

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER 2020, AT 7.30 PM BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: M George (Chairman), G Battye, N Cartwright, L Erith, P Fuller, D Harris, P Wilkie, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr), M Barrett (District Cllr), L Brooks (Community Times) and 3 members of the public.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. Public Forum

Nothing was raised

b. District Council Report

District Cllr M Barrett attended and reported that there was no Full Council Meeting held in October. An extraordinary Council Meeting was called for 10th November for approval of the Joint Local Plan before it goes to the Planning Inspectorate. It is now open for public comments ahead of going to the Inspectorate. Responses have been made to the Planning White Paper. She has Locality Budget to assist with local projects. Officers have been investigating a possible breach of planning at Beacham's Farm. The new rates for CIL were approved.

c. County Council Report

County Cllr J Finch attended and reported on the latest Covid 19 news including the increasing cases across Suffolk. His report reminded about the prevention measures of space, hand washing, ventilation, masks and not sharing utensils. He out-lined the financial support the County Council is giving to people in need. Following feedback, significant changes have been made to the plans for the Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station. These will make more use of rail and sea and therefore reduce HGV construction traffic. By working closely with Sizewell A which is being decommissioned, this will reduce the use of AONB land. Suffolk County Council is encouraging residents to keep walking and cycling which has increased during the Pandemic. Further virtual sessions are being arranged for fostering only and adoption only. The sessions are not combined. To book a place email Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk.

Parish Council Meeting

1. **Apologies:** None were received.
2. **Approval of Minutes of 14th October Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** The Chairman declared an interest in the 2 Gravel Hill application and confirmed she will abstain from voting. It was confirmed we have an applicant for co-option. Members had seen the application and agreed to invite the candidate to observe the next meeting and co-opt at the end if he is still minded to join -**Action Clerk.**
4. **Finance Report**
 - i)The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 2nd November 2020 as £1000 in the Current Account, £50182.87 in the linked Account and £17257.94 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £68440.81.
 - ii) List of Pre-agreed payments for November: -

Mortimer Contracts (Grass/Litter/recreation/open spaces)	939.60
Employment Costs totalled	1274.39
Spingold (Recreation - Covid banners)	264.00
DWF LLP (Insurance Excess)	250.00

The Finance Committee Meeting was due on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom.

Half Year Budget Review was discussed and noted. The Risk Management Policy was discussed and accepted with a minor amendment removing P Fuller in relation to Village Hall matters. The new wording to reflect Covid-19 issues was approved.

5. **Planning**

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-

- a) Refusal of discharge of Conditions application at 6-8 Birch Street for fenestration, eaves and rainwater goods - **DC/20/03768**.
- b) Planning Permission had been granted for single storey rear extension at 10 Elm Grove - **DC/20/04017**.
- c) Planning Permission had been granted for new access gate at The Mill House, Wiston Hall Lane - **DC/20/03698**.
- d) The Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission to change use of former public house to a single dwelling was allowed at The White Hart, 11 High Street - **APP/D3505/W/20/3248328**.
- e) The Planning Authority do not wish to object to tree work at The Doll's House, 4 Mill Street - **DC/20/04350**.
- f) Approved non material amendment to condition 8 at Hammonds, Harpers Hill - **DC/20/04467**.
- g) Planning Permission had been granted for a rear single storey extension at 39 Fen Street - **DC/20/04159**.
- h) Planning Permission had been granted for change of use from agricultural land to garden and the siting of oil tank at 24 Laburnum Way - **DC/20/04220**.

2. Harpers Hill Farm - The agreed representation drafted by the Chairman was sent for the Planning Committee to take into consideration at their meeting as follows: -

"Parish Councillors wish to emphasise certain aspects of their letter of objection with the following observations that we hope will be taken into account at the meeting on 21st.

The Parish Council has concerns about the potential lack of implementation, compliance, monitoring and enforcement of some conditions on the operations at the site. This relates to those already imposed and on those recommended by the Planning Officer should the Development Committees decide to permit this development.

Noise nuisance is not limited to dwellings close to the site as the report implies. Operational noise can be heard constantly throughout much of the Parish. It has been reported by residents living between A134 and the Stoke Road boundary of Stoke by Nayland to the east. This noise has increased greatly in recent years, particularly since the site was extended to include the additional skip storage area, partly caused by the increased movement of vehicles within the site and the movement of skips. The Parish Council believes that monitoring of noise on a regular basis is currently infrequent and inadequate. There need to be random checks, not just in the vicinity of the site, but over a wider area.

There is an issue with litter on the A134 and in Wiston Road. There is an assumption in the report that full skips are adequately covered to prevent this, but unfortunately, this is not the case. Residents and Parish Council contractors frequently clear litter in the vicinity.

The Parish Council notes that the Planning Officer refutes the claims of Nayland with Wissington Parish Council and SCC Cllr. James Finch regarding the increased operational size of the site."

3. Observations to the following applications were sent between meetings to comply with the deadlines: -

- a) The Doll's House, 4 Mill Street. The Parish Council had No Objections to the application for work's to Conservation Area trees - **DC/20/04350**.
- b) 100 Bear Street. The Parish Council objected to the application for listed building consent due to the proposed roof light at the front of the property. This would affect the roofscape on the street side of the Listed property and we noted the Heritage Officer did not support the proposal in application DC/20/00530. The remainder of items would be subject to the views of the Heritage Officer, however, would not affect the street scene - **DC/20/4328**.
- c) Harpers Hill Farm, Harpers Hill. The Parish Council objected to this part retrospective application for worker's dwelling, screening bunds and access arrangements. The application lacks crucial detail regarding the elevations and materials, however, the main reason for objection is that the business has outgrown its location in the AONB. This Parish Council has already explained, at length, on previous applications the lack of monitoring and the unacceptable levels of noise and dust escaping regularly from the site - **DC/20/03642**.
- d) 4 Birch Street. The Parish Council had No Objections to the planning and listed building applications to erect garden study/store - **DC/20/04553/4**.
- e) 100 Bear Street- Application for Variation of Planning Conditions at 100 Bear Street - **DC/20/04533**. The following response was sent: -

"Thank you for this further Consultation. You will be aware that Nayland with Wissington Parish Council objected to the original application for the detailed reasons already on record. Whilst we do

not object to the revisions, we regret that the changes have not gone far enough to mitigate our earlier objections."

- 4.** The Bungalow, Harpers Hill - Application for Planning Permission without compliance of conditions - **DC/20/04923**. The following response was agreed:-

"Nayland with Wissington Parish Council has No Objections overall, however, we note the intention was to provide a mix of housing. For plots 5 & 6, 2 bedroom houses are replaced with 3. We would urge the Planning Authority to consider the implications of this in relation to the need and affordability in the Parish."

- 5.** Bear House, Bear Street - Application for Listed Building Consent: Removal of rear ground floor window and door and replace with bi-fold doors. Remove rear ground floor window, enlarge opening and replace; Removal of Chimney and other internal alterations as detailed within the Design and access statement - **DC/20/04932**. The following response was agreed: -

"Nayland with Wissington Parish Council has No Objections providing the Heritage Officer is content that the integrity of the building and the Heritage Asset are not affected by the removal of the chimney. "

- 6.** 2 Gravel Hill - Change of use of paddock to residential garden curtilage and erection of a shed - **DC/20/04435**. The Chairman abstained and left the Chair for this item. G Battye took the Chair for this item. The following response was agreed: -

"Nayland with Wissington Parish Council has No Objections providing any significant trees are identified and protected."

- 7.** 5 Walsh Rise - Application for a 1.8m boundary fence - **DC/20/04688**. There were **No Objections**.

- 8.** Rose Cottage, 5 Fen Street - Application to remove prunus- **DC/20/04939**. The following response was agreed: -

"Please note we have consulted with our Tree Warden and both the Tree Warden and Nayland with Wissington Parish Council have No Objections. "

- 9.** **Any urgent Planning matters** - The issues with the Babergh Planning website were discussed and that the link from our planning google documents only works intermittently.

- 6.** **Urgent Recreation and Open Spaces:** It was agreed to defer the permanent signage item for the Fairfield - **Action clerk to put on the Agenda**. Following a letter from this Council, to residents surrounding the horsewatering, setting out the legal status of the land and seeking information, various responses were received showing support for the work done. It was resolved to issue a follow up letter praising the community spirit and seeking a site meeting to share information and agree a way forward when it is safe to resume meetings - **Action Chairman**. Attention then turned to the process of maintaining and replacing memorial benches. It was agreed the Parish Council would carry out minor maintenance and oiling on the donated benches, however, when the bench deteriorates beyond repair, the family would be approached to see if they would like to replace it rather than the bench being removed for that location. The Chairman explained the terms of a grant received of £750 towards replacement revetment at Caley Green. On another matter, it was agreed to chase the owners of Caley Green, Suffolk County Council, to share a report of tree risk assessment - **Action Clerk**. Work is going ahead to reduce the Fairfield hedge as planned earlier in the year. The various tyre tracks will be left to see if the ground recovers. This will be reviewed in the Spring.

7. **Any updates from Community Response to Covid 19:** The regular bulletins have been circulated to local organisations. L Brooks continues to update the FaceBook page. The Community contacts have been updated as local cases are increasing.
8. **Urgent Highways Safety Matters:** Flood investigations continue and J Finch continues to take an active interest in this matter. Between meetings J Finch had sent an amended proposal for an Experimental Traffic Order for double yellow lines near the Anchor. This new proposal only for one side of the road which would be temporary and give priority to people driving out of the Village and hopefully slow traffic entering it. Members were aware of a resident carrying out an informal survey of views which showed support for taking some form of action. Concern was expressed by some Councillors that fast traffic may be caught out encountering parked cars blocking their path. The question of enforcement of parking on the yellow lines was raised and District Cllr M Barrett confirmed that enforcement action is being taken. Other matters raised was further encouragement to park in the Anchor car park and not on the road. G Battye felt that access should be preserved for nearby properties. Specifically that the securing of no parking across the accesses in Horkesley Road, to Anchor Car Park, the fieldgate of the adjacent house (it's adjacent to the Anchor Car Park Entrance) as well as the driveway to this house itself as well as 27 Court Street, opposite the Anchor were important additional measures. He also made the point that these restrictions would also serve as 'refuges/passing places' for cars heading eastwards towards the centre of the village, when faced with oncoming vehicles heading westwards towards the A134.
Following discussion a resolution was passed to approve the proposal and continue to monitor and seek solutions regarding speeding and to also ensure the 2 residences (which were identified above) in the direct vicinity have unimpeded access. J Finch agreed to take this forward. Members recorded their thanks to Peter Drew for collating and analysing figures which proved very helpful. Attention then turned to proposals for new bins in the Parish. The working party had circulated their proposals. Following discussion it was resolved to accept the findings of the working party and for Finance Committee to budget for the purchase and installation of the new bins. The Chairman had previously checked that CIL monies can be used for this purpose.
9. **Urgent Street Lighting Matters:** Whilst no progress was reported in relation to the Parish Council Street Lighting, it was agreed to consider installing a further light near the Anchor car park - **Action Finance Committee.**
10. **Urgent Footpaths Matters :** There was a report of a gate down behind the Old Pest House which we understand had been moved to one side. A report had been made by our Footpath Warden of various issues at Dead Lane.
11. **Urgent Allotment issues :** A report had been made from an Allotment holder seeking permission for delivery/work on their allotment and also a tree causing issues near the boundary to their allotment. This was approved and voluntary action was being taking regarding the tree - **Action Clerk to inform the Allotment holder.**
12. **Urgent Village Hall matters:** The urgent roof repairs are almost complete. The new lock and bar for the entrance door has been replaced and the bins are now lockable.
13. **Urgent Community Council matters:** N Cartwright attended the video meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and shared Parish Council matters. The Minutes of the Community Council Meeting had already been circulated.
14. **Correspondence:** The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items. Lorraine Brooks was congratulated on the continued provision of excellent Community Times editions in these challenging times. The Chairman had reserved space for notices in the next edition.
15. **Urgent Burial Ground issues:** The Chairman reported that the Annual winter site meeting will take place as soon as possible. Routine burial and memorial enquiries continue between meetings.

The meeting closed at **9.37 pm.**