

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH JANUARY 2021, AT 7.30 PM BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: M George (Chairman), G Battye, N Cartwright, L Erith, P Fuller, D Harris, R Thorogood, 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**

L Brooks updated the meeting about Gordon the Goose and that sadly he needed to be put to sleep due to poor health strongly suspected to be Avian Flu. People have been enquiring about a memorial and L Brooks wondered whether a plaque on the Bus Shelter would be worth considering. It was confirmed that the Bus Shelter is owned by the County Council. The Chairman suggested consideration to be given to incorporating a logo of Gordon on signage the Parish Council is arranging for Caley Green.

**b. District Council Report**

District Cllr M Barrett attended and reported that the December full council meeting was cancelled. Cabinet members at Babergh have proposed changes to the Access Point in Sudbury, however, full details were awaited. Charging for parking in Babergh has been met with opposition from residents. All options would retain at least 30 minutes of free parking. Her Locality Budget for this financial year was allocated and she is seeking ideas for the new financial year. Members were supportive of M Barrett's challenge regarding the potential removal of suitable local access at Sudbury. M Barrett had the view that charging for parking in Sudbury and Hadleigh may have a detrimental effect on High Street businesses. The Chairman raised a potential contribution from M Barrett's Locality Budget towards river safety signage similar to Bures.

**c. County Council Report**

County Cllr J Finch attended for a limited period and his report covered that the County Council continues to focus on Covid 19 as the new variant has been spreading more easily. The message is to rigidly stick with the guidance/rules. A list of the Vaccination Centres/hubs in Suffolk has been provided. The Golf Club has agreed to become a Vaccination Centre if required. A Survey is open for the Police Precept Proposals. The Primary School place deadline was to end shortly. Support is being given to the local foodbanks. Further information sessions on Fostering and Adoption have been arranged.

**Parish Council Meeting**

1. **Apologies:** were received from P Wilkie.
2. **Approval of Minutes of 9th December Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** Nothing was declared.
4. **Finance Report**
  - i)The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 4th January 2021 as £1000 in the Current Account, £44970.43 in the linked Account and £17257.94 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £63228.37.
  - ii) List of Pre-agreed payments for the December period: -

Mortimer Contracts (Litter)	195.60
Employment Costs totalled	1285.81
S Carter (Bus Shelter Clean)	20.00
SALC ( Training)	30.00

The Taxbase figures had been finalised and sent from the District Council. These were circulated to members upon receipt. The Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer had adjusted the Precept form to incorporate the slight increase in contributors and the grant of £495 we will receive during April 2021. An increase of 1.9% as recommended by Finance Committee would give a Precept of **£39,812.00**. G Battye proposed that this Council follows the Finance Committee recommendation to agree a Precept of £39812.00 for next financial year. This was seconded by L Erith and unanimously carried. G

Battye shared his view that this Council should provide the leadership necessary to re-generate Village life when the danger of Covid-19 passes. Support may be needed towards the halls and recreational areas.

Attention then turned to the **External Audit Report**. No matters came to the attention of the Auditors that gave cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. However, they did comment on the length of time between approval of Accounts and the commencement of the period for public inspection. At the time, we extended deadlines as a precaution due to Covid-19 which necessitated a pause in our meetings. Members took the opportunity to thank the Clerk for all her work in relation to the Accounts and Audit.

## 5. **Planning**

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

- a) The Planning Authority had approved the Tree Application at Yew Tree Cottage, 15 Court Street - **DC/20/05071**
- b) The Planning Authority had refused the discharge of conditions application for access at The Bungalow, Harpers Hill - **DC/20/04681- 15th December 2020**.
- c) Planning Permission was granted for variation of conditions at Hammonds, Harpers Hill in relation to roof pitches, fenestration, heating, air conditioning and solar panels to the cartlodge - **DC/20/04079**.
- d) Planning Permission was granted to change use of paddock to residential garden and erect a shed at 2 Gravel Hill - **DC/20/04435**.
- e) Planning Permission was granted for variation of conditions of site layout, elevations and changing plots 5 & 6 to 3 bed/study units at The Bungalow, Harpers Hill - **DC/20/04923**.
- f) The Planning Authority approved the discharge of conditions relating to access at The Bungalow, Harpers Hill - **DC/20/05739 - 24th December 2020**.
- g) Conditions were approved for biodiversity and landscaping at Gladwins Farm Holiday Cottages, Gladwins Farm - **DC/20/05398**.
- h) Conditions were approved for doors, windows, eaves and rainwater goods at 6-8 Birch Street - **DC/20/05366**.
- i) Planning Permission was refused for a 1.8m boundary fence at 5 Walsh Rise - **DC/20/04688**.

### **2. Agricultural Determination on Land To The Rear Of Harpers Hill - DC/20/05802.**

This application was withdrawn for a high agricultural building for storage due to airfield restrictions and that a full Planning application would be required.

### **3. Hillrise, 42 Gavel Hill - DC/21/00076.** Construction of a swimming pool and erection of filter shed

Members discussed the designation of the land at this property and were satisfied the construction was proposed for the original garden land. Following discussion, members voted to submit **No Objections** to the Planning Authority.

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the meantime allow the ground to recover and note our interest to the removal firm - **Action Clerk**. The muddy state of the Playpark was observed, however, members had no plans to close the area as government guidance is that playgrounds can remain open at the present lockdown. The situation shall be monitored.

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.
8. **Urgent Highways Safety Matters**: It was noted it is not possible to monitor the effectiveness of the yellow lines near the Anchor as we are in lockdown. P Fuller reported the give way signs have faded and are unreadable at the Bear Street junction near the Doctors Surgery. J Finch agreed to investigate. J Finch had reported that the HGV signs on the A134 are near to installation. N Cartwright reminded that some signage was agreed in Wiston, following a site meeting, and has not been installed. N Cartwright agreed to forward details to J Finch between meetings to enable these to be chased - **Action N Cartwright**. The verges continue to collapse in Wiston due to unsuitable traffic and J Finch agreed to follow up. Members will continue reporting pot holes between meetings. The Chairman was reporting damage to the barrier to the Mill stream.
9. **Urgent Street Lighting Matters**: Nothing was reported.
10. **Urgent Footpaths Matters**: Reports have been made of unauthorised access to Kingsland Lane which can be accessed from both Parishes of Leavenheath and Nayland with Wissington. Temporary blocks have been constructed on the Leavenheath side and a similar arrangement could be considered at our side. Site meetings could be arranged when it is safe to resume these. In the meantime K Verlander, SCC Right of Way was investigating. L Erith agreed to ride along the path to assess its condition and report. It was noted that the urgent footpath and rail repairs near Abel bridge has been completed. The path was under water when the contractor first attended before Christmas. G Batty reported that fencing has been removed near Horkesley Lock.
11. **Urgent Allotment issues**: In relation to the proposal from a resident for a bench at the Allotments, the Allotment Committee have been investigating a suitable location for the bench. The principle of a bench has been agreed and the location is to be finalised when it is safe to resume site meetings - **Action Clerk to inform the resident concerned**. It was agreed for the Clerk to inform the Allotment Committee of those who haven't paid their Allotment rent for the committee to follow up - **Action Clerk**. Enquiries were made as to whether the grazier intends to use the field again this year.
12. **Urgent Village Hall matters**: It was noted the Village Hall has issues with the floor due to the closure and lack of heating. A request has been made by a resident in Fen Street for permission to install a pedestrian field gate onto Webb's Meadow. The Village Hall Management Committee has No Objections. It was resolved to allow a single pedestrian gate with no right of vehicular access. The resident will also be asked to share details of the design and materials - **Action Clerk to contact the resident concerned**.
13. **Urgent Community Council matters**: The Community Council Minutes had been circulated and L Erith who attended on behalf of the Parish Council went over the key points. Members praised the excellent work of the Community Council and Community Times throughout the pandemic and over the Christmas period. The Chairman agreed to draft an advert ahead of the Community Times deadline to publicise our remaining Parish Councillor Vacancy - **Action Chairman**.
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**: The Chairman confirmed she has still to arrange the annual site meeting to consider priority work. No site meetings are being arranged presently for reasons stated above in the minutes.

The meeting closed at **9.29 pm**.