

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH JANUARY 2023, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: R Thorogood (Chairman), M George, D Harris, G Battye, P Fuller, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr) and 3 members of the public 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:**

The Parish Council was thanked for the grant last year towards the Community Pantry and they were also extremely grateful to the Walsh Trust for allowing them to administer their fund. The Community Pantry and Hardship fund liaises closely with the Community and School to ensure help is given where needed. Whilst an amount of trust is necessary, they are confident the help is not being abused. The pantry provides basic food and hygiene products and they rely on volunteers to keep the pantry stocked. The demand has increased significantly from £40 per week to £100 per week and each pantry requires a different mix of items. Donations of food and hygiene products are gratefully received with no wastage. D Harris suggested they approach local supermarkets as they may be prepared to assist. This suggestion was taken on board. I Wright - Village Hall Chairman - updated the meeting on the Roof fund raising and asked the Parish Council to consider an article he wanted to put in Community Times - \*this was approved. Various fund raising events were planned. A resident then asked about the potential 20 mph limit and wanted to know whether it was intended to be a zone or limit and whether there would be a public consultation. The representative from Conservation Society asked when the speed testing for the potential reduction was due to commence.

**b. District Council Report**

District Cllr M Barrett had sent her apologies and wished everyone a healthy and peaceful New Year. The maximum funding under CIL of £100k was being considered towards the Village Hall Roof. Locality Officer Imogen Tink covers our Parish. A full public consultation will be held on the Devolution Deal for Suffolk and new elected leader of the County Council.

**c. County Council Report**

County Cllr J Finch attended later into the meeting and reported that the County Council have listened to the survey results on priorities and have produced a balanced budget. The aim is to protect frontline services and increase the budget for Adult Care and Children's services. Additionally Citizens Advice are being supported due to cost of living challenges. Hosts are needed for Ukrainian families. Cassius won a Best Elderly Care Technology Solution Award. The Winter Season gritting programme was well underway. Suffolk Archives online gallery is showcasing the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions continue. J Finch confirmed that the speed monitoring was due to start on 26th January for 7 days. Heavy vehicles will also be detected by the monitoring. He was asked about whether a public consultation will be conducted should the criteria be met for a speed reduction. He stated that was further along the process, the next part after the monitoring is the report and recommendations. No funding is needed at this stage, so the financial agenda item is not required.

**Parish Council Meeting**

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from N Cartwright and L Erith. The Resignation of Patricia Wilkie from the Council was reported. Members wanted to minute their thanks to Patricia for all her hard work on the Council. M George had discussed with her the possibility of remaining on the Allotment and Caley Green Sub-Committees and she had agreed in principle. M George proposed this and it was seconded by P Fuller and unanimously carried.
2. **Co-option of Members:** This was to be discussed in Committee following the Meeting.

**Approval of Minutes of 14th December Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.

3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors :** D Harris declared interests in two applications being discussed in the Meeting - Site adjacent to Paddock Grove and Sandpitts Farm, Champions Hill.

#### 4. **Finance Report**

i) The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 3rd January 2023 as £1000 in the Current Account, £83856.95 in the linked Account and £34638.63 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £119495.58.

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

Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1371.06	Salary, NI and Pension
Funds Transfer	Glasdon UK Limited	£1734.66	New Bins
Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts	£828.00	Litter/open spaces
Funds Transfer	Nayland Village Hall	£54.00	Hall hire
Funds Transfer	St James Church Hall	£16.00	Hall hire

iii) It had just been confirmed that the predicted taxbase figures were correct, so the Clerk populated the Precept form with the amount agreed from the December Meeting.

iv) The Precept form was duly signed. The Precept for next financial year will increase by 1.9% at £42952 (as agreed at the December Meeting).

v) Charity payments towards Nayland First Responders and Nayland Community Pantry were then discussed. We had already paid the full charity budget for this Financial Year. M George felt the case for the Community Pantry was made very well and although this Financial Year's Charity budget had been spent, she suggested we review any surplus at the end of March. Members agreed to do this. G Battye also made a case to consider further help to Homestart as they work with families in the Parish.

vi) Fairfield General Maintenance works would be considered under the Recreation Agenda item.

vii) A contribution towards the cost of a report following the County Council speed survey was not required - see the report from J Finch.

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

#### 5. **Planning**

##### **1. Decision from the Planning Authority:-**

a) Details of the facing and roofing materials need to be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority for the application at 100 Bear Street - **DC/22/05791**

b) Conditions for fire place were partially approved and conditions for internal doors were approved at Mill House, 12 Mill Street - **DC/22/05147**.

c) Conditions relating to timber frame were approved at 1 Fen Street - **DC/22/06255**.

d) Planning Permission was granted for Cart Lodge at Old Brewery House, 20 Church Lane - **DC/22/05718**.

e) Planning Permission was granted for Cart Lodge at The White House, 16 Church Lane - **DC/22/05721**.

##### **2. Full Planning application for 5 dwellings on site adjacent to Paddock Grove, Harpers Hill - DC/22/06294.**

Following discussion the consensus was to Object to this application on the grounds each Councillor had out-lined. P Fuller agreed to draft a suitable response in conjunction with the Clerk. Whilst members were not opposed to any development on this site, the one proposed was not supported due to the design and density.

##### **3. Consider the application for lawful development at Sandpits Farm, Campions Hill - DC/22/06362.**

A member of Nayland with Wisington Parish Council confirmed that Mr & Mrs Harris have lived at this address since the seventies. The member has delivered a letter or two concerning village planning matters to Mr Harris at that address in the early eighties. He also confirmed he saw no sign of agricultural work at the house. He also advised that Mr Harris was involved in the properties/planning/development/building business at the time.

This evidence was passed to the Planning Authority.

- 4.** Consider the Planning and Listed Building applications to extend 72-74 Bear Street - **DC/22/06330/06331**.

The Parish Council had No Objections subject to the Heritage Officer being satisfied with the materials and that there is a condition that the additional accommodation is always used as part of the main dwelling and not let or sold separately.

- 5.** Any other urgent Planning matters - Including the application for new single storey dwelling with carport and garage on land adjacent to Nayland Primary School, Bear Street - **DC/22/05339**.

It was agreed to ask for an extension of time to consider this application until the day after the February Parish Council Meeting \*This was agreed.

Attention then turned to the meeting with the Conservation Society regarding the failures of the Planning Authority. It was agreed for L Erith and D Harris to continue to work with the Conservation Society and provide a paper from the Parish Council following the style of the one provided by the Society.

- 6. Highways:** J Finch confirmed that the work to restore Wiston Road where the lorry went off was scheduled for the 3rd week of January. He confirmed the faded road markings on the Bear Street/A134 junction was on the list too. D Harris felt a give way sign is needed at that junction. M George confirmed the Parkers Way sign has been installed, however, the collapsing fencing on the other side still remains. M George attended the Enhanced Passenger Group meeting about the buses. It was noted in the meeting that the two bus stops on the A134 would be very costly and Chambers were still reviewing the route. The bin installation is still incomplete and a map would be provided and shared when finished. The siting of some of the bins is still being agreed and complaints from residents were noted and being considered in relation to the position of 2 of the dog waste bins.
- 7. A Lasting Royal Memorial for the Village:** D Harris reported that the consensus of the Community Council was to plant a feature tree with a wrought iron surround and a bench beneath out of respect for our late Queen and to mark the King's Coronation. It was suggested that the school children be involved in the planting. The Chairman made the point getting the right Memorial was far more important than the timing and didn't think this should be rushed. It was agreed for D Harris to work with G Battye to identify a good location on Caley Green and when this is established and also the specification of the proposed tree is known, we could seek permission from the land owners of Caley Green - Suffolk County Council - **Action D Harris and G Battye**. A suggested plaque at St James Church was also duly noted.
- 8. Street Lighting:** We are now up to date with the billing from the County Council. There was nothing further to report.
- 9. Recreation and Open Spaces:** In relation to the Caley Green working group, they were still arranging a meeting with the County Council to take things further. In relation to the new play equipment, the working group were assessing the quotes with a view to bringing this before the full Parish Council. The best time of year for the work would be in the spring. It was agreed in the meantime for G Battye to keep the Underwood family appraised of progress - **Action G Battye**. It was agreed to order some obstructing tree branches to be removed near the Bus Shelter at Harpers Estate near the start of Heycroft Way - **Action Clerk**.
- 10. Village Hall:** including roof project. The article for the Village Hall Roof to go in Community Times was duly approved with only minor amendments for typos. The Parish Council have no objection to parking on Candy Lane for specific Village Hall Events. D Harris reminded members about the forthcoming gardening day on 1st April. This was duly noted by members.
- 11. Community Council:** The Minutes are regularly circulated and there was nothing to report other than under the Lasting Royal Memorial item discussed above.
- 12. Allotments:** The Clerk was asked to provide information to the Allotment Committee of outstanding rents and changes in tenancies - **Action Clerk**. It was agreed to email Allotment Holders to hold the date for the Allotment Meeting on 20th March - **Action Clerk**.

13. **Burial Ground**: It was agreed for M George to get in touch with the Clerk when she is ready to meet Tree Surgeons to quote for the tree work in the Burial Ground. There was an item to consider in Committee following the Meeting.
14. **Footpaths**: It was noted that rubbish had blown across from the Anchor car park onto Pop's Piece. It was agreed to ask our Grounds Maintenance Contractors to do some litter picking at Pop's Piece and to also monitor the situation and consider discussing with The Anchor if problems persist - **Action Clerk and all members.**
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 **9.50 pm.**