

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH JUNE 2023, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: R Thorogood (Chairman), G Battye, O Brown, L Erith, P Fuller, S Treharne, D Hattrell (Clerk), I Reece (District Cllr), J Finch (County Cllr) and 1 members of the public attended in person and L Brooks (Community Times) and 1 member of the public joined by Video link.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. **Public Forum:**

A representative from Friends of Caley Green asked the Parish Council to fund some No Parking Signs. She has researched the cost of £15 each plus extra for printing and estimates 4 will be a good number. The Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee confirmed further information is needed to progress an application to the National Lottery and he is currently working on new policies for the Village Hall. G Battye and the Clerk confirmed Community Action Suffolk have model policies which can be used.

b. **District Council Report**

District Cllr Isobelle Reece attended and reported that the May Elections brought no overall majority to Babergh District Council. After much discussion and negotiation amongst the political groups, a coalition of Greens, Independents and Liberal Democrats formed. Cllr Dave Busby is the current Council Leader. She has been appointed to 2 Committee's - The Joint Audit and Standards Committee and The Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Joint Advisory Committee and Partnership. Locally she has reported the Church Lane sign and received information from our County Councillor regarding on-going matters.

c. **County Council Report**

County Cllr J Finch attended and his report, issued in advance, covered the support the County Council are giving to Ukrainian refugees moving to private rented accommodation. A revised policy has been agreed by the County Council Cabinet to protect water supplies. Residents are urged to put clean and dry recycling material directly into the bins and not introduce bagged material - this is part of their #shakeitout campaign. Cllr Finch shared a moving story of one persons positive experience of fostering. Further foster care and adoption sessions continue.

Parish Council Meeting

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from D Harris. M Hunter from the Conservation Society was unable to attend the meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes of 10th May Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record subject to an addition of the Chief Planning Officer as a contact along with Mark Russell as a result of the meeting held with them.

3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors :** S Treharne - 17 Stoke Road plans.

4. **Finance Report:**

i)The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 1st June 2023 as £1000 in the Current Account, £87432.42 in the linked Account and £34794.36 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £123226.78.

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

Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	£3439.20	Litter, OpenSp/Grass/Rec/Allot
Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1359.41	Salary, NI and Pension
Funds Transfer	Babergh District Council	£1154.95	Bin Empty Charges
Funds Transfer	SALC	£457.42	Membership Subs
Funds Transfer	M George	£154.99	Signs for Queen's Canopy
Funds Transfer	G Battye	£67.68	Rec - No dogs signs
Funds Transfer	M George	£39.99	Open Sp - trough planting

iii) Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 - It was resolved to approve pages 4 and 5 of this year's Annual Governance and Accountability Return. These were duly signed and will be uploaded onto the webpage - **Action Clerk**.

iv) Quote of £315 plus VAT to restore parking circle at the Fairfield was duly approved - **Action Clerk to authorise our Contractors**.

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

5. Planning

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-

- a. Listed Building Consent was granted for internal alterations at 8 High Street - **DC/23/01592**.
- b. Conditions were discharged in respect of external materials and details of the southern elevation at Rushbanks House, Bures Road - **DC/23/01702**.
- c. Listed Building Consent was granted to replace boiler and flue at 5 Church Mews - **DC/23/00009**.
- d. Full Planning Permission was granted for 5 dwellings on site adj Paddock Grove - **DC/23/06294**.
- e. Consent was granted for proposed work to trees covered by Tree Preservation Order at Bear House, Bear Street - **DC/23/02199**. The Parish Council and Tree Warden had No Objections between meetings.

2. 17 Stoke Road to extend and also widen access - **DC/23/02386**. S Treharne declared an interest. The Parish Council had No Objections between Meetings.

3. Listed Building application for external rendering at 82 Bear Street - **DC/23/02387**. The Parish Council had No Objections between Meetings providing it is acceptable to the Heritage Team.

4. Householder application to extend 7 Wiston Road - **DC/23/02457**. The Parish Council had No Objections providing there is a condition that the east facing windows (ground floor and 1st floor) have opaque/frosted glass.

5. Any other urgent Planning matters -
Whilst the Decision of the Planning Authority was respected, concerns were expressed in respect of the Planning Authority Decision to Grant Permission on the site Adjacent to Paddock Grove. The expectation would be for one out of the five of the dwellings to be affordable as within the AONB. Our Housing Needs Survey cited the need for smaller dwellings and the application had 2 x 4 bed properties. The Bus travel information given was misleading. It was agreed to communicate with the Planning Authority (T Barker, P Isbell, M Russell) and copy to our District Cllr Isabelle Reece expressing the concerns raised - **Action Clerk**.

6. Highways: In relation to the 20 mph zone, the Conservation Society had suggested a joint working party to look into this matter. The Parish Council felt all the evidence is to hand, so a joint working party would have little merit. It was resolved not to challenge the stance by County Highways at this stage, however, the meeting was closed briefly to discuss with County Cllr James Finch and he confirmed his support to arrange a site meeting with relevant Highways Officers to examine the issue of traffic calming further. The Parish Council are interested in researching the merits of interactive signage like some other villages to help reduce the speed of driving - **Action Clerk**. P Fuller reported a car recently parked right on the junction of Bear Street and the A134. In the vicinity the lining has faded and this is on the list for County Highways to renew. J Finch was reminded

7. Street Lighting: There was nothing to report.

8. Recreation and Open Spaces: The Chairman explained the specification of the proposed oak revetments. He covered how this came about and the meeting was closed briefly to allow Sally Dalton from the Caley Green Working Party to explain the discussions with the contractors and the County Council (owners). Following discussion the Chair proposed this Council agrees the principle of the

revetments subject to quotation, funding (if PC funds, this would form a Financial Agenda item) and a permit from the Environment Agency. This was seconded by L Erith and unanimously carried. J Finch said he could potentially assist from his locality budget. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting to progress matters - **Action Clerk**. *An update has since been given from Sally Dalton and we are awaiting a confirmatory email, however, it seems the County Council may have found funding for the entire project. This email will be awaited ahead of any plans for a site meeting. The 4 signs proposed in the public forum were agreed and delegated to the Chairman between meetings to finalise with the Friends of Caley Green. The new play equipment at the Fairfield is currently being installed. G Battye will continue to update the Underwood family. The Chairman had obtained a quote for cutting twice a year the permissive path around the Land Company (Charity) field from our grounds maintenance contractors and it would cost between £25 and £40 per visit. This is used regularly by residents. It was resolved to agree this in principle - **Action Clerk to take forward**. The on-going problem with the siting of the Fen Street dog waste bin was explained and it was agreed as another suitable location cannot be found, it will be removed and stored as a spare bin - **Action Clerk to ask our contractors**.

9. **Village Hall**: including roof project. The Chair from the Village Hall Committee had attended to give an update in the Public Forum. Fund raising and grant applications are on-going.
10. **Community Council**: The Minutes are regularly circulated and there was nothing to report.
11. **Allotments**:- update from Sub Committee. Inspections of the Allotments are on-going resulting in some communication with certain allotment holders. L Erith agreed to meet the Allotment Judge and she has already confirmed her availability to one of the dates - **Action Clerk to set this up**.
12. **Burial Ground**: including Jane Walker Memorials and correspondence between meetings. Reminder who is on the Burial Sub Committee? It was noted L Erith and D Harris are on the new Burial Sub Committee and they will work with M George to ensure adequate handover. M George has confirmed her willingness to assist with the Jane Walker Memorial project and she will liaise with D Harris and the resident who enquired accordingly.
13. **Footpaths**: It was agreed to ask our grounds maintenance contractors to trim Socket Alley as it is rather overgrown - **Action Clerk**. Following this, S Treharne will review whether further action is required.
14. **Correspondence**: The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items. The Chairman reported on his attendance at the SALC area forum.

The meeting closed at **9.31 pm**.