

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH JUNE 2021, AT 7.30 PM AT THE STEVENSON CENTRE, GREAT CORNARD AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: M George (Chairman), G Battye, N Cartwright, D Harris, P Wilkie, L Erith (arrived late), D Hattrell (Clerk) all attended in person, J Finch (County Cllr), L Brooks (Community Times) and 3 members of the public joined by Video Conferencing.

The sound was lost part of the way through the meeting to those who joined by Video Conferencing. This was resolved by re-starting the main laptop, however, this unfortunately caused a period of interruption.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. Public Forum: A resident asked for an update from J Finch regarding the planned parking restrictions for Bear Street. He also asked that care is taken to monitor the fence panels and the ivy on the fence bordering his property and the Burial Ground. The Chairman explained the ivy is cleared each year in the autumn and the fence panels are monitored at the same time. Several panels on both sides of the cemetery had been replaced in past ten years and have been recorded. Four fence panels are being watched as they may need replacing before long. The resident thanked the Parish Council.

b. District Council Report

District Cllr M Barrett was unable to attend and no report was provided.

c. County Council Report

County Cllr J Finch reported that the Covid infections in his division are still at zero. However, there is a general slight increase in the area (colchester and sudbury), so people were urged to stick with the guidance and have regular rapid flow tests especially in view of the new variant. He reminded people what they were able to do now further lockdown restrictions have eased. The Bramford to Twinstead pre-application scoping consultation deadline was 8th June and our MP raised at Prime Ministers Questions. Virtual fostering and adoption sessions continue as sadly the demand for these roles has increased significantly. The County Council has drafted a new guide to support major developments. This is subject to consultation. New vehicles with the latest technology have joined the Suffolk Fire and Rescue Fleet. J Finch confirmed he has chased for the parking restrictions and he was still waiting on a date for the work. He will keep chasing.

Parish Council Meeting

- 1. Apologies:** R Thorogood, P Fuller and Mike Hunter had sent apologies.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 19th May Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.
- 3. Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** D Harris declared an interest in the New Farm Development on Harpers Hill so she will not contribute to the discussion on the street naming.
- 4. Appointment Vice Chairman, sub committees and representatives:** P Wilkie and L Erith had volunteered between meetings to jointly take on the role of Vice Chairman. This was gratefully accepted and it was resolved for this to happen with immediate effect. It was agreed to continue with current highways responsibilities until next meeting. The Chairman stressed the importance of having a representative on the Village Hall Committee from the Parish Council before the Hall re-opens.
- 5. Finance Report**
 - i)The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 2nd June 2021 as £1000 in the Current Account, £59544.05 in the linked Account and £17260.57 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £77804.62 .

ii) List of Pre-agreed payments for the May period: -	
Mortimer Contracts (Litter/Burial Ground & Grass cutting)	880.80
Employment Costs totalled	1272.72
Babergh District Council (Bin Empty Charges to March 22)	617.39
John Moore Tree Services (Tree Risk Assessment)	295.00
The Stevenson Centre (Hall hire)	32.50
Nayland Village Hall (S137 - Donation)	200.00

The Audit Accounting and Governance Statements were duly approved and signed. The Clerk was thanked for all her on-going hard work in this respect.

6. Planning

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-

Planning permission was granted for loft conversion, dormer window, side roof lights and hipped pitched roofs at Timber Cottage, 22 Court Street - **DC/21/02272**.

2. Conservation Area tree application at Perry Farmhouse, Bear Street - DC/21/03026

The Tree Warden and Parish Council had **No Objections**.

3. 2 Gravel Hill - DC/21/00233/4. Application for Planning and Listed Building for extensions. Re-consultation for amended plans and reports dated 27th May 2021.

The Parish Council had **No Objections**.

4. Consider a street name for the New Farm Development, Harpers Hill. Councillors felt that the historic name of Naggs Farm should be referred to in the new address. The developer's suggestion of Meadows was too similar to the nearby Wiston Road development, Meadow Cottages. After discussion, M George proposed Naggs Farm Drive, seconded L Erith, all in favour with one abstention (D Harris) - Action Clerk.

5. Any urgent Planning matters - G Battye reported that concerns had been raised by residents about the size and location of the current development on Harpers Hill, and that full details of reserved matters following outline consent did not appear to be posted on Babergh website. This needed to be checked with Babergh.

7. Urgent Recreation and Open Spaces: The Chairman reported that she and Tree Warden Terry Bannister had joined the independent tree inspector to check all trees on parish land (apart from Caley Green where trees are the responsibility of Suffolk County Council (SCC)). Some urgent work to dead sections of trees and one dead tree at Village Hall to be dealt with urgently. Full report just received and would be circulated. G Battye proposed that Clerk contacted contractor as soon as possible for urgent work - **Action Clerk**

Attention then turned to the Woodlands Corner proposal. Following discussion P Wilkie proposed that increase in traffic is a concern and parents and staff should be reminded not to park their cars on the Fairfield and care to be taken not to block access to the care home. Providing due care is taken regarding these concerns then the Parish Council has No Objections. This was seconded by L Erith and unanimously carried - **Action Clerk to respond**.

In relation to the Turning circle, names of potential contractors have just been advised. Enquiries have been made with Tendring Hall regarding their land and the scout hut beyond the turning circle.

In relation to Caley Green, the Chairman reported that SCC, as landowner, had sought additional advice from their senior ecologist. Comments had been received from residents suggesting a jetty and/or supporting planting.

P Wilkie confirmed the working group was formed and a document listing objectives and purposely including various gaps had been drawn up. This is to enable proper engagement and input from the various interested groups including the whole community and Friends of Caley Green. All ideas will

be collated, investigated and a decision made by the Parish Council in due course. It was agreed to put the document on the Parish Council Website and have a double page spread in Community Times (August). Following discussion, the Chairman proposed that this process is approved. This was seconded by L Erith and unanimously carried - **Action P Wilkie to get the document ready for the next stage of the consultation and work on the article for Community Times.**

8. **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.
9. **Urgent Highways Safety Matters:** L Erith attended a meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and out-lined the Quiet Lanes scheme to members. The Chairman had asked Stoke by Nayland Parish Council why they hadn't included Gravel Hill as a Quiet Lane. Stoke by Nayland Parish Council had decided not to join the scheme to allocate Quiet Lanes. L Erith explained she was concerned the scheme would not add anything to Nayland and Wissington and the additional signage and further visitors would not be ideal. J Finch explained the scheme aims to encourage respect to walkers, cyclists and horse riders, however, is not legally enforceable. Following further debate, L Erith proposed not to pursue it. This was seconded by P Wilkie and unanimously carried. Attention then turned to HGV signage for Wiston. It was explained to J Finch that in a meeting with SCC Highways Engineer - P Gant - a couple of years ago, signage was agreed to discourage HGV's using Wiston/Bures Road. J Finch was not involved in the meeting at the time and felt he would need to discuss with Bures as it would make sense to have the signage at both ends. The Chairman and N Cartwright agreed to forward to J Finch to original correspondence. It was resolved to formally write to J Finch requesting this signage and for records of previous traffic monitoring in the vicinity together with instigating new data collecting - **Action Clerk.**
Stoke Road was then discussed and J Finch confirmed he has followed up with the enquirer raising issues of speeding traffic just outside our Parish. He agreed to ask the Police Camera team to make more visits and will instigate traffic monitoring as with Wiston Road above - **Action J Finch.**
G Batty encouraged signage such as at Newton which shows drivers their speed and thanks them if they are not speeding. J Finch confirmed that he was aware Newton had funded this sign themselves and as a word of caution J Finch explained leaving a sign in place for a prolonged period of time may lead to drivers ignoring it. The element of surprise is important. N Cartwright raised the edges of the roads in Wiston are eroding and the question was raised as to the definition of the road and the verge and responsibilities in this respect. It was agreed for D Harris and N Cartwright to conduct a short investigation and report on the issue requiring clarification - **Action D Harris and N Cartwright.**
Debris is on the A134 opposite the entrance to the recycling centre on Harpers Hill. It was agreed to report to BDC Public Realms - **Action Clerk.**
J Finch was concerned whether debris might be escaping from skips being driven to the recycling centre. SCC has monitoring responsibilities in this respect, so any information/evidence should be forwarded to J Finch.
10. **Urgent Burial Ground issues:** There was nothing to report in addition to the earlier explanation in the Public Forum. G Batty confirmed the Chairman's statement that several panels had been replaced during the previous ten years.
11. **Urgent Street Lighting Matters:** It was confirmed that chase ups have been made with the support of J Finch and a date for the works is still awaited.
12. **Urgent Footpaths Matters :** In relation to Dead Lane, J Finch confirmed that a request has been made for it to be levelled out and SCC Right of Way have matters in hand. N Cartwright had thoroughly investigated the Rowley Grove path enquiry and came to the conclusion that there is no evidence to support a claim to establish a PROW through the wood. Acceptance of these conclusions was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by L Erith and unanimously carried. N Cartwright was thanked for carrying out this investigation. The Clerk was to write to resident who raised the issue - **Action Clerk.**
13. **Urgent Allotment issues :** As time was limited due to the technical difficulties earlier, it was agreed to include this item higher on the Agenda for next meeting - **Action Clerk.**
14. **Urgent Village Hall matters:** Announcements are awaited regarding the re-opening and the Committee are taking the opportunity to install a new circuit breaker fusebox during the shutdown.

15. **Urgent Community Council matters:** Plans are progressing regarding the Village Event planned for August. P Wilkie agreed to provide a brief report in this respect for next meeting.
16. **Correspondence:** The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items.
17. **Face to Face/Zoom Meetings:** It was agreed to book the Stevenson Centre again for next month's meeting.

The meeting closed at **9.47 pm.**