

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT 7.45 P.M. ON MONDAY 29th April 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL NAYLAND

Present: Mary George (Chairman), James Finch (County Councillor), Melanie Barrett (Babergh District Councillor), Representatives from Village Organisations including the Village Hall, Community Council, Footpath Warden, the Parish Council, Clerk and residents. Around 42 people were present including Councillors.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced all the contributors. She confirmed that full reports were available on the boards. She welcomed the attendance of representatives from the Village Organisations and the Footpath Warden. Apologies had been received from Cllr P Fuller and the Tree Warden.

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Held on the 23rd April 2018

These were approved as a true record. They were proposed by Mrs W Sparrow, seconded by Mr B Smith and carried by a show of hands.

2. Neighbourhood Plans: Guest Speakers

Carroll Reeve of Lavenham shared their experiences of Neighbourhood Planning. They produced an early plan in the area and now look to keep it up to date. It has enabled them to influence the growth within Lavenham and deliver a positive contribution to their village. He spoke of other villages in the area and gave observations. This led to an explanation of the Lavenham Community Land Trust which was formed in 2014. He concluded by observing that Nayland should undertake a plan as soon as possible. Isabelle Reece then out-lined the experiences of Stoke by Nayland who were in the early stages of the Neighbourhood Planning process. She confirmed they had 20 people sign up to help and had developed focus groups, engaged a consultant and had some funding granted. She stressed the extent of the task ahead and the importance of community engagement. Questioning followed relating to the costs involved, the availability of grants and local housing needs. The Chairman then explained developments with the Lady Anne Windsor Charity in slightly widening their catchment area and the possibility of developing a site in Leavenheath at Plough Lane. Everyone listened with interest and once the questioning had finished, the Chairman thanked the speakers.

3. Highways Report and Questions

Cllr James Finch updated the meeting on highways projects over the past year. He was pleased further speed control on the A134 had been introduced. Drainage Survey work was on-going and old drawings were being referenced. The planned work to the Mill Stream bridge had been delayed to 2020. Following his report he was questioned regarding the lorries in the village and the Chairman sought volunteers to help with the monitoring via a Lorry Watch Scheme. He was asked about a potential 20 mph limit in the village similar to Stoke by Nayland. Another point was raised and noted that the traffic calming device that is triggered by the speed of vehicles on the A134 needs re-setting to activate at a lower speed.

4. Reports from Parish Council Chairman, County and District Councillors

The Chairman of the Parish Council delivered her report and thanked the existing Parish Council. Members were due to retire in a week's time with the new Parish Council comprising 5 members to form. This leaves 4 vacancies and she encouraged people to come forward. She confirmed the same applies to the Village Organisations and she urged people to get involved. She out-lined the Parish Council Finance situation including the earmarked £10,000 towards the Village Hall Roof. She thanked the people involved in the Post Office scheme which sadly proved unsuccessful. She thanked the volunteers who collect litter and those who get involved in all manner of things in the Village. The Parish Council continues to monitor Planning matters including applications and policy formation and make representations in this respect. She spoke of the strong and fitting tribute for Remembrance which had an impact on residents and visitors to the Village. County Cllr J Finch explained the County Council is looking to develop a 4.5 acre site which is owned as part of its County Farm estate in Cockfield village near Lavenham. The plan is for 51 affordable homes to be built. Suffolk's tourism trade was booming. Superfast broadband continues to be rolled out. Mid Suffolk Home First have been rated outstanding by the Care Quality Commission. Mid Suffolk Home First support people following a period of ill health with the aim to help the person reach their optimum level of independence. A national award was received for supporting communities to be more energy efficient. Construction of a new building called "The Hold" was underway for Suffolk's archival collections. His report covered the significance of the sport and physical activity sector to the Suffolk economy. Thermal patching technology was introduced to repair Suffolk roads. His report confirmed Suffolk has risen in the national GCSE league tables. More specialist education placements in Suffolk have been agreed. Suffolk had won a grant to develop sensors for

street lights to monitor all manner of things in the vicinity of the light such as road temperatures, traffic speeds and to equip them with renewable energy. Finally he focused on the budget setting including the costs of providing Adult and Community Services. His report concluded by thanking everyone for their support and the Parish Council.

District Cllr M Barrett reported on the 3.15% increase for the District Council's proportion of the Council Tax and that the Revenue Support Grant was no longer received. They now operate with lower numbers of Councillors and bigger wards following the Boundary Commission's review. The new Joint Local Plan was continuing through the necessary process. Civil Parking Enforcement was to pass to the District Council and new access points for residents to engage with the District Council were being set up. The former HQ at Corks Lane was to be developed for housing. G Battye then delivered the report from The Walsh Trust. The Meeting was reminded that the Village now has two Defibrillators, one at the Fire Station and one at the Village Hall. Training was on-going.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and reminded that all the reports from Village Organisations and Charities were available in Community Times. County Cllr J Finch thanked the Chairman for all her hard work on behalf of the Village.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.