

## MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 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 1 member of the public.

### **Before Commencement of the Meeting**

#### **a. Public Forum**

The resident referred to his attendance at the August Meeting to assist with information about experimental yellow lines. He was surprised the decisions to proceed have since been reversed. He accepts as the weather has worsened the issues have reduced, however, he enquired as to future plans ahead of Spring next year. The Chairman took the opportunity to explain the mixed feedback from residents and the recommendations from both County Highways and Cllr J Finch. There was a fear that hasty changes may shift the problem elsewhere, so careful consideration was required. The Decision was taken to follow a proper Consultation process led by County Highways as recommended by them. The resident reminded the meeting that a similar experimental orders were considered suitable at Dedham and other villages.

#### **b. District Council Report**

District Cllr M Barrett attended and reported on the September Full District Council Meeting where the various Chairs and Vice Chairs were appointed for the year ahead. A detailed response was given from the District Council to the Planning White Paper. Due to Covid-19, Officers are still working from home and site inspections suspended. Thorrington Street Heritage statement is being finalised and the Pikes Marsh transfer of land is being chased. It was noted the Consultation on the Planning White Paper is open until around the end of October. When asked, M Barrett explained that the District Council is pressing for completion of the Joint Local Plan.

#### **c. County Council Report**

County Cllr J Finch attended and announced investment into electric vehicle charging points in rural Suffolk. 100 charging points were to be installed. Suffolk's public sector leaders met to agree collective action to start the recovery process as a result of COVID-19. They will invest in economic growth, support the vulnerable and focus on community safety. There has been a launch of a new support line to help those with financial, job or housing worries. The County Council is not prepared to support the plans for Sizewell C in its current form. This is due to too many unanswered issues including transport impacts, site design and environmental impact. So far Suffolk has installed 43 sensors on Street Lights to gather data as part of a project funded by the Department of Transport now a year into the project. Applications are now invited from parents and carers for next year's school places. A public consultation is being conducted on improving rail capacity at Ely. The Boundary Commission has published proposals for County Councillor divisions in Suffolk which would require 70 Councillors, 5 fewer than the current arrangements. Residents and local organisations are encouraged to take a look at the proposals and share their views: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/18495>. Further virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions are taking place: To book email [Claire.Gwatin@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.Gwatin@suffolk.gov.uk). On local matters, J Finch confirmed the drainage survey was carried out. A potential route was identified, however, an issue has been found, so the investigation is on-going. A resolution is still being considered for the repeated flooding of the A134 at Nayland from water running off Harpers Hill. J Finch will be speaking at the site meeting at Harpers Hill Farm. He encouraged residents to send noise observations to the Planning Committee. M Barrett agreed to involve the Environmental Department at Babergh Council. Concerns were expressed regarding the monitoring by the Environment Agency of noise and dust complaints. It was felt regular unannounced monitoring should be carried out by them.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

1. **Apologies:** M Hunter had sent his apologies.

There was an interruption to the Chairman's internet, so G Battye was elected to take the Chair in her absence.

2. **Approval of Minutes of 9th September Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.

3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** G Battye declared an interest in his neighbours application in Elm Grove and P Fuller declared an interest for the same reason to the Laburnum Way application.

The Chairman was able to return to the meeting only to experience further internet interruption later on. It was agreed for G Battye to take the Chair for any future internet interruptions. The Clerk also had an access issue during the meeting which was resolved within about 5 minutes.

4. **Finance Report**

i) The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 1st October 2020 as £1000 in the Current Account, £49553.97 in the linked Account and £17240.37 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £67794.34.

ii) List of Pre-agreed payments for October: -

Mortimer Contracts (Grass/Litter/recreation/open spaces)	993.60
Employment Costs totalled	1249.44
Business Services at CAS (PC Insurance)	482.79
SALC (Planning Training)	30.00

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

5. **Planning**

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

- Planning Permission had been granted for placement of topsoil in the gully in the field to the rear of Willow Grove (Retention of) - **DC/20/01185**.
- Planning Permission had been granted for a two storey side extension at Parsons Pyghtle, Wiston Hall Lane - **DC/20/03458**.
- Listed Building Consent was refused to remove cement render to the front of the house, inspect and repair existing timber in walls and remove and replace rotten pentice boards above windows. Insulate with sheep wool, apply two coats of haired chalk plaster and three coats of lime to all the plaster at 9 Bear Street - **DC/20/02582**.
- Consent has been granted to reduce yew tree by 40% at The Old Vicarage, 4 High Street - **DC/20/03767**.
- Listed Building Consent had been granted to replace concrete tiles on rear extension with traditional peg tiles to match new extension at 34 Bear Street - **DC/20/03243**. The Parish Council had **No Objections** subject to approval of the choice of peg tiles by the Heritage Officer.
- Consent had been granted to dead wood and crown pollard 1 ash tree at 100 Bear Street - **DC/20/03941**. The Parish Council and Tree Warden had **No Objections**

**2. Harpers Hill Farm - Revised site location plan, revised layout plan and revised planning statement.**

These were reviewed between meetings to comply with the deadline. The agreed response followed: -

*"Members of Nayland with Wissington Parish Council have reviewed the revisions, however, the information has not changed the views the Parish Council previously advised. Nayland with Wissington Parish Council still Object to these plans.*

*For the avoidance of doubt the reasons are stated below: -*

*Please note Nayland with Wissington Parish Council objects to any further expansion of this operation at the current location and therefore this application.*

*We repeat our comments listed below and our concern about traffic movements within the site generating further disturbance and continuous noise. We also remind you that the position at the top of the valley causes noise to reverberate around the valley. To add to these concerns, recently residents have complained about noise levels increasing even further, so the situation requires detailed and regular investigation.*

*Whilst this Council is supportive of local business/employment, no further expansion could be accommodated at such a sensitive and tranquil location in the Dedham Vale AONB.*

*Paragraph 115 of the NPPF gives the highest status of protection for the landscape and scenic beauty of AONB's.*

*The activities on this site already generate complaints of noise, dust and hours of work disturbance. We also have seen little evidence of effective monitoring despite complaints.*

*It is adjacent to Gladwins Farm, a major tourist/holiday destination in the Village.*

*This Parish Council supports the comments from the AONB Officer quoted below: - "Localised impacts from noise are still possible without interventions. In our original response we raised concern about a loss of tranquillity linked to the potential increase in noise levels associated with the business. Tranquillity is one for the natural beauty indicators used to designate AONBs. The AONB team note that a further noise assessment completed by SLR is generally positive about potential noise impacts from the revised site layout. We note that the report recommends the use of a condition limiting the hours of operation to help reduce and manage noise impacts on neighbouring residential properties, particularly the dwelling to the south of the site. The AONB team would have concerns about a reduction in tranquillity linked to this proposal. We therefore reiterate our previous position that SSC should be satisfied that the new surveys are robust and that any noise generated will be within acceptable limits and will not result in a significant reduction in tranquillity."*

*This Parish Council therefore repeats its objections to further industrialisation of this site in the AONB. However, if permission was to be given there would need to be a rigorous monitoring system in relation to noise, dust and impact mitigation. Working hours would need to be limited for neighbour amenity and the bund wall would need to be higher to reduce noise and dust escaping from the site.*

*Please again take all these points into consideration. "*

- 3. 10 Elm Grove** - Application for single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory - **DC/20/04017**. This was considered between meetings to comply with the deadline. The Declaration of Interest from G Battye was duly noted.

There were **No Objections**.

- 4. The Mill House, Wiston Hall Lane** - Planning and Listed Building Applications for a new access gate - **DC/20/03698 and 03699**.

The following response was agreed: -

*"Nayland with Wissington Parish Council discussed this application at yesterdays Parish Council Meeting and object as the proposed design of the gates would have an urban appearance and would not blend well in the Countryside. Rather than painted white, perhaps natural oak and if brick posts are constructed, old brick rather than new red brick would be more in keeping. We have also received information concerning the status and rights of this driveway and we would ask the Planning Authority to investigate whether this has a bearing on the application. We have been told that it may prevent vehicular access for the residents of Wiston Mill. The Planning Authority must assure themselves that this is a legitimate application that wouldn't prevent access including by emergency services to Wiston Mill. We leave you to investigate these points."*

- 5. 39 Fen Street** - Application for a rear single storey extension - **DC/20/04159**. There were **No Objections**.

**6. Hammonds, Harpers Hill** - Application for planning permission without compliance of conditions - **DC/20/04079**. There were **No Objections**.

**7. 24 Laburnum Way** - Change of use from agricultural land to garden and the siting of oil tank - **DC/20/04220**. The declaration of Interest from P Fuller was duly noted. There were **No Objections**.

**8. 85 Bear Street** - Notification of work to protected silver birch - **DC/20/04295**. There were **No Objections**.

**9. The Doll's House, 4 Mill Street** - Application for works to protected trees - **DC/20/04350**. It was agreed to defer this item to be delegated between meetings to enable the Tree Warden to inspect and give her views.

**10. The Mill House, Wiston Hall Lane - Planning and Listed Building Applications for single storey extension - DC/20/04351/2.**

The following response was agreed: -

*"Nayland with Wissington Parish Council have considered the proposed revision to the previously approved scheme and are mindful that the proposal is not in full view to many households. However, it is in the Dedham Vale AONB and this Council has concerns with the design in its setting and whether it would be appropriate in the AONB. We leave the Planning Authority to give careful consideration to this matter. "*

**11. Any urgent Planning matters -** The discussion started during the report from our County Cllr was continued and the Parish Council needed to consider whether they take further action regarding the Harpers Hill Farm application. Members repeated their concerns regarding the disturbance to residents regarding noise and dust. The noise carries to all parts of the village. Monitoring in the past by the Environment Agency has not mitigated the issues for residents. Following discussion, It was agreed for the Chairman to draft a further written representation from the Parish Council to the Planning Authority - **Action Chairman.** On a separate matter the Chairman explained some proposed work to trees on the Mill Lade. Members found the SALC Planning Training useful and the slides were anticipated once all the sessions are complete.

**6. Urgent Recreation and Open Spaces:**

It was agreed between meetings to erect signage to help reduce the dog fouling issue at the Play park. This was considered urgent in view of the health and safety implications. The Play park is now open and the vicinity is busy due to parents collecting their children. Observations have been made that parents are delighted it has re-opened. It was agreed to defer the item of Play Park permanent signage to the November Meeting - **Action Clerk.** The Clerk was asked the best approach to taking forward the new dog and litter bin project. The Clerk had already sent examples of the cost of each item. She explained, 2 steps would be required. A full list of proposed new locations and the type of bin involved. The Parish Council could then consider approving these in principle subject to cost. The cost could then be calculated for financial approval by the Parish Council. This fits the criteria for CIL monies. The project team would then need to seek approval from the District Council that the locations are acceptable for emptying and also check whether any close neighbours have any objections for the Parish Council to consider. The orders could then be made by the Clerk. P Wilkie agreed to contact the Chairman and set up a meeting with the project group to take matters forward - **Action P Wilkie.**

**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 Clerk enquired with L Brooks as to whether contact details for the community response is being circulated again. The internet issues prevented an answer, so it was agreed for L Brooks to send an email to the Clerk confirming what is happening.

**8. Urgent Highways Safety Matters:**

The extensive parking issues and reference to emails and letters circulated to members between meetings had been made. J Finch was taking forward the Highways Consultation in respect of potential yellow lines. J Finch had also involved Suffolk Police and it was noted a Police Constable had enquired about a query from a resident. The Clerk will seek support from the PC involved and refer her to her Inspector who has full details from J Finch - **Action Clerk.** G Battye asked the Clerk to remind County Highways to fill the Heycroft Way grit bin - **Action Clerk.**

**9. Urgent Street Lighting Matters:** There was nothing to report regarding the Parish Council Street Lighting, however, it was noted that some of the County Council lights on the Heights have been upgraded to LED.

**10. Urgent Footpaths Matters :** There was nothing new to report.

11. **Urgent Allotment issues** : The Clerk reported that the vacant allotment now has a new tenant. The rents have been requested together with the signing of the new Allotment Conditions.
12. **Urgent Village Hall matters**: It was noted the front door lock was to be replaced shortly. Concern was noted regarding the condition of the roof. Sadly the replacement project had stalled due to lack of funding. The Chairman was in discussion with the Village Hall Management Committee. Members were keen to support the Village Hall and it was hoped further information would be available ahead of the Parish Council Finance Committee for budget considerations.
13. **Urgent Community Council matters**: 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.
15. **Urgent Burial Ground issues**: There was nothing to report. Routine burial and monument enquiries continue to be dealt with by the Clerk between meetings.

The meeting closed at **9.41 pm**.