

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY 2020, AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NAYLAND.

Present: M George (Chairman), P Fuller, G Battye, L Erith, D Harris, P Wilkie, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr), M Barrett (District Cllr) and 1 member of the public.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. Public Forum

Nothing was raised.

b. District Council Report

District Cllr M Barrett had sent apologies and a report that confirmed information from cabinet from the January District Council Meeting is available on Assets and Investments, Communities, Customers, Digital Transformation & Improvement, Economic Growth, Environment, Finance, Housing and Planning. The Council has some additional discretionary power following the Queen's speech to discount cinemas, music venues, pubs and local newspapers. The Finances will be considered this month. Garage sites are being reviewed currently. On Planning, the Chandlers application was withdrawn.

c. County Council Report

County Cllr James Finch attended and had issued his report covering the high rating of Suffolk's Adult Social Care Locations at 89% rated Good or Outstanding by the Care Quality Commission. A New Roadwork permit scheme is being introduced giving Suffolk Highways more powers to place conditions on road closures. Parking patrols will be the responsibility of the District Council from 6th April. Most Active County initiatives are giving opportunities to individuals who are not currently physically active to take part in training and support with a goal of completing the Great East Swim or Great East Run. More Fostering and Adoption Sessions are scheduled. It was agreed to discuss the Bus changes under the Highways Agenda item.

Parish Council Meeting

1. **Apologies:** N Cartwright

2. **Approval of Minutes of 15th January Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.

3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** None were declared.

4. **Finance Report**

i) The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 31st January 2020 as £1000 in the Current Account, £31251.90 in the linked Account and £17200.80 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £49452.70.

ii) Following discussion a Precept amendment to £39000 was resolved representing an increase to residents of 10%.

iii) It was agreed to use the model Standing Orders issued in 2018 for a base to review our Standing Orders. This was delegated to the Chairman and P Wilkie between meetings - **Action Chairman and P Wilkie**. This will form an Agenda item at the March Meeting - **Action Clerk**.

5. **Planning**

1. Decision from the Planning Authority:-

- a) Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent had been granted at The Doll's House, 4 Mill Street for work including rendering and log store - **DC/19/05282/3**.
- b) Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent had been granted for rear extension following demolition of conservatory at 34 Bear Street - **DC/19/05649/50**.
- c) Work can proceed to fell an apple tree at 41 Fen Street - **DC/19/05885**.
- d) Work can proceed to fell silver birch at 72-78 Bear Street - **DC/20/00063**.

2. Longwood House, Stoke Road - Change of use and conversion of barn/stables to annexed accommodation for a relative - **DC/20/00180**. The Parish Council had **No Objections** to the change of use to a residential annexe subject to a condition to ensure it cannot be used or sold separately from the host dwelling.

- 3.** Any other urgent Planning: Chandlers, 100 Bear Street Listed Building Application had recently been received and the wording of the response was delegated to the Chairman between meetings. The following response was sent: -

"Nayland with Wissington Parish Council has considered the very detailed application for remedial and structural works at this property in conjunction with the pre-application advice given by Babergh Heritage Officer, Tegan Chenery, in December and would like to make the following observations and some objections.

Most of the work set out in the Design and Access statement has been described in the pre-application advice report as 'uncontested', 'not opposed' or 'supported'. The applicant appears to have followed much of the guidance given at the site meeting and in the subsequent report when preparing the proposal for works. The Parish Council is pleased to see that inappropriate alterations and materials used during 20th century will be remedied and that the current degeneration in parts of the listed building will be remedied.

The discovery of asbestos raises additional issues. This needs to be removed as a matter of urgency and this Parish Council would recommend that the sections relating to that removal need to be granted consent as soon as possible so that decontamination work can be done and further detailed investigations into the structural problems can take place.

However, there are elements that involve structural changes to the exterior of the property that could need planning permission in addition to listed building consent.

The Parish Council would like clarification as to whether that is the case.

1. *Removal of upstairs fireplace and chimney. This would have an impact on the appearance of a listed building and streetscape in the Conservation Area of Nayland with Wissington. The officer was not minded to support removal, although the subsequent structural survey report indicates that the upper fireplace and chimney are inadequately supported and causing damage to the whole structure. Removal was not supported by planning officers, nor the Parish Council, in a previous application. The Parish Council continues to object to this element of the current Listed Building Application.*
2. *The changes to the doorway and side windows to the south elevation (p 8 DAS) appear to be necessary to protect the building from subsidence and rot because of inappropriate alterations in the past. Although this elevation is at the rear of the property it is clearly viewed from the PROW footpath on the riverside bank opposite. The changes do not materially change the look of the building. However, as it involves some alteration to the exterior structure of the building, does this proposal also need planning permission?*
3. *Roof light to bathroom on north of roof. The Parish Council believes that this would have a detrimental impact on the exterior of the Listed Building in the streetscape of the Conservation Area. The Parish Council objects to this item.*
4. *New staircase in different location is proposed. Although the officer was not of a mind to contest this item, does this need planning permission as well as Listed Building Consent?"*

On other matters the agreed letter to the Managers of The Anchor was hand delivered and emailed by the Chairman. At the recent Babergh Meeting with Town and Parish Councils, it was confirmed that under the National Planning Policy Framework Section 63 which was reaffirmed in 2019, 5 or more dwellings in the AONB requires Affordable Housing. It was agreed to include a Planning Agenda item for the March Meeting of "Response to Planners" - **Action Clerk.**

6. **Recreation and Open Spaces:** Permission was given for the Nayland 10K Run to cross land owned and managed by the Parish Council. Information had been circulated between meetings in relation to the joint request for a water gauge. It was agreed to lower the hedge at the Fairfield. It was agreed to delegate the safety issues at the Playground between Meetings and the remainder of the work to be prioritised and subject to recommendations at the March Meeting - **Action G Battye and Chairman.**
7. **Highways:** The meeting was closed briefly to allow County Cllr J Finch to explain the meetings and discussions regarding the Bus Service changes. The Chief Executive of the Bus Company, the County Cllr and representatives from local Parish Councils met and some compromises resulted from that meeting. The key message was that the existing service is not financially viable and changes have been put forward on a trial basis. He urged residents to use the buses to help maintain their viability. Other schemes are being investigated either commercially or locally to help ease hardship that may result from these changes. The MP is actively involved in discussions. On other matters, the grit bin at

Heycroft Way is now on the filling list. Various emails had been circulated throughout the month including about the burst pipe in Bear Street, the metal bollard in the vicinity, an issue with the drain at the Church Hall and the results of investigating the point raised at last meeting on Stoke Road. Signage is in place on Stoke Road.

8. **Annual Parish Assembly**: The date has been set for 19th May. The Chairman is seeking a speaker on the subject of Recycling. It was also suggested information from Community Car Groups would be useful bearing in mind the changes to our bus services in the Village.
9. **Street Lighting**: No updates have been forthcoming from the County Council. It was agreed to chase progress and send a copy to our County Councillor - **Action Clerk**.
10. **Footpaths** : The Footpath Warden has been investigating complaints of an overgrown permissive footpath which is probably on Tendring Hall land. It was agreed to write to Tendring Hall Estate seeking assistance for walkers. The Chairman agreed to provide details of the precise location to the Clerk - **Action Chairman and Clerk**.
11. **Allotments** : The damaged lock reported at last meeting has been replaced.
12. **Village Hall**: P Fuller explained the set back regarding funding towards the Village Hall Roof which they are challenging. Fund raising is continuing and their AGM was scheduled for 2nd March.
13. **Community Council**: There was nothing to report.
14. **Correspondence**: The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items. It was noted that the Review on Governance was to follow in respect of Parish Council areas and numbers of Councillors.
15. **Burial Ground**: There was nothing to report other than an action point to check when our next Tree Risk Assessment is due - **Action Clerk**.
16. **Accounts for Payment**

Mortimer Contracts (Litter/allotments)	372.00
Employment Costs totalled	1212.64
Babergh District Council (Bus Shelter Rent)	1.00

The meeting closed at **9.48 pm**.