

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH 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, P Fuller, D Harris, D Hattrell (Clerk), M Barrett (District Cllr) and J Finch (County Cllr) attended in person and L Brooks (Community Times) and 2 members of the public joined by Video link.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. Public Forum: L Brooks reminded that details were required by Community Times of the forthcoming Annual Parish Assembly.

b. District Council Report

District Cllr M Barrett attended and had reported in advance that the District Council were increasing Council Tax by 2% for their proportion. There will be some social rent increases, however, sheltered housing and garage rents are to remain the same. Grants will be available to aid recovery from the effects of the pandemic. The District Council staff are to be offered 1.75% increase back dated to April 2021. As reported last time, the District Council will decide on their model of governance for the next 5 years. The Waste Transfer Station plans will be decided solely by Suffolk County Council. She is supporting the Village Hall Roof with Locality Budget Funds. Following the report, the Chairman asked how constituents fit into the alternative models of governance being considered. M Barrett advised that access would be available for both models.

c. County Council Report

County Councillor J Finch attended and had reported in advance. The report gave the dates of the remaining public exhibitions on Bramford to Twinstead National Grid Reinforcement. He recommended the following headings are addressed: -

- * proposed route of the new 400kV electricity line
- * extent of undergrounding and overgrounding of the new 400kV electricity line
- * location and form of cable sealing end compounds
- * removal of the existing 132kV overhead electricity line
- * location and form of a new Grid Supply Point Substation at Butlers Wood
- * construction methodology
- * likely environmental effects arising from the project
- * potential environmental mitigation identified to reduce likely significant effects
- * preliminary locations for biodiversity net gain and/or wider environmental gains

He has circulated the draft response from Suffolk County Council and reminded the deadline for submissions was 21st March.

Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council have welcomed renewed effort announced by the Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy to try to ensure Suffolk Communities benefit from coordinated connections of Offshore wind before 2030. Suffolk was successfully chosen as one of nine areas across the Country to have the opportunity to negotiate a new County Deal. Thankfully Covid rates were falling and all were encouraged to take personal responsibility in deciding which measures to follow. He will no longer be monitoring the situation regarding Covid. Fostering and Adoption sessions continue and a public art event "The Big Hoot" 2022 will represent the care that foster carers and adopters provide. Following his report J Finch urged any responses to the Pylons Consultation to be precise.

Parish Council Meeting

1. **Apologies:** were received from R Thorogood.
2. **Approval of Minutes of 16th February 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 March 2022 as £1000 in the Current Account, £66111.79 in the linked Account and £17263.33 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £84375.12.

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

Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	£6945.60	Litter/Cemetery/Recreation & Highways
Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1250.02	Salary, NI and Pension
Funds Transfer	Babergh District Council	£1.00	Bus Shelter Rent

The working party checked that the work to the turning circle met the specification between meetings before the payment was issued.

iii) Any other urgent Finance matters: The Chairman explained emergency tree work was authorised between meetings. The Chairman then explained the kind offer in memory of a long standing, highly respected resident, seeking to reach a target of £3000 towards new play equipment for the Fairfield Play Park. Members expressed their gratitude and a formal thank you will be issued in due course.

5. **Planning**

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-

A) Listed Building Consent was granted for French doors (following removal of infill rear extension and existing window and door) at 16 Court Street - **DC/21/06872**.

B) Listed Building Consent was granted for soil and vent pipe in conjunction with ensuite formation and creation of loft hatch to roof void at Champions Farm, Champions Hill - **DC/22/00226**

C) Confirmation was received of withdrawal as expected of the Harpers Hill Farm, Harpers Hill application - **DC/22/00129**. District Cllr M Barrett had confirmed this will be decided by the County Council instead.

2. Application for erection of single storey side extension and two storey rear extension at Rushbanks House, Bures Road - **DC/22/00804**.

The Parish Council had **No Objections**.

3. Conservation Area Tree notification to fell chestnut tree at Hillside, 14 Stoke Road - **DC/22/00983**.

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

4. **Any other urgent Planning matters** - Pylons Consultation response was to be finalised. The Exhibition on the subject in Nayland Village Hall was discussed. This was believed to be the last opportunity for the Parish Council to have their say in relation to these plans. The Chairman went through the concerns in the prepared draft response. The affects on Tourism and the AONB were stressed together with the importance of agreed protocols during construction. All agreed the draft with some amendments and it was delegated to the Chairman and Clerk to issue the response ahead of the deadline - **Action Chairman and Clerk**.

6. **Urgent Recreation and Open Spaces**: The grassed area was to be monitored. It was noted the authorisation of siding the hedge at the Fairfield was given too late and needs to be delayed due to the nesting season. The hedge was to be assessed for any hazards ahead of the early July cut. The various storm damaged trees were discussed which had either been reported or resolved. Various loose branches are still on Caley Green following the storm winds. Grass cutting was due to re-commence.

7. **Any updates from Community Response to Covid 19**: L Brooks continues to update FaceBook. Guidance has now replaced legal requirements. This guidance has been circulated and is available on noticeboards.

8. **Urgent Highways Safety Matters:** It was noted the drainage maps and arrangements can now appear in Community Times for the forthcoming drainage works. Residents directly affected will be contacted by Highways. The quote to maintain the war memorial has not been received despite chase ups. The Clerk agreed to research a new contractor to be approached - **Action Clerk.**
9. **Urgent Burial Ground issues:** Various enquiries and Burial matters have been dealt with between meetings.
10. **Urgent Street Lighting Matters:** The Parkers Way light has been reported between meetings.
11. **Urgent Footpaths Matters :** Nothing was reported.
12. **Urgent Allotment issues :** In relation to the PROW path at the Allotments, progress has been made between meetings and the County Council has been questioned regarding the gradient, surfacing and required consents. Storm damage to a shed on allotment 11b was reported and it was agreed for the Clerk to alert the tenant accordingly - **Action Clerk.**
13. **Urgent Village Hall matters:** We now have a reference for the Village Hall Roof application - **DC/22/01286.** It was noted and agreed that our next meeting will be held in the Committee Room. Some Councillors attended the AGM for the Village Hall and the Accounts have been circulated since. N Cartwright and the Chairman have been discussing the adaptation of the Committee Room for effective hybrid meetings. Members agreed to meet in the Committee Room following the meeting to understand the changes proposed. N Cartwright has been liaising with the Village Hall Committee in this respect. It was agreed at the Annual Parish Assembly, display boards will be up allowing residents to view ahead of the meeting. All agreed not to try and incorporate Zoom for this meeting. The Parish Council gardening working party at the Village hall was scheduled for 2nd April. There are trees in the Parish Council garden at the Village hall causing an issue to neighbours. This was delegated between meetings to the Tree Committee to consider.
14. **Urgent Community Council matters:** The Minutes are regularly circulated and the joint AGM with the Village Hall has already been mentioned above. The Jubilee Mugs have been organised. P Wilkie has represented the Parish Council and been involved in the Street Party arrangements.
15. **Correspondence:** The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items. The disruption in power and internet during and following the storm were discussed and the importance of knowing the sub-station that serves your property.

The meeting closed at **8.55 pm.**