

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th AUGUST 2020, AT 7.30 PM BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: M George (Chairman), G Batty, P Fuller, L Erith, N Cartwright, P Wilkie, D Harris, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr), L Brooks (Village Reporter) and 1 member of the public.

**Before Commencement of the Meeting**

**Public Forum**

A resident attended due to concern about the parking situation at Anchor bridge and the entrance to Bear Street from the A134. He has some experience with experimental traffic orders which can result in yellow lines subject to the support of the County Councillor, Parish Council and any businesses affected. The Chairman agreed to discuss more fully at the end of the meeting when the County Cllr has already agreed to outline what is possible for Nayland.

**Parish Council Meeting**

1. **Apologies:** District Cllr M Barrett and M Hunter.
2. **Approval of Minutes of 8th July Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** Nothing was declared.
4. **Planning:**
  - i) Report on observations to the following applications which were considered between meetings: -
    - a) There were **No Objections** to tree applications to fell a conifer at 39 Fen Street **DC/20/02854**, to reduce walnut trees at 43 Bear Street **DC/20/03115** and tree preservation order application including limes, holm oaks and pine at Park House, Wissington Uplands **DC/20/02818**. These were reviewed by the Tree Warden and Councillors.
    - b) There were **No Objections** to Planning and Listed Building applications for a garden study/store at 6 - 8 Birch Street **DC/20/02864/5**.
    - c) Listed Building Application to remove cement render, repair timber in walls and replace rotted pentice boards above windows. Further work in the application included insulating with sheep wool and applying plaster and lime at 9 Bear Street. There were No Objections providing the Heritage Officer had been consulted and was supportive of the proposals particularly in relation to the render mix and pentice board material - **DC/20/02582**. The Clerk apologised and pointed out the typo in the Agenda stating 8 Bear Street which should have read 9 Bear Street.
  - ii) **DC/20/03019** - Bear House, Bear Street. Listed Building Consent Application for internal and external alterations as detailed in the Design and Access Statement. 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.*
  - iii) **DC/20/03043** - Hillside, 14 Stoke Road - Application for listed building to insert new doorway between bedroom and bathroom. The following response was agreed: -

*Nayland with Wissington Parish Council has No Objections subject to a Structural Engineer being involved as mentioned by the Heritage Officer.*
  - iv) **Any other urgent planning including: -**
    - a) Grant Application for riverbank repairs at Caley Green: The Chairman explained that we have been offered the opportunity to apply for a grant for improvements to the bank at Caley Green. This would include the staging which was installed to stop the bank collapsing. The grant would be subject to approval by the Environment Agency and so far they are not in favour of any extension to the staging. It was agreed to seek further information between meetings and include this as an Agenda item for September - **Action Chairman and Clerk.**

b) Re-opening of Fairfield Playground: G Battye and the Chairman have carried out a detailed Risk Assessment regarding the potential re-opening in line with the government guidance. It was agreed to circulate the Risk Assessment to members together with a comments document - **Action G Battye and Clerk**. It was agreed to include as an Agenda item for September as there will be financial implications in relation to signage etc - **Action Clerk**.

c) other urgent planning - it was noted that some Councillors have booked places on the forthcoming Planning training advised by SALC. It was confirmed that the cost of the training will be paid by the Parish Council.

##### 5. Accounts for Payment

Previously agreed payments were listed as follows and approved: -

Mortimer Contracts (Litter/grass/allotments/recreation)	742.80
Employment Costs totalled	1217.62
SALC (Internal Audit)	282.00
Spingold Design & Print (Allotment numbers)	36.00
M George (expenses including allotments/postage)	9.55

The Chairman abstained from voting in respect of the payments as one was to reimburse her expenses.

P Wilkie then left the meeting.

The Chairman then invited County Cllr J Finch to update the Parish Council on the situation regarding potential experimental traffic orders. The County Cllr and the resident who commented in the Public Forum provided information regarding this option as a possible solution to safety concerns brought about by parking issues on Anchor Bridge and by Caley Green in Bear Street. They advised that, with the agreement of the Parish Council, this would allow temporary double yellow lines to be included in areas which have become an issue. These experimental traffic regulation orders are reviewed during a 6-18 month period whereby changes or removal can be implemented.

The County Cllr suggested where the double yellow lines could run on Anchor Bridge and also from the A134 to the bus stop on both sides of the road in Bear Street. He added this could be implemented fairly swiftly and the cost would be significantly less than other traffic orders and the Parish Council would not need to contribute towards the cost.

During discussions councillors raised points including that this may just move the problem elsewhere such as on Caley Green, on Harpers Estate, The Heights, Court Street and cause difficulty at the Doctors Surgery. Councillors enquired as to whether the Anchor Inn had been consulted. The County Cllr reported that the manager of the Anchor Inn had no objections. G Battye raised the point that parked cars have the benefit of slowing traffic through the village.

Councillors commented that they had received complaints from residents regarding traffic issues at both locations. Near accidents had been observed as a result of extensive parking and Councillors felt this was an urgent matter of safety for road users and pedestrians and it was not felt this could be delayed. However, Councillors and the Clerk were concerned that there had been no time to consult with nearby residents. If the schemes were agreed, interested parties would need to be contacted about the proposal making them aware this is not permanently binding and the situation would be carefully monitored.

In relation to the proposed experimental traffic regulation order for double yellow lines on Anchor bridge, there were equal votes for and against the scheme and also 2 abstentions. The Chairman used her casting vote to agree to support the scheme.

For the same order at the entrance to Bear Street, support for the scheme was carried with 5 votes in favour and 1 against.

The Parish Council therefore agreed to go ahead with the experimental traffic regulation orders for double yellow lines on Anchor Bridge and by Caley Green and the County Cllr agreed to take this forward as quickly as possible. P Fuller agreed to assist the Chairman in making residents aware of the schemes.

**The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.**