

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH JUNE 2022, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: G Battye (Chairman), L Erith, M George, D Harris, R Thorogood, D Hattrell (Clerk), and M Barrett (District Cllr) attended in person and L Brooks (Community Times) and 2 members of the public joined by Video link.

The Chairman made some comments ahead of the Agenda praising the Jubilee Committee, Community Council, Village Hall Management Committee and all others involved for the brilliant Jubilee Celebrations.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. Public Forum:

L Brooks asked the Parish Council to re-consider the details of the Caley Green Banner Policy. The Chairman confirmed it was already scheduled to be discussed under the Recreation and Open Spaces Agenda item due to correspondence received between meetings. A representative from Friends of Caley Green asked about the planned bins to go on Caley Green in view of difficulties with the emptying of the current bins. M George explained the plans and noted the concerns raised. Speed reduction considerations were then raised and questioned as to why the whole village wasn't included. This point was noted. The Speed Survey was due after the drainage work road closures.

b. District Council Report

District Cllr Melanie Barrett attended and reported on the Chairs appointed at the Annual Full District Council Meeting. The Cabinet are considering steps to help residents with the cost of living crisis. She confirmed a planning portal outage was scheduled. Members confirmed they were aware. M Barrett is taking special care to ensure the planned weed-killing does not affect the holly hocks. The potential to raise the Debt ceiling at the Cabinet Meeting led to a challenge which is being investigated. M George reported that the latest sweep by Babergh operatives was not thorough. M Barrett asked for photo's to demonstrate issues if this happens again, so she can robustly follow up. The level of monitoring by the District Council was questioned. The Chairman raised fly-tipping between Nayland and Bures which was reported between meetings.

c. County Council Report

County Councillor James Finch had sent his apologies and reported in advance on East Anglia Green proposals from National Grid. The responses to this consultation are ahead of 16th June. There will be another opportunity in 2023 to comment before the Planning Application is submitted. Suffolk waived fees on 185 Platinum Jubilee events. Suffolk Archives invites people to donate Platinum Jubilee souvenirs for a memory box. Nearly 200,000 trees have been planted by the County Council over the past 2 years. The leader of Suffolk County Council outlined priorities at their Annual General Meeting in May. The County Council supported walk to school week in May. The Suffolk Walking Festival started at Clare Castle Country Park and finally virtual fostering and adoption sessions continue.

Parish Council Meeting

- 1. Apologies:** were received from N Cartwright and P Wilkie. P Fuller had sent apologies, however, joined the meeting via video link.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of 11th May Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.
- 3. Declarations of Interest by Councillors :** M George confirmed one of the listed payments was to reimburse her expenditure, so she would decline from voting in relation to the pre-agreed payments.
- 4. Finance Report**
 - The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 1st June 2022 as £1000 in the Current Account, £70,647.70 in the linked Account and £34,600.24 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £106,247.94.

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

Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1267.80	Salary, NI and Pension
Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts	£836.40	Litter/Grass

Funds Transfer	Sudbury Citizens Advice	£100.00	Grant
Funds Transfer	The Community Pantry	£100.00	S137 - donation
Funds Transfer	Homestart Suffolk	£100.00	S137 - donation
Funds Transfer	Age Concern	£100.00	S137 - donation
Funds Transfer	Suffolk Accident Rescue	£100.00	S137 - donation
Funds Transfer	M George	£81.63	Expenses

iii) The Accounts Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 was considered and approved. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the Clerk for all her hard work in this respect.

iv) Any other urgent Finance matters: It was agreed to include the New Code of Conduct as a September Agenda item - **Action Clerk**.

5. Planning

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-

A) Conditions were approved for lighting design scheme at New Farm, Harpers Hill - **DC/22/01565**.

B) Conditions were approved in respect of fenestration at Bear House, Bear Street - **DC/22/01630**.

C) Planning Permission was granted for boundary fence and hedge facing the A134 at New Farm, Harpers Hill - **DC/22/01538**. The height restriction was referred to.

D) Conditions for timber and brickwork repairs were approved at 9 Bear Street - **DC/22/02088**.

E) Conditions were approved for rendering/plastering and rainwater goods at 5 Birch Street - **DC/22/01952**.

F) The application for Listed Building Consent for work to external render at 18 Court Street has been withdrawn - **DC/22/01599**.

2. Farthing Hall, Cawley Road - Application for construction of horse arena with associated perimeter fencing - **DC/22/02488**. The Parish Council had **No Objections**. A response was issued between meetings to comply with the deadline.

3. Application for protected trees at Stour House, 23 Court Street - **DC/22/02610**. This involves pruning of whitebeam and maple and the felling of 1 ash and 1 yew. This was discussed during the meeting and it was agreed both the Parish Council and our Parish Tree Warden had **No Objections**.

4. Appeal against refusal of permission to extend Rushbanks House, Bures Road - **DC/22/00804**. Details of the Appeal was received on 31st May 2022. It was agreed that the Parish Council stands by the original comments submitted to this application, so these will be taken into consideration by the Planning Inspector.

5. Any other urgent Planning matters - It was agreed to consider the recently received application at 13 Birch Street between meetings.

6. **Highways:** The drainage works road closures were discussed which are now heavily signed. The tree hazards on Harpers Hill and the dangers of the overgrown verges to our grounds maintenance contractors have been highlighted with County Highways and J Finch. The Chairman agreed to follow up with J Finch - **Action Chairman**. The dead tree on Horkesley Road has been reported. This Council made a formal approach to the County Transport Manager asking for resolution of the health and safety concerns with the A134 bus stops in the Parish. The response issued was not considered to be satisfactory. Whilst an audit of bus stops was planned, no further action was expected. It was agreed to urgently ask for a site meeting via J Finch to ensure the issues are fully understood - **Action Clerk**. The Minutes of a meeting of the Suffolk Enhanced Bus Partnership had been circulated. The Chairman agreed to study the Minutes between meetings and raise at future Parish Council Meetings. A quote is expected soon in relation to Memorial Cleaning. It was agreed to forward emails relating to the Wiston verge damage as a reminder that action is awaited from County Highways - **Action Clerk**.

7. **Street Lighting**: It was agreed for L Erith to liaise with the County Council regarding late billing of Street Lighting works and power and maintenance charges - **Action L Erith**.
8. **Recreation and Open Spaces**: Including Management Plan for river maintenance at Caley Green. M George reported that the Caley Green working group met between meetings both as a site meeting and by video link. They are refining a new letter to request information from contractors and will review the contractor list. In relation to the long reed bed, the County Council land department will be attending in August to work on the long term management plan. This plan will be discussed with the Parish Council. Correspondence had been received between meetings regarding the need to clear reeds round the weir. Members agreed with residents concerns and it was agreed to write to the Environment Agency supporting those points - **Action Clerk**. A letter from a resident was read regarding the banner policy and the importance of supporting village organisations as they build back following COVID. Members were supportive of the request. P Fuller explained the original policy requirements was set by County Highways largely to avoid distraction to drivers. It was considered that extending the period from 1 week to 2 would not increase these risks. Members therefore resolved to amend the period from 1 week to 2 for Village Organisations - **Action Clerk**. The Chairman apologised for any inconsistencies or lack of monitoring by the Parish Council. The investigations continue for Play equipment in memory of Margaret Underwood. Suggestions have been made following a notice in Community Times. School and Woodland Corner children will also be consulted. The Chairman confirmed the importance of minimising any disruption to neighbouring residents in relation to any changes proposed. Some posts are being replaced in the playpark fencing. The Recreation working group will meet to consider the hedge cutting which is scheduled for early July - **Action Working Group**.
9. **Village Hall**: A site meeting was being arranged to gain a quote for potential fencing of the South East corner of the Village Hall field - **Action M George and D Harris**. The Roof project is on-going and funding is being sought. Babergh CIL monies are being applied for and it was suggested Community Action Suffolk may be able to assist. The new doors are still awaited and new keys will be allocated. It was requested for the Village Hall Management Committee to allocate two sets to the Parish Council, D Harris will take this request forward - **Action D Harris**.
10. **Community Council**: The Minutes are regularly circulated and there was nothing to report beyond our grateful thanks for the Jubilee arrangements. The Chairman agreed to write to them on behalf of the Parish Council - **Action Chairman**.
11. **Allotments**: It was noted the sheep were still on the field, however, in view of the section of the field used for grazing, it was thought that extending the Allotments provision would have no affect on the grazing in the future. Babergh District Council had confirmed that extending and fencing new allotments is an appropriate use of our CIL funds. M George suggested the hedging around the Allotment Field would need trimming back in the autumn. It was agreed to include a request for a quote for this work as part of the site meeting planned under Village Hall - **Action M George and D Harris**.
12. **Burial Ground**: There was nothing to report beyond usual correspondence between meetings regarding Burials and Memorials.
13. **Footpaths**: L Erith explained the issues identified in relation to white flints laid to cover pot-holes on the private road from Guinea Wiggs to Dead Lane. She still has been unable to establish who was responsible for this work. Reports had been made to Suffolk Right of Way and our Footpath Warden. It was agreed to send a letter to nearby residents to seek information - **Action L Erith and Clerk**.
14. **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 **9.13 pm**.