

## MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH APRIL 2021, AT 7.30 PM BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: M George (Chairman), G Battye, N Cartwright, L Erith, D Harris, R Thorogood, P Wilkie, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr), M Barrett (District Cllr), L Brooks (Community Times) and 3 members of the public.

Before the start of the meeting the Chairman led a 2 minutes silence for the sad loss of HRH Duke of Edinburgh. She was to send a letter of condolence on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

**a. Public Forum:** Nothing was raised.

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

District Cllr M Barrett attended and reported that the Babergh District Council fleet will be converted to run on hydro treated vegetable oil. CIL funding was secured (at cabinet) for a fuel tank. At Cabinet in March, it was agreed for Belle Vue House and the former swimming pool site to be put forward for redevelopment which will retain the house alongside new build flats. 6 Bids were reviewed at cabinet before this decision was made. The money from the sale will be reinvested in a new entrance to the park with better sight lines from the town, new toilets, general refurbishment of approx. £700k. Solar car ports and batteries will be put into the Kingfisher car park in Sudbury and electricity generated will power Kingfisher Leisure Centre and EV charging points at a cost of £300k. Date of delivery on the project is March 2022. Latest round of CIL funding was agreed for projects in Lavenham, Long Melford, Sudbury and Cockfield. There was to be no cabinet meeting in April due to the local elections for Suffolk County Council taking place. There was to be a District Council by election in Gt Cornard due to a resignation. Babergh have announced an action plan to improve and strengthen biodiversity (wildlife and plant life) in our area. Trees and hedgerow plants can be claimed free of charge as well as help to identify areas suitable for wildflower planting. Applications should be made by end of June for Autumn planting. Help and advice is available on the website.

Following the very sad news of the death of The Duke of Edinburgh, Babergh have opened a book of condolence (online due to Covid-19) for residents which will be presented to the royal family. [www.suffolk.gov.uk/condolences](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/condolences)

Locally, M Barrett was pursuing the Harpers Hill Enforcement following refusal of a part retrospective application. No evidence was found that the work had commenced and she confirms the Officer did visit the site to check. She will attend the first part of our Annual Parish Assembly and then leave to join the Bures Meeting.

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

County Cllr J Finch attended and reported that National Grid are currently inviting views to their Consultation for more Bramford to Twinstead power cables. He stressed the seriousness of this issue. His message is to continue the development of the undersea route and if cabling is needed to seek the whole route to be put underground. The Consultation is open until 6th May. Covid infection rates have continued to reduce with the 7 day period at the end of March again recording no cases in our area. He urged everyone to continue to stick with the guidance. Some testing centres are closing as home testing is being widely introduced including the one at Nayland Fire Station. Suffolk is included in the Government's UK Gigabit broadband programme. Automatic number plate recognition cameras are to be installed in Suffolk Villages as a 2 year pilot to educate motorists to reduce their speed. Access to the natural environment is to be improved by the Healing Woods project. Suggested sites would be welcomed. Further virtual fostering and adoption sessions for the Stour Valley were being arranged.

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### **Parish Council Meeting**

- 1. Apologies:** P Fuller had sent her apologies. L Erith, J Finch and M Hunter arrived later into the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 10th March 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 1st April 2021 as £1000 in the Current Account, £37462.37 in the linked Account and £17257.94 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £55720.31.

ii) List of Pre-agreed payments for the March period: -

Mortimer Contracts (Litter/Burial Ground & Recreation)	730.80
Employment Costs totalled	1253.09

A further CIL payment of £6433.99 had been received.

£500 has been offered from James Finch's Locality Budget towards information signage at Caley Green.

#### 5. **Planning**

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

- a) Listed Building Consent had been granted for bi-fold doors at 16 Court Street - **DC/21/00161**.
- b) Non Material Amendment had been approved for 2 rooflights at 17 Heycroft Way - **DC/21/01152**.
- c) Planning Permission was granted for dormer to rear extension at 21 Heycroft Way - **DC/21/00615**.

- 2.** 9 Fen Street - **DC/21/01415**. Listed Building application for single storey rear extension, roof light, featheredged boarding and internal works. This was considered between meetings to comply with the deadline.

The Parish Council had **No Objections**

- 3.** 2 Gravel Hill - **DC/21/00233/4**. Application for Planning and Listed Building for extensions and solar panels (re-consultation). This was considered between meetings to comply with the deadline. The solar panels were removed from this re-consultation.

The Parish Council had **No Objections**.

- 4.** Beachams Farm, Beachams Lane, Stoke by Nayland - **DC/21/01480**. Full Planning application to sub-divide annexed accommodation to form a separate residential dwelling. This was considered between meetings to comply with the deadline.

The Parish Council **Objected** to this application. This Council supports the policy/condition of making annexes linked to the host property and not being let or sold separately. This application is against this principle and is situated along a beautiful bridleway in a countryside location. Therefore, there would need to be considerable justification to weigh against the obvious intrusion into the countryside including additional vehicular traffic in the vicinity. The Parish Council did not agree on this occasion the harm would be outweighed, so urged the Planning Authority to refuse this application.

- 5.** Consider the tree application in Conservation Area to reduce apple and magnolia trees at The Old Post Office, 19 High Street - **DC/21/01889**

The Parish Council had **No Objections**.

- 6.** Consider the tree application in Conservation Area to reduce cherry to natural pruning points at Vine House, 1 Court Street - **DC/21/01892**

The Parish Council had **No Objections**.

- 7.** **Any urgent Planning matters** - Nothing was raised.

6. **Urgent Recreation and Open Spaces:** In relation to the Parish Council turning circle near the Vicarage, a consensus of views was not achieved between meetings as hoped. A working party was therefore set up to arrange a site visit including G Battye, R Thorogood and D Harris - **Action Working Party.** Members felt a limited amount of parking in the vicinity of the turning circle was necessary and of course, difficult to prevent. All the details from the Caley Green Meeting had been circulated between meetings. The Chairman explained erosion was of concern and a low level planting scheme at the river edge should help prevent further erosion. The proposal would be for coir planting either side of the replacement wooden edging. The specialists at the meeting did not feel a life belt was required at this point. The locations of information signage was discussed. A wild flower unmown section is being considered to discourage parking. When the meeting was closed, a representative from the Friends of Caley Green did not feel parking was a problem when the signage is out and also enquired about the coir rolls as to whether they would obscure the view of the river. He was reassured that the planting would be low level and he was thanked for continuing to put the signs out. G Battye was not supportive of the idea of the unmown wild flower section. It was agreed to share information and photographs as a report to the Annual Parish Assembly. Following discussion it was agreed for Caley Green to be the main item at the Annual Parish Assembly and this Council will pursue a grant ahead of the deadline to seek funding to support the changes proposed. There will be time to listen to comments at the Annual Parish Assembly ahead of finalising the grant application. The Environment Agency are organising directional signage to encourage river users along the river rather than to the Millstream. In other matters, the 2 yearly tree inspection had been booked for May and the report would be provided to the Parish Council following the inspection. Members approved the design of the replacement Memorial Seat around the tree on Caley Green which will again be donated by the family. The Parish Council will take on routine maintenance and minor repairs but will be unable to replace benches in the fullness of time if they deteriorate to a large extent - This was to be communicated to the family in respect of the memorial bench subject to the discussion - **Action Clerk.**
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. L Brooks was thanked again for all she was doing to keep people informed.
8. **Urgent Highways Safety Matters:** N Cartwright has looked at the Crawley Road verges and noted some tree damage, however, there is no evidence linking the damage to the contractor. N Cartwright recommended traffic movement statistics to be measured by County Highways to establish a benchmark for comparison. The Chairman was concerned that the lack of named representatives at County Highways and the reliance of the reporting tool does not encourage resolution without involving our County Cllr. The HGV signage has appeared at the Horkesley Road and Bear Street junctions and also on Harpers Hill. It was agreed to monitor the impact of these new signs. It was agreed for a small working party to investigate Quiet Lanes. L Erith and P Wilkie agreed to form the working party - **Action.** The Community Litter Pick is organised for 24th April and M Hunter agreed to provide litter pickers for use in Wiston. J Finch is chasing Highways regarding the placement of the agreed experimental yellow lines in Bear Street.
9. **Urgent Burial Ground issues:** There was nothing to report.
10. **Urgent Street Lighting Matters:** There was nothing new to report and it was agreed to involve J Finch in chasing the outstanding authorised work - **Action Clerk.**
11. **Urgent Footpaths Matters :** In relation to Dead Lane, the Right of Way Officer at Suffolk County Council was arranging for the land owner to get the obstructing mound removed. This has been done, however, the ground now needs levelling. The Chairman and members had investigated the concern about barbed wire and it was noted this is usual practise for stock fencing. The Chairman is currently waiting on a report from our Footpath Warden of the status of the path concerned.
12. **Urgent Allotment issues :** It was noted the sheep are currently grazing the field. NFU notices have been obtained via R Thorogood and these will be erected in the vicinity of the allotments. The Clerk is to check with the Allotment Association to establish whether Allotment Competition Judging is returning this year - **Action Clerk.** There will be an Agenda item at the Zoom Annual Parish Assembly this year in place of the Annual Allotment Meeting. The Allotment Sub Committee will investigate some practicalities around extending the Allotment provision to bring to a future Parish Council meeting for a resolution to be made - **Action Allotment Sub Committee.**

13. **Urgent Village Hall matters:** The Village Hall remains closed. Their Annual Accounts have been received and will be included in the documents for the Annual Parish Assembly. It was noted the Committee Room is not compliant with Covid distancing requirements as they are currently.
14. **Urgent Community Council matters:** N Cartwright attended and it was noted the Minutes have already been circulated.
15. **Correspondence:** The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items.
16. **Annual Parish Assembly:** The theme for the Annual Parish Assembly was agreed as Caley Green and the Allotments will also feature as an Agenda item. People will be encouraged to email questions in advance and all reports will be available in a folder on our website entitled Annual Parish Assembly. The Chairman will now work on the Agenda.
17. **Face to Face/Zoom Meetings:** The Chairman explained the legislation to hold virtual meetings has not been extended beyond the start of May and the lifting of measures does not allow for face to face meetings until at least 17th May. The Village Hall is not open. It is a requirement to have an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council during May, so whatever decision is made, the Parish Council is being forced into breaching legislation. Following discussion, it was agreed the most sensible solution would be to hold a Zoom Meeting during May on the second Wednesday as usual. A report will be made to SALC and NALC informing them of this decision - **Action Clerk**.

The meeting closed at **9.34 pm**.