

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER 2021, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: M George (Chairman), P Wilkie, L Erith, G Battye, N Cartwright, P Fuller, D Hattrell (Clerk), M Barrett (District Cllr), J Finch (County Cllr) and 1 member of the public attended in person and L Brooks (Community Times) and 2 members of the public joined by Video link.

**Before Commencement of the Meeting**

**a. Public Forum:**

The resident who attended in person was at the meeting to observe the highways item. L Brooks asked when the Parish Council will begin to reinstate fishing rights as that might be seen as giving something back. The Chairman explained that no fishing rights have been lost, it was the fishing access that needed addressing. Another resident attending by video link sought clarification as to whether in the proposal, the area between the bench and current reed bed was to remain clear. P Wilkie explained it was and the risk of erosion was to be monitored. This led onto a further suggestion from the resident and it was agreed for her to email the suggestion as feedback to be considered by the working party.

**b. District Council Report**

District Cllr M Barrett attended and reported on the Decisions at full Council in October. This was deferred to 2nd November and councillors agreed the following: -

1) Steps to help residents get online in order to access help :-

[New iPad lending scheme to help residents get online » Babergh Mid Suffolk](#)

2) Small grants to help over the winter for food, clothes and utilities:-

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In relation to Cllr Barrett's Councillor Locality Award, as no applications had been received during the current year, she was planning to allocate her year's budget of £2k to Nayland Village Hall Roof repairs. This is a project that does not benefit from CIL.

On local issues Cllr Barrett has been having discussions with Planning and Enforcement Officers on local issues seeking resolution. She sent comments to Suffolk CC objecting to the Variation of Conditions at Harpers Hill Waste Transfer Station as extending hours would be counter to the aims of the AONB. She has also asked the Babergh Enforcement Officer to have a careful look at the apparent infringement of planning following the refusal on the workers dwelling.

**c. County Council Report**

County Cllr J Finch attended later into the meeting in person and his report covered that extra Covid 19 support is being provided to Suffolk including: -

- extra opening hours for Vaccinations and a pop up clinic

- help to coordinate door knocking campaigns

- help to reduce transmission in schools

It comes as pressure on our hospitals is reaching critical levels and we have some of the highest rates of infection in the Country.

Suffolk is asking for further financial support from central government to improve bus services.

A review of the Lorry Route Plan in Suffolk is being undertaken. Following the review a new interactive Lorry Route Map will be published. MP's from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex unite to protect the countryside and communities from the worst impacts of new pylons and cables. Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions continue.

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**Parish Council Meeting**

1. **Apologies:** were received from D Harris and R Thorogood
2. **Approval of Minutes of 13th October Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record with 1 abstention from G Battye as he produced the Minutes.
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors :** Nothing was declared.
4. **Finance Report**
  - i)The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 1st November 2021 as £1000 in the Current Account, £78081.16 in the linked Account and £17263.33 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £96344.49.

iii) Update on potential improvements to turning circle. Unfortunately further quotes were not received. The meeting was reminded that we have received at breakdown of the quote from our Grounds Maintenance Contractors. The Parish Council were minded to approve subject to funds being available. It was resolved for the Finance Committee to factor this into budget and make recommendations to the December Parish Council Meeting - **Action Finance Committee.**

iv) Review of Risk Management Policy - it was resolved to approve the Policy with a couple of minor additions around the responsibility for checking our insurance and the County Council bus shelter on Bear Street.

v) Any other urgent Finance - It was noted the Finance Working Party were meeting via Zoom on 30th November and will make recommendations to the December Parish Council Meeting. The External Audit Report with all matters approved is now on the Parish Council webpage.

ii) List of Pre-agreed payments for the October period: -	
Mortimer Contracts (Litter/Grass & Recreation)	1063.80
Employment Costs totalled	1265.20
Anglia Inspection Services (Playpark Inspection - recreation)	186.00
S Carter (Bus Shelter Clean)	21.00
The Stevenson Centre (Hall hire)	20.00

## 5. **Planning**

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

A) Planning Permission was granted for 1.5 storey rear extension, internal alterations and front velux at 9 Heycroft Way - **DC/21/04740.**

B) Conditions were approved in relation to fenestration at 100 Bear Street - **DC/21/05364**

C) The Planning Authority did not wish to object to the Conservation Area tree application at Lower Courtwood, 13A Court Street - **DC/21/05250**

D) Planning Permission was granted to extend 20 Harpers Estate - **DC/21/04816.**

E) The Planning Authority raised No Objections to the Conservation Area tree application at 14 Church Lane - **DC/21/05479.**

F) Planning Permission was granted for extensions at 97 Bear Street - **DC/21/04980.**

**2.** Report on Observations between meetings to the application to vary conditions at Hammonds, Harpers Hill - **DC/21/05718.** The Parish Council had **No Objections.**

**3.** Harpers Hill Farm, Harpers Hill - **SCC/0099/19B/VOC** - This application to vary working hours was discussed and members voted unanimously to object to this application. The drafting and sending of the response to Suffolk County Council was delegated to the Chairman and Clerk. Areas of concern included water, noise, loss of amenity to neighbours, impact on neighbouring business and sensitive location in AONB.

**4.** Conservation Area tree application at 31 Fen Street - **DC/21/05870** - The Parish Council had **No Objections.**

**5.** Planning Application to extend 2 Larch Grove - **DC/21/05738** - The Parish Council had **No Objections.**

**6.** **Any other urgent Planning matters** - The recently received application at Rushbanks was to be considered between meetings.

**6. Urgent Recreation and Open Spaces:** The working party were thanked for all their hard work in organising the Caley Green open meeting and the contributions from James Carr were praised as being very clear and informative. P Fuller asked for measurements to be given in imperial as well as metric. P Wilkie explained that the decision should be delayed until all residents have had an opportunity to respond. A suggestion was made of a small jetty and it was agreed to seek further views from residents on this idea via Community Times - **Action working party** to provide a notice on the subject to Community Times. Once a decision is made in principle, the next step would be to seek relevant funding. Attention then turned to the request for permission from The Anchor to erect a banner to

advertise the skating rink. The Chairman explained the history with the majority of the banners coming from Village Organisations. Members did not want an extended period to be agreed which would be against the procedures that have served this Council and Village Organisations well. The full conditions are available on the Parish Council website and each banner can be erected for up to a week ahead of an event and must be taken down within 48 hours after the event. The Parish Council wanted to support a local business and felt a reasonable compromise would be for the Anchor to apply for a specific period of 1 week at a time and only apply for a further week when the banner has been taken down. This will keep the erecting of banners fair for all. It was resolved for the Clerk to explain to the Anchor what the Parish Council has resolved - **Action Clerk**. Attention then turned to the Playground Inspection Report and it was agreed for the Clerk and G Battye to liaise with our Grounds Maintenance Contractors between meetings on the minor items identified. Overall the findings were favourable. The safety surfacing, however, requires attention either the full solution which is costly but recommended, or a temporary solution whilst the funds can be found. The Parish Council were supportive of the full re-surfacing option subject to funding. It was agreed for the Finance Working Party to consider the financial position and make recommendations to the December Meeting - **Action Finance Working Party**. The final matter was to consider hedge maintenance on the recreation ground which has been raised between meetings. It was agreed to assess the position at the same time as reviewing the burial ground boundary and other winter priorities in the burial ground - **Action Chairman and G Battye**.

7. **Any updates from Community Response to Covid 19:** L Brooks continues to update FaceBook. J Finch was thankful for the support of volunteers helping with the Vaccination booster program.
8. **Urgent Highways Safety Matters:** In relation to the SCC Lorry Route Review, bullet points will be provided to J Finch of any point that doesn't fit with the on-line survey provided. The Chairman is taking the lead with this item. In relation to the flooding, this continues even after drain cleansing. J Finch explained that until the drainage system can be renovated, County Highways will pro-actively cleanse on receipt of relevant weather alerts. It was agreed to report the overgrown foliage obstructing vision as you exit Horkesley Road onto the A134 on the Highways Reporting Tool and copy the response to the Clerk for records as usual. It was agreed to include the principle of buying speed activated signs as an Agenda item for the December Meeting - **Action Clerk**. It was agreed to ask J Finch for a progress report in relation to the related pole issue on Stoke Road.
9. **Urgent Burial Ground issues:** It was agreed for members to review the Defra Consultation on amendments to Burial Regulations ahead of next meeting and this will form an Agenda item - **Action all and Clerk**. This may have implications to space for future burials if changes are implemented.
10. **Urgent Street Lighting Matters:** The Chairman was pleased to report that despite setbacks and various reports to the Suffolk County Council Street Lighting Engineers, the outstanding authorised Street Lighting improvements have been completed with the contractors returning shortly to paint the Birch Street light black - \*this has since been done. There was another light on the original list which requires relevant heritage permission which was discussed with the home owner some time ago, so nothing can proceed without the relevant permissions. It is hoped the invoice from the County Council will be received without delay to help update this Parish Councils accounts after a number of years of reserving for the outstanding work.
11. **Urgent Footpaths Matters :** L Erith has been investigating necessary improvements to Dead Lane with the Footpath Warden. L Erith, despite setbacks, will continue to pro-actively seek resolution - **Action L Erith**.
12. **Urgent Allotment issues :** The Allotment rents were being collected mainly by funds transfer and the Clerk will update our income records ahead of the Finance Working Party Meeting - **Action Clerk**. The donated bench has been installed at the allotments and it was agreed to issue a thank you letter to the kind resident who donated and paid for the bench to be installed - **Action Clerk** (the Chairman to provide full details to the Clerk for this purpose).
13. **Urgent Village Hall matters:** It had been noted that the telegraph pole has been installed to allow for the Village Hall broadband. This was a positive development after the long wait.

14. **Urgent Community Council matters:** The Minutes are regularly circulated and there was nothing to report over and above the latest Minutes. N Cartwright attended the most recent meeting and had reported to the Parish Council between meetings. Various activities are now on-going.
15. **Correspondence:** The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items. It was agreed to complete the Neighbourhood Watch survey - **Action Clerk.**

The meeting closed at **9.55 pm.**