cannings explained we have 2 vacancies and we have one interested party to be discussed following the meeting.

5. Finance Report

The Clerk read from the bank balances as at 31st August 2018 as £1000 in the Current Account, £38778.54 in the linked Account and £10946.52 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £50725.06.

The Internal Audit Report was discussed recommending we update both the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations this financial year. We Minute each time a Section 137 Payment is made and also annually the appointment of the Internal Auditors. Finally that we review our Insurance cover on an annual basis.

GDPR notices including the General Privacy Notice were discussed and adoption was proposed by G Walker, seconded by G Battye and unanimously carried. G Walker further proposed that this Council is working towards compliance. This resolution was duly approved. The working group to go through the old papers in the Storeroom include the Chairman, K Cannings and the Clerk.

6. Planning

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-

- a. The Planning Authority updated on the discharging of conditions at Westwood, Harpers Hill - **DC/17/04908**
- b. Planning Permission had been granted for demolition of existing garages and stores and erection of garage and office building at The Mill House, Wiston Hall Lane - **DC/18/02216**.
- c. The felling of protected plane tree at 100 Bear Street can commence - **DC/18/03054**. **The Parish Council had No Objections.**
- d. In relation to Decision Notice **DC/18/01534** at 82 Bear Street a further method statement had been received and shared.
- e. The application to repair and replace driveway gates at 5 High Street had been approved - **DC/18/02343**.
- f. Planning Permission had been granted for two storey rear extension at 16 Heycroft Way - **DC/18/03221**.
- g. Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent had been granted for sash window at Yew Tree Cottage, 15 Court Street - **DC/18/02198/9**.

2. 16 Heycroft Way - Erection of two storey rear extension and external alterations - No Objections. This was considered between meetings - **DC/18/03221**.

3. 1 High Street - Listed Building application for timber column and repairs to internal wall - No Objections. This was considered between meetings - **DC/18/03518**

4. **The Bungalow, Harpers Hill - DC/17/01128 - P Fuller declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or voting. The following response was agreed: -**

Nayland with Wissington Parish Council has examined the proposed changes to the design, layout and landscaping. We still strongly object and would urge the request by our District Councillor, Melanie Barrett, to be granted and this application is put before the Planning Committee following a site inspection - the potential impact of the reserved matters on the AONB requires appropriate attention. We remind you of our objections dated 30th June 2017 and 30th May 2018 which haven't been addressed.

Paragraph 172 of the NPPF emphasises the weight given to conserving the AONB. We object to the limited range of tree variety in the short length to the south west of the site and a second new hedgerow along the eastern boundary of the site. This should have more diverse planting to merge the site with the surrounding valley to help conserve the local landscape character, the character of the AONB and to deliver greater biodiversity gains.

The site is adjacent to the Suffolk County Wildlife site which is not identified in the Babergh Habitats Assessment Screening Report. Protection of this site should be conditional, to conserve orchids, insects and reptiles.

We object to the close boarded fence on the north and north eastern boundary as a hard urban style boundary not appropriate in the AONB.

We object to the roof pitch on plots 1 and 2 as the height is imposing and intrusive to neighbouring properties. The steeply rising ground and close proximity to existing properties on The Westerings impacts on neighbour amenity and needs careful addressing to minimise overlooking, noise and light pollution. The current proposals for plots 3, 4 and 5 are not acceptable in relation to neighbour amenity. Again the only way to fully appreciate the impact would be from a site inspection.

No garage elevations are included which are key to safety, landscape and amenity damage to neighbouring properties.

In relation to Highways, we remain unconvinced that safe access could be achieved. In relation to the revisions, we object to the surface materials and also the proposed access arrangements to plots 1,2 and 3.

To summarise we strongly object for all the reasons above and previously stated and would stress the need for a Planning Committee Site Inspection to fully consider the impact in the AONB and on neighbouring amenity.

5. **Any other urgent planning items** - update on tree application at The Manse, 27 Bear Street - DC/18/03985 - There were no objections by the tree working group at this stage, however, another response was awaited and it was agreed for the Clerk to respond ahead of the deadline - **Action Clerk**.

7. **Recreation and Open Spaces**

K Cannings out-lined matters under this heading including reed cutting by the Friends of Caley Green and planned verge cutting along Horkesley Road. G Battye routinely inspects the Playground and some urgent work to the playground and hedgerow was authorised between meetings. The redundant bus shelter at the start of Heycroft Way is not causing concerns, however, will be inspected shortly. The Environment Agency is no longer prepared to clear the grill at the Mill Stream as they do not deem it a flood risk and wondered whether a community/Parish Council initiative could proceed instead. It was agreed for K Cannings to work with the Chairman to draft a note to residents adjoining the Mill Stream to see if there is an appetite for community involvement. The note could also discourage the disposal of garden waste in the stream - **Action K Cannings and Chairman**.

8. **Lady Anne Windsor Charity proposed area update Consultation**

Following a brief introduction, G Battye proposed Nayland with Wissington Parish Council is supportive of the proposal to amend clause 29 to qualify "inhabitants of the area of the civil parishes including Leavenheath, Nayland with Wissington and Stoke by Nayland with a preference for women." This was seconded by G Walker and unanimously carried.

9. **Housing Needs Survey**

The Analysis is currently in progress and a report is expected in October.

10. Highways

It was noted the County Council were not prepared to cut the verges on Harpers Hill to assist our litter contractors. The Parish Council pay for litter picking over and above the provision by the relevant authorities. It is disappointing such an initiative has not been supported on this occasion. It was agreed to seek support from a local landowner - **Action Clerk**. Areas to notify County Cllr J Finch included no evidence of weed spraying despite the schedule provided and no cutting of verges in Wiston which makes exiting from side roads dangerous - **Action Clerk**. The County Council has updated their approach to local grit provision in Bins. G Battye agreed to work through the new procedures, M Booth will assist at Cawley Road, the Clerk will put a notice in Community Times updating the Volunteer list for snow clearance and spreading grit from the parish bins provided - **Action G Battye, M Booth and Clerk**.

11. Street Lights

Frustration was expressed about the lack of communication from the County Council regarding the remaining lights and the invoicing. A meeting with the County Council is urgent with respect to the light on the Old Bus Station in Mill Street. It was agreed to try to get the other matters resolved at the same time. It was agreed for the Clerk to request a meeting within the next few weeks to progress matters - **Action Clerk**.

12. Footpaths

The Tree Warden had reported a tree blocking a footpath behind the Anchor near Horkesley Lock and was liaising with the Footpath Warden. A potential problem tree at the top of Star Alley had been reported between meetings.

13. Allotments

K Cannings thanked G Battye for presenting the Allotment Prizes at the Show. The question of extending the Allotment waiting list to include residents of adjoining Parishes was discussed. The Allotment Holders were not against the idea at their annual meeting. Following discussion G Walker proposed a two tier waiting list with preference given to Nayland residents. If the Nayland list is empty and an allotment becomes available then a resident in an adjoining Parish may be offered an Allotment at double the usual rent. This takes into consideration the contribution made by households in the Parish through Council Tax, so priority should be given to them both in availability and price. This was resolved by the meeting.

14. Village Hall

There was no meeting during August, however, the Cinema was going ahead shortly.

15. Community Council

Members discussed the sad news that the Post Office project had been abandoned. This was for various reasons including the loss of the newspaper deliveries and unacceptable risk to public funds. Regret was expressed at the possible loss to the Community of a Post Office and Sorting Room and all the consequences of that. K Cannings proposed a vote of thanks to the Group who tried to get this venture started. The work that has gone into the project has been considerable.

16. Correspondence

Members had information about the on-going correspondence and the circulation items were started.

17. Burial Ground

There was nothing to report.

18. Accounts for Payment

Mortimer Contracts Ltd (Litter/grass/rec/allotments)	926.40
Employment Costs totalled	1185.10
Nayland Village Hall (Webbs Meadow Grass)	300.00
J Dowding (Village Website)	94.00

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.