

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH JANUARY 2022, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

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

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. Public Forum:

A Representative from the Conservation Society reported on their proposal to press for a 20 mph speed limit in Bear Street. They would wish it to include the whole length of Bear Street if it qualifies. In relation to Planning Enforcement, they updated the meeting on their report of an agricultural field being used to store commercial items - correspondence is on-going. Finally in relation to the New Farm site on Harpers Hill, there appeared to be a discrepancy in relation to the fencing. M Barrett agreed to investigate the latter.

b. District Council Report

District Cllr M Barrett had reported in advance confirming at the next full council meeting on 25th January, Cllr's will consider whether to continue with a leader and cabinet model of governance or switch to a committee system. Whatever is chosen will be in place for 5 years from May 2022. Babergh have operated on a leader and cabinet model for the last 4 and a half years. There are pros and cons for both systems. There is a growing awareness that members not on the Cabinet need feel more included in decision making. Improvements to transparency of decisions, communications, and a checking process have been discussed by a working group of Cllr's and enhancements have been recommended for either eventuality.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are halfway through installing £2.8m worth of green energy measures at their leisure centres – providing the centres with renewable energy and slashing Babergh's CO2 emissions by 5.6%. Works have completed this week to install a mixture of both solar PV panels and an air source heat pump, at the councils' leisure centres and depot in Wenham, in line with their climate change ambitions. The council-owned sites in Babergh and measures include:

- Pool and Leisure (380 solar panels generating 148.2 kW)
- Kingfisher Leisure Centre, Sudbury (294 solar panels generating 111.7 kW)

In relation to the Street Cleansing, she has asked the street cleaning team to meet with members of each parish council and herself on sites that need greater attention in each village. They can therefore make sure certain areas are targeted for immediate attention. This will target cleaning of gutters and sweeping of pavements and will initially be with use the large sweeping vehicle.

In relation to Budget, a lot of work is going on now that the government has announced details of some of the next years funding. New Homes Bonus will continue and Babergh have a slightly better grant than anticipated as well as surplus from 2020/21 allowing Babergh to make good decisions on spending. More details will be shared in the next months update prior to February full council.

M Barrett still intends to set a date for the Street Cleansing in Nayland and meet the operative on site. On the subject of New Farm, G Battye made the point that notification even of minor changes are important in addition to consultations.

c. County Council Report

County Cllr J Finch reported in advance that in relation to Covid 19, in Suffolk the number of cases have trebled since mid December. He reminded about taking lateral flow tests as there is significant transmission locally with 200 cases in Sudbury in the 7 days ending on 29th December. He thanked the volunteers who continue to help with vaccinations. The Statutory Consultation for Bramford to Twinstead pylon reinforcement will run from 25th January 2022 to 21st March 2022. He is planning a public meeting on 18th February on the subject. The County Council has out-lined how it plans to spend money on public services in 2022/23. Children's and Adult Care Services is at the heart of the County Council new budget. The County Council has launched its first ever dedicated campaign about social care. The aim is to increase understanding and to promote this sector. Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions continue.

J Finch stressed the importance of Covid Vaccinations as the majority of people in hospital with this new variant have not been vaccinated fully. He thanked local volunteers for assisting with the Vaccinations.

Parish Council Meeting

1. **Apologies:** were received from P Fuller who attended via Zoom.
2. **Approval of Minutes of 8th December Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors :** The Chairman confirmed she will abstain from voting regarding the payment approvals as one of the payments reimbursed her expenditure in relation to the horse trough planting.
4. **Finance Report**
 - i) The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 4th January 2021 as £1000 in the Current Account, £73802.11 in the linked Account and £17263.33 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £92065.44.

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

Employment Costs totalled	1233.70
Mortimer Contracts (Litter)	340.20
Babergh District Council (Village Hall Plans)	145.00
M George (Expenses - Open Spaces)	21.98

iii) The Precept recommendations of a 1.9% increase was resolved at the December Parish Council Meeting. This was subject to the final tax base figure confirmation. The figures were confirmed on 5th January as the same as the ones issued in November 2021. Therefore the form with a Precept of £41,758 for the 2022/23 year was duly approved and signed.

iv) Any other urgent Finance matters: Nothing was raised.

5. Planning

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-

- A) The Planning Authority Consented to works to protected trees at Woodside, Wissington Uplands - **DC/21/06202.**
- B) Planning Permission was refused for two bay cart lodge at Old Brewery House, 20 Church Lane - **DC/21/04181.**
- C) Planning Permission was refused for cart lodge at The White House, 16 Church Lane - **DC/21/04188.**
- D) Non material amendment for insertion of ground floor window to 97 Bear Street was approved - **DC/21/06429.**
- E) Listed Building Consent was granted for render, rainwater goods and internal works at 5 Birch Street - **DC/21/05276**
- F) Planning Permission was granted for outdoor kitchen at Roziers, Wissington Uplands - **DC/21/06190.**

2. 9 Bear Street - Application for Listed Building Consent to remove failing cement-based render from front and side elevations of the property and replace with a traditional breathable hair chalk plaster - DC/21/06577.

The Parish Council had **No Objections** subject to input from the Heritage Officer. This was considered between meetings.

3. High Garth House, Cawley Road - Application to crown raise protected beech - DC/21/06613.

The Parish Council and Tree Warden had **No Objections**. This was considered between meetings.

- 4.** 12 Stoke Road - Application for Planning and Listed Building for new parking and access - **DC/21/06491/06621**.
Whilst the Parish Council had **No Objections** in principle, they suggested input from the Heritage team. This was considered between meetings.
- 5.** 16 Court Street - Application for Listed Building Consent for french doors - **DC/21/06872**.
The Parish Council had **No Objections**. This was considered between meetings.
- 6.** **Any other urgent Planning matters** - including the Pylons Consultation and the Stansted Airport Consultation. The Chairman had checked deadlines for both Consultations with the Airport one ending on 3rd March and the Pylons on 21st March. It was agreed to include as Agenda items for the February Meeting and in the meantime issue comments sheets - **Action Clerk**. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the Planning Authority formally asking for any notifications/amendments at New Farm - **Action Clerk**. In relation to the plans for Boxted bridge, it was agreed not to issue a comment.
- 6.** **Urgent Recreation and Open Spaces:** The Chairman confirmed that this Council met in Committee as Trustees of Fairfield Recreation Ground immediately following the December Meeting to discuss a request by a neighbour to the Fairfield to remove the long hedge between his property and the Fairfield. It was resolved that the hedge needs to remain and for health and safety reasons needs to be faced. The neighbour is obviously free to erect a fence within his own boundary. It was agreed to write to the neighbour accordingly - **Action Clerk**. Regarding the boundary of the driveway to the School, the hedge is owned by the school, however, some vegetation removal has been agreed to avoid obstructing the way for cars. It was agreed to let Woodland Corner, the Vicarage, the School and Care Home know as soon as a date is given for the turning circle works - **Action Clerk**. In relation to Caley Green, the working party met and are seeking more specific technical advice. The working group have drafted an enquiry to contractors specialising in this area. The Parish Council resolved to proceed with those enquiries - **Action N Cartwright and Clerk**. Some research is being carried out regarding responsibility to maintain the river bank. J Finch has asked the Land Owners, Suffolk County Council to liaise with the Environment Agency to establish the respective responsibilities. He will give feedback to the working party and Parish Council in due course. There is an issue currently for access of those wishing to undertake fishing rights. It was resolved to delay considering plants and a jetty until further information is available. The Chairman has reserved half a page on Community Times and will draft an update for the Parish Council to approve updating the Parish on Caley Green issues - **Action Chairman**. It was resolved to involve the community as much as possible in Caley Green going forward. All Decisions to be taken by the Parish in this respect will, as always, go before a full Parish Council Meeting held in public.
- 7.** **Any updates from Community Response to Covid 19:** L Brooks continues to update FaceBook. Vaccinations continue with the help of residents. Attention then turned to improving the sound system in the Village hall at hybrid meetings. N Cartwright is investigating a more permanent solution of microphones and big screen. It was agreed as an interim, for the Clerk to investigate a better amplifier/speaker, details will be available between meetings to enable timely purchase of the same ahead of next meeting - **Action Clerk**.
- 8.** **Urgent Highways Safety Matters:** The meeting closed briefly to allow the representative from the Conservation Society to explain their findings so far in relation to calling for a speed reduction on Bear Street. The criteria they have ascertained is the average speed needs to be 24 mph currently for the scheme to go ahead. That is the reason they were considering only requesting a section of Bear Street to have the reduced speed limit. Their preference would be the entirety of Bear Street, so he asked J Finch to explain whether seeking to include all of Bear Street could mean the whole scheme failing on this point. J Finch would need to research into this point and he spoke of the monitoring that would be needed as a starting point, the cost of a scheme and the results of other schemes. The forthcoming drainage works will also limit effective monitoring for some time. Attention then turned to vehicles approaching the village at speed from Stoke Road, whether chevrons would be a good idea on bends along that stretch and the placing of speed activated signs. On the A134 the flashing sign is still not working properly. N Cartwright suggested the flashing sign is too close to the junction and would be more effective further up the hill. J Finch agreed to ask for a review of that junction, signage and debris on the island - **Action J Finch**. In relation to considering a Bear Street Speed limit and speeding issues on Stoke Road, it was noted that this would need to go on hold until monitoring can be carried out. At that stage, it was suggested a site meeting would be useful. In relation to the drainage scheme, currently everything is on schedule and a site meeting was forthcoming to make arrangements with the

contractors and to communicate with and minimise the disruption to residents whilst the work is underway. The shared form where Councillors are starting to put information and views regarding accident hot spots and the potential for purchasing speed activated signage will be shared with J Finch - **Action Clerk.**

9. **Urgent Burial Ground issues:** No urgent new issues had arisen between meetings. The authorised fencing is going ahead.
10. **Urgent Street Lighting Matters:** There had been no further developments regarding the Parish Council owned lights. In relation to the lights owned by the County Council, G Battye asked J Finch whether the LED lighting scheme would be continued throughout the Heights, as in Harpers. The old lampposts and lanterns, circa 1965, were now in need of replacement. There was a huge difference in their spread and brilliance. Two road junctions were particularly dark. J Finch promised to meet G Battye on site - **Action J Finch and G Battye.**
11. **Urgent Footpaths Matters :** The official river path from the A134 round to the weir is very muddy and slippery. It was agreed to report to our Footpath Warden and the County Council Right of Way officers - **Action Clerk.**
12. **Urgent Allotment issues :** There was nothing to report.
13. **Urgent Village Hall matters:** The Planning application for the Village Hall Roof had been duly submitted and paid for, however, the reference was still awaited - It was agreed for the Clerk to chase - **Action Clerk.**
14. **Urgent Community Council matters:** The Minutes are regularly circulated and the Clerk had been liaising with the Treasurer between meetings regarding the purchase of the Platinum Jubilee mugs. The proposed wording on the mugs was duly agreed.
15. **Correspondence:** The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items.

The meeting closed at **9.40 pm.**