

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY 2022, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: G Battye (Chairman), P Fuller, D Harris, N Cartwright, M George 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:

Chairman G Battye paid tribute to former Chairman Cllr. M George and presented her with a gift of books from Parish Councillors in appreciation of her service to the Parish.

One resident requested that report from Caley Green Working Party should not be deferred to a subsequent meeting if items had to be deferred. One resident asked whether a date had been arranged by SCC for management of long reed bed.

b. District Council Report

District Cllr Melanie Barrett had sent apologies and reported in advance.

District Council report included: Agreed a target of 65 new social houses for next five years (increase of 18%). Regeneration of Sudbury to include cinema, hotel, relocation of bus station and bus stops. District responses to UK Shared Prosperity Fund with three priorities, Communities and Place, Support for Local Business and People and Skills. Plan to be submitted by 1st August.

c. County Council Report

County Cllr James Finch had sent apologies and reported in advance.

County Council report included: Support needed for 98,000 unpaid carers in Suffolk. Objections submitted to National Grid proposals. Under sea option not investigated fully. SCC supports principle of zero carbon. Reclaim the Rain - communities to be involved in water management plans. Five hundred new Special Education Needs places.

Parish Council Meeting

1. **Apologies:** were received from P Wilkie, L Erith, R Thorogood and D Hattrell (Clerk) .
2. **Approval of Minutes of 8th June 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 29th June 2022 as £1000 in the Current Account, £68196.87 in the linked Account and £34600.24 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £103797.11

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

Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1271.05	Salary, NI and Pension
Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	£532.80	Litter/grass
Funds Transfer	Mary George	£31.84	Trough planting
Funds Transfer	S Carter	£21.00	Bus Shelter

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Funds Transfer	D Hattrell	£69.12	Jabra conference speaker
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5. **Planning**

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-

A) Prior approval was not required for proposed Larger Home Extension at 2 Ash Rise, Nayland with Wissington - **DC/22/02374**.

B) Conditions were either approved or part approved in respect of materials and fenestration at Mill House, 12 Mill Street - **DC/22/02379**.

C) The District Council do not wish to object to conservation area tree work at Stour House, 23 Court Street - **DC/22/02610**.

D) Conditions were approved for pointing, ventilation, rainwater goods and landscaping at White Hart, 11 High Street - **DC/22/02182**.

E) Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent was granted for window replacement and rendering at 13 Birch Street - **DC/22/01731/32**.

The Parish Council had No Objections between meetings subject to the Heritage Team being satisfied that the materials enhance the building's status and also no loss of amenity would be caused to neighbouring residents.

Listed building consent had been granted following reconsultation with amended drawings replacing flat roof with a slope and relocating the side wall from the neighbouring boundary.

F) Planning Permission was granted for construction of horse arena at Farthing Hall, Cawley Road - **DC/22/02488. Conditions relating to lighting and limited to non commercial use.**

2. Planning and Listed Building applications at White Hart, 11 High Street - **DC/22/03048 and DC/22/02926.**

The Parish Council had No Objections between meetings providing the Heritage Officer had no concerns.

3. Application to vary hours of operation and disposal of surface water at Harpers Hill Farm - **SCC/0099/19B/VOC.**

The Parish Council objected to this application between meetings due to the current level of noise already being a considerable nuisance both to nearby neighbours and throughout Nayland and Wissington where the noise reverberates around the valley. Skip lorries on the local road network have noisy skip lifting chains. We also note the negative impact on holiday cottages nearby. The lack of monitoring and communication of monitoring is a factor of considerable concern. Sadly the operation seems to have outgrown its sensitive location within the AONB. We also passed on concerns that the run off potential of the site could create pollution in the Stour tributary running to the south of the site.

4. Listed Building application for repairs to chimney and internal re plastering at 18 Court Street - **DC/22/03143.**

The Parish Council had No Objections between meetings providing the Heritage Officer is satisfied with the proposals.

5. Consider the application for garage, workshop and solar PV panels on roof at Stridings, Champion Lane - **DC/22/03211.**

No objections had been raised, subject to the query raised about withdrawal following pre application advice. **(Action Chairman/Clerk)**

6. Urgent Highways Safety Matters:

Parkers Way signage. Inadequate street sign on left hand side had been reported to Babergh two years ago but no action taken. Babergh had contacted Clerk to ask for photos as they "could not see the street signs on Google." In May, Clerk had sent a report with photographs that had been prepared by Cllr. M. George. This included damage to the steep bank. There had been no response from Babergh. Council resolved to request an update and an adequate sign to match the one on other side of Parkers Way **(Action Chairman/Clerk)** **Babergh Parking Strategy consultation:** deadline 31st July. Individual responses online. Chairman suggested councillors respond independently. Poster on noticeboard and sent to facebook page to notify residents.

Drainage Scheme Roadworks Cllr. M George reported that works were ahead of schedule and now working on the Gravel Hill T junction. Team had been very efficient and accommodating. Residents very happy to put up with any inconvenience to solve the constant flooding problems.

Bus stops. Site meeting with SCC Transport had taken place. Temporary Bus Stop had been returned to previous location on Harpers Hill. Cllr George asked whether there had been any information following complaints about safety issues for passengers, non standard surfaces and permanent stops as previously promised. Suffolk's bid for central funding had failed. Cllr Cartwright reported that officer hinted that there could be a reduction in Chambers service. Councillors expressed concern and resolved to write to County Transport again. Chairman to contact Cllr. Finch **(Action Chairman)**

7. Urgent Street Lighting Matters: There was nothing to report, however, it was noted billing for power and maintenance and upgrades from last financial year were awaited. *No meaningful Invoices have been received since chasing. A zero bill and a credit note but various works and the*

power and maintenance have not been invoiced. Council resolved to seek written confirmation that no future payments would be requested by SCC contractors. **(Action Chairman/Clerk).**

8. Urgent Recreation and Open Spaces:

Equipment at Fairfield Working Party had met on site with an equipment supplier and had some ideas, equipment would be kept within the current fenced area. School doing survey with children. Use of legacy be discussed with family before September meeting **(Action Chairman)** Discussion followed re future costs. Cllr. George confirmed that money is allocated by Finance Working Party annually in the Long Term Assets Plan for replacement of equipment as well as normal maintenance budget. Chairman asked councillors to look at the annual budget papers before September so ensure adequate funding requested for 2023 at Finance meeting in November. **(Action all)**

River levels, sluice gates etc. There had been correspondence with Environment Agency and residents. No response re management of sluice gates and flood channel. Needs follow up. **(Action Chairman/Clerk)** Re river levels, EA response to Cllr James Finch that current problem should be resolved soon because it was caused by 'lack of rainfall' and 'click a link' on website was an obvious but uninformative statement, no information as to emergency measures or mitigation of impact on fish stocks and wildlife. Cllr. George wondered whether the community involvement mentioned in SCC report would be useful. To be raised with County Cllr Finch. **(Action Chairman/Clerk)** Cllr. Cartwright questioned the high level of abstraction along the Stour, including within the parish, and the impact on local ecology. Letter to EA proposed by Chairman seconding Cllr. P Fuller. All in favour. **(Action Chairman/Clerk)**

Caley Green Working Party report Cllr. George reported that group had prepared a simpler 'expression of interest' letter covering the revetment aspect of draft proposal as the more complicated request and reminder early this year had not had any positive response from contractors. Draft letter emphasising original plan for wooden revetment had been circulated to councillors prior to meeting, for approval at this meeting. No orders for work could be made without involving Suffolk CC as landowners responsible for riparian area. The need for planning permit from Environment Agency remains. Delegated to Working Party to deal with letter to a wider selection of contractors. **(Action Cllr. George)**. Re long reed bed. No date had been notified except that it would be after 1st August. Reminder to be sent to SCC emphasising need to involve Licensee Parish Council in any long term management plan. **(Action Cllr George)** No further information received from SCC re the overgrown ditch on SCC land.

9. Urgent Village Hall matters: . VHMC Rep Cllr Harris reported. New doors to be fitted 20th/22nd July. Roof: updated costings being sought. District Cllr. M Barrett assisting re funding. Chairman believed that there needed to be a joint meeting between Parish Council and VHMC to discuss progress. Councillors agreed. Cllr George reported that quotation for work on trees had been circulated before meeting. pollarding three trees and removal of some saplings £1,595 including costs. Application to Babergh required. Cllr Battye proposed accepting quotation and delegating application to Tree Working Party. Seconded Cllr. P Fuller. All in favour. **(Action Cllr. George)**. Replacement fencing and reinforcement of playing field boundary. Quotations circulated before meeting. Clearing vegetation and replacement of boundary fencing following felling of ash tree after storm. £830. Securing boundary at other corner to prevent access to ditch which floods in Winter, £420. Approved. Proposed Cllr. Battye, seconded Cllr Fuller, all in favour. **(Action Cllr. George/Clerk)**

10. Urgent Community Council matters: The Minutes are regularly circulated and the Report from CC meeting had been received

11. Urgent Allotment issues : Competition had taken place. Winners would be notified to Clerk. Chairman usually presents prizes at Nayland Horticultural Show (6th August). Confirmation or delegation needed. Arrangements need to be made re cheques and certificates in absence of Clerk. **(Action Chairman/Clerk)**

Extension: sheep had been removed from field. Update for non-payment/ uncultivated plots needed. Waiting list of four needs confirmation. **(Action Clerk)**. Full details of expansion and spec required by September meeting. **(Allotments Working Party)**. Autumn maintenance work along permissive path. Quotation £15 + £25. Approved. Proposed Cllr. Battye, seconded Cllr. Fuller. All in favour. **(Action Cllr George/Clerk)**

12. Urgent Burial Ground issues: There was nothing to report.

13. Urgent Footpaths Matters : Chairman read email from SCC PROW Officer re the unsuitable materials used in Dead Lane and near Hullbecks. The surface did not meet requirements and action will be taken to remedy the problem, including topsoil and grips. Cllr George requested that thanks to Cllr Erith be minuted for her work on this matter. Chairman had reported the dangerous handrail at the bottom of the steps from Abel Bridge. Previous replacement had not been installed correctly. Cllr. Harris reported that the PROW near Little Bulmer Farm had been strimmed.

14. Correspondence: The correspondence had been dealt with under the specific Agenda items. Chairman G Battye and Cllr. George to liaise re correspondence on items arising from this meeting and to copy all correspondence to Clerk until her return to work. **(Action Chairman and Cllr. George)**

The meeting closed at **9.20 pm.**