

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL 2023, AT 7.00 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: R Thorogood (Chairman), L Erith, P Fuller, M George, D Harris, S Treharne, O Brown, D Hattrell (Clerk), M Barrett (District Cllr), 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:** An update about the current application adjacent to Paddock Grove was given from the applicant. He had noted the feedback and made revisions to try to accommodate the concerns. The changes leave a slope which can be landscaped. He confirmed he was happy to show Councillors around the site. The revisions have been submitted and the Consultation on the changes was awaited. He was questioned why he continues to apply for 4 bed houses when the Housing Needs Survey did not show a need for larger properties. He believes there is an enforcement issue in relation to Paddock Grove and if he sells the current plot he will endeavour to put in legal constraints to avoid a similar occurrence. He was thanked for attending. The Chair of the Village Hall updated the meeting on the Village Hall Roof funding. The Green Energy Nayland grant of £10,000 has now been confirmed. A Case Officer at Babergh District Council who had been supportive of the scheme is on extended leave. Fund raising attempts continue. A banner publicising a Show had been erected on Caley Green without permission. It was agreed to remove the banner safely and report to the organisers. The Meeting was reminded of the fact that in the past a suitable location in the Village for a bottlebank was not found. M George confirmed the history had been circulated to full Council.

**b. District Council Report**

District Cllr M Barrett attended for the last time as she was not standing for re-election. Local Elections take place on 4th May and photo ID will be required. The mechanical road sweeper will be deployed to sweep Horkesley Road. The UK wide emergency alert test will take place on Sunday 23rd April. M Barrett hopes we will give full support to her successor. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank M Barrett for all her hard work on behalf of the Village.

**c. County Council Report**

County Cllr J Finch had sent his apologies and reported that most pupils were offered a place at one of their preferred secondary schools. The County Council is looking for people to help develop a new Virtual Reality app for people living with dementia in Suffolk. People and their family carers and health professionals of people living with dementia will help co-create the bespoke platform. Extra funding is available to provide more placements within Council run children's homes. 100 rural Electric Vehicle charging points are installed with others on the way. A new exhibition has opened at Sutton Hoo telling the story of royal Anglo-Saxon Rendlesham. School Children across Suffolk have been learning about the importance of clean air from a special drama production. Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions continue.

**Parish Council Meeting**

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from G Battye and N Cartwright. County Cllr J Finch had also sent his apologies.

2. **Approval of Minutes of 8th March 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 3rd April 2023 as £1000 in the Current Account, £62220.83 in the linked Account and £34638.63 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £97859.46.

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

Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	£890.40	Litter, Open Spaces/Grass
Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1413.63	Salary, NI and Pension
Funds Transfer	Suffolk County Council	£2482.34	Street Light - power & maint.
Funds Transfer	B Hurren	£170.00	Asset repairs
Funds Transfer	Community Action Suffolk	£60.00	Web hosting
Funds Transfer	Babergh District Council	£1.00	Bus Shelter rent

iii) The PC Website quotes were considered and it was agreed to instruct Suffolk Cloud. Full training can be given, the site will follow the latest accessibility guidelines and the provider supports around 100 parish councils in Suffolk and Essex. This may be significant in the future for succession planning - **Action Clerk**.

iv) The Tree Surgery quotes for the Burial Ground were then discussed. It was resolved to instruct the most competitive quote from Suffolk Tree Services. The work to be scheduled after the nesting season - **Action Clerk**.

v) Any other urgent Finance Matters: Nothing was raised.

## 5. Planning

### 1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-

a. The Planning Authority do not wish to object to the application for works to trees at 22 Heycroft Way - **DC/23/00615**.

b. Planning permission was refused to extend and widen the access at 17 Stoke Road - **DC/23/00568**.

2. Listed Building Consent application for internal alterations at 8 High Street - **DC/23/01592**. The Parish Council had **No Objections**.

3. Listed Building Consent application for replacement oil fired boiler at 5 Church Mews, High Street - **DC/23/00009**. The Parish Council had **No Objections**.

4. Any other urgent Planning matters - Meeting with Planning Authority and JLP Modifications Consultation. The Meeting between the Parish Council, the Conservation Society and the Planning Authority had been arranged for 5th May and it was agreed for M Hunter from the Conservation Society to book the hall. The application on land behind the Fairfield, near the Burial Ground and School seemed to have an inaccurate assessment by the Highways Authority. M George agreed to investigate and liaise with the other Councillors to issue a suitable communication in this regard alerting the Planning Authority - **Action M George**.

6. **Highways:** The Community litter pick was going ahead on 22nd April and the Risk Assessment had been completed as usual. The Wiston part was being organised in the absence of N Cartwright. The meeting was closed briefly to allow M Hunter from the Conservation Society to speak. He confirmed he would chase progress over the 20 mph speed limit with J Finch now things were resolving. The Conservation Society have consulted in the Village and have around 80 names in support of the proposals. M Hunter agreed to keep the Parish Council informed. The Meeting re-opened and M George outlined the history regarding previous consideration of a bottlebank. It was agreed to include as an Agenda item for May - **Action Clerk**. Meanwhile it was agreed for the Clerk to appraise Babergh District Council of the situation - **Action Clerk**.

7. **A Lasting Royal Memorial for the Village:** The landowner has given written permission for the memorial tree and bench on Caley Green. This was reported to the Parish Council between Meetings. The next stage will be to cost, also to check details with our Grounds Maintenance Contractors of any aspect of the proposal that may affect the maintenance. D Harris explained she is getting quotes for the bench and would like to arrange a meeting with our Grounds Maintenance Contractors - **Action D Harris and Clerk**.

8. **Street Lighting:** We are now up to date with the billing from the County Council. There was nothing to report and members all agreed to keep vigilant and report any light that is not working.

9. **Recreation and Open Spaces:** In relation to Caley Green, the site meeting took place with the County Council (owners) and members had already received the notes of that meeting. The focus was on the erosion of the bank, the long reed bed, the culvert and other items. The County Council are investigating sources of funding for a budget of around £13000. Proposals still need to come before the full Parish Council at the appropriate time. Work to the long reed bed cannot be done at this stage as too late in the season for wildlife and any solution should include an annual maintenance plan. The Culvert barrier repair is being chased. P Wilkie is still a contact for the Caley Green working

group. The new litter bins have been installed on Caley Green. On other matters, it has been confirmed that County Highways do not own the majority of Star Alley which could affect the maintenance. This is being investigated as Star Alley is a well used walkway. D Harris proposed that the new dog waste bin on Fen Street is moved after a new location is found. M George seconded this proposal and it was unanimously carried. L Erith and O Brown agreed to investigate a new location for dog bin and they will liaise with residents to gain ideas - **Action L Erith and O Brown**. There is one final bin that cannot be located due to services at the proposed location. It was suggested it be located at the edge of the turning circle on the Fairfield and it was agreed for the Clerk to check with Babergh District Council whether this is a serviceable location for emptying - **Action Clerk**.

10. **Village Hall:** The roof project update was given in the public forum. The Parish Council praised the Chair of the Village Hall Committee for the progress being made in relation to this project. Members were reminded to do their best to help with the Village Hall gardening working party when it is next arranged.
11. **Community Council:** The Minutes are regularly circulated and the next meeting was scheduled for 3rd May.
12. **Allotments:** - The Sub Committee updated that some plots are still not being cultivated. Plot 12 has been divided and allocated to 2 new tenants. The new trees for the Queen's Canopy seem to have taken and the plaque has been received. The trees will require manure and it was agreed to ask for a quote to mulch the 20 new trees on the Allotment Field - **Action Clerk**. M George agreed to set up the next meeting with Allotment holders - **Action M George**. It was noted the judge for the Best Kept Allotment Competition will need to be booked shortly - **Action Clerk**.
13. **Burial Ground:** The tree surgery had been agreed under Finance. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the Care Home seeking their support in clearing the ivy on the fencing at their border - **Action Clerk**. The poor condition of a memorial seat in the Burial Ground was mentioned and it was noted G Battyte may have contact details for the family.
14. **Footpaths:** All footpath matters were on-going and our grounds maintenance contractors were to be asked if they could regularly cut the grass on a permissive path.
15. **Correspondence:** The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items. M George reminded members of the correspondence regarding the Post Office and things would not be progressed until the notice of Resignation had been received.
16. **Matters arising from the Annual Parish Assembly:** The beacons on the A134 junction with Bear Street do not light up and it was agreed for a report to be made on the Highways Reporting Tool in the usual way.
17. **Parish Council Elections:** - The Election of the Parish Council was uncontested and there are two vacancies. The old Council retire on 9th May and the first meeting of the new Council is on 10th May. The retiring Councillors were thanked for all their hard work including Ned Cartwright. A special thanks to Mary George was proposed due to her lengthy and brilliant service to the Community. M George will stay active in the Community and is happy to continue to maintain the horse trough planting. This was gratefully agreed.

The meeting closed at **9.15 pm**.