

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2023, AT 7.00 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: R Thorogood, L Erith, G Battye, P Fuller, M George, D Harris, S Treharne, O Brown, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr), M Barrett (District Cllr) and 3 members of the public attended in person and N Cartwright, L Brooks (Community Times) and 2 members of the public joined by Video link.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. Public Forum: The Agent attended to discuss the planning application for a new dwelling near to the Scout hut accessed from the recreation ground off Bear Street. He provided the meeting with large plans showing what is intended. He confirmed they were guided by the heritage team and explained they opted for a low more contemporary design. They were not intending to make any changes to the public footpath that runs alongside the plot nor develop the scout hut. The agent answered questions about the stream and the scout hut. Members took the opportunity to mention the potential obstruction to the application access at school times and during Burials as the Burial Ground is next to the site. The importance of keeping the access along the driveway free for residents of, and visitors to, the Care Home was stressed. Access along the driveway is currently shared for the Recreation and Burial Ground, the Care Home and the Vicarage. The Agent was thanked for attending. Stuart Davis, Architect, attended to discuss the application for the redundant builders yard at Nag's Corner. He out-lined his disappointment at the changes made to the adjoining application by the developers which were approved by the Planning Authority. Mistakes were made in relation to the hedging and trees and the changes to materials, in his opinion, were poor. He explained the design features in relation to the current application and confirmed his willingness to engage with the Parish Council and residents in relation to these proposals. He wants to make sure this development will not be subject to the unwelcome changes that happened at the adjoining site and is trying to protect against this. Members took the opportunity to thank him for his explanations and for attending.

b. District Council Report

District Cllr M Barrett attended and confirmed that budget was to come before the full district council on 20th February. The proposal was for a 2.99 % increase in Council tax which is the maximum possible without a referendum. A large part of the increase is due to inflationary pressures and salary costs. Resident's rates are shared by Councils as follows: For every £1 collected 9p goes to Babergh District Council, 4p goes to Parish Council, 13p to Police and 74p to Suffolk County Council. Cabinet reviewed the Tenancy Policy and made a decision to end the flexible fixed term tenancies. In relation to Cultural, Heritage and Visitor Economy Strategy, Babergh DC is consulting with groups on a strategy for this significant area which is a major part of our local economy. It will be implemented in September.

c. County Council Report

County Cllr J Finch attended later into the Meeting and his report confirmed that the 23/24 budget was contributed to by the on-line survey results and the aim is to protect front-line services and increase funding towards Adult Care and Children's Services, tree management and support for Citizens Advice. Further host families are needed for Ukrainian Refugees. Cassius won a Best Elderly Care Technology Solution Award. Winter gritting is well underway. Suffolk archives on-line gallery is showcasing the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions continue. Cllr Finch had sent around data from the recent speed monitoring and was suggesting no further action in view of the results.

Parish Council Meeting

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from N Cartwright who joined by video link.
2. **Co-option of Members:** Samantha Treharne and Owen Brown had applied to join the Parish Council. The Parish Council had considered their applications and invited them to be co-opted onto the Council. At the meeting S Treharne and O Brown confirmed their willingness to be co-opted. This was resolved and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were duly completed.

Approval of Minutes of 11th January Meeting: These were accepted as a true record.

3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors :** S Treharne declared an interest in the application at her property in Stoke Road. M George confirmed one of the pre-agreed payments was to reimburse her expenses.

4. **Finance Report**

i) The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 1st February 2023 as £1000 in the Current Account, £79292.81 in the linked Account and £34638.63 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £114,931.44.

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

Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	£1572.00	Litter, Burial and Rec. Grounds
Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1386.68	Salary, NI and Pension
Funds Transfer	N Cartwright	£270.00	Equipmt. for VH
Funds Transfer	M George	£31.91	Open Spaces - planting

iii) In relation to the Fairfield Playground, G Batty confirmed the sub-committee were finalising a table of the proposed maintenance and improvements. The intention was to provide these to the March Parish Council Meeting to consider approval. He reminded the meeting that the Playground Inspector continues to praise the condition of the Playground and it is important to get changes right to enhance the provision - **Action Finance Agenda item.**

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

5. **Planning**

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:-

a) Planning Permission was granted for 3 bay cart lodge at Roziers, Wissington Uplands - **DC/22/05633.**

b) Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent was granted for extension and garage conversion at 72-74 Bear Street - **DC/22/06330 & 06331**

c) The Planning Authority do not wish to raise any objections to the felling of 3 sycamore trees in Conservation Area at Longwood House, 31 Stoke Road - **DC/23/00255**

d) The Planning Authority do not wish to raise any objections to work to Conservation Area trees at 16 Bear Street - **DC/23/00283.**

2. Conservation Area tree application at The White House, 16 Church Lane - **DC/23/00151.**

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5. Any further observations to the application for 5 dwellings on site adjacent to Paddock Grove, Harpers Hill - **DC/22/06294.**

Members were grateful to the architect for attending and whilst they would maintain their objections, they were pleased to be able to engage with the architect going forward.

6. Application for Planning Permission for a single storey detached dwelling with carport and garage on Land Adjacent to Nayland Primary School - **DC/22/05339.**

This application was discussed during the public forum. The consensus was objections due to access, design, change of use and pedestrian safety. It was delegated to L Erith and M George to draft a response between meetings for the Clerk to send to the Planning Authority - **Action L Erith/M George and Clerk.**

- 7.** Any other urgent Planning matters - L Erith and D Harris has been working on a planning paper confirming the issues encountered with the District Council Planning Authority in relation to applications, amendments and enforcement. It was agreed for P Fuller to help finalise the document/letter for sending to the Planning Authority - **Action P Fuller/L Erith and Clerk.**
- 6.** **Highways:** The conclusion by County Highways that no further action was needed following the speed survey was disappointing and the data had only just been received. Members wanted time to examine the data and also it was agreed to share the information with M Hunter for some further analysis - **Action Clerk.** Concern was expressed about the ditch repairs on Wiston Road and that safety barriers had been removed. It was agreed to request a site meeting with J Finch and M Hall and the Chairman and L Erith were to represent the Parish Council - **Action Clerk.** M George continues to monitor the Gravel Hill junction regarding surface level changes. M George agreed to liaise with our new Councillors regarding highways monitoring responsibilities.
- 7.** **A Lasting Royal Memorial for the Village:** A sketch of the proposed location and tree type had been considered. Members approved the principle of the proposed coronation/memorial tree and bench on Caley Green and it was agreed to seek permission from the County Council as landowners before proceeding to the quotation and funding stage - **Action Clerk and D Harris.**
- 8.** **Street Lighting:** We are now up to date with the billing from the County Council.
- 9.** **Recreation and Open Spaces:** The County Council were being chased in relation to the Caley Green proposals. Members agreed to a banner for 1 week to publicise a recruitment event the Fire Service were holding for retained fire fighters subject to the usual criteria. The Clerk agreed to take this forward - **Action Clerk.**
- 10.** **Village Hall:** including roof project. Some news was received between meetings that the Babergh CIL Committee would like all the remaining funding in place for the roof ahead of it going to their Committee. Currently fund raising events are being held, however, this stance by Babergh District Council could delay the work.
- 11.** **Community Council:** The Minutes are regularly circulated and there was nothing to report apart from the forthcoming AGM's for both the Village Hall and the Community Council which were on 1st March 2023.
- 12.** **Allotments:** including confirming whether plot 12 is to be divided into plot 12a and 12b. Members agreed it would be a good idea to split the plot to two half plots and offer them to the next on the waiting list. M George volunteered to liaise with the new tenants - **Action Clerk and M George.** The tree planting at the Allotments went well the previous weekend.
- 13.** **Burial Ground:** Quotations will be obtained for the tree surgery in the Burial Ground. M George will liaise in this respect. The damaged boundary wall to the old Burial Ground was reported to the District Council between meetings.
- 14.** **Footpaths:** There was nothing to report.
- 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 **9.25 pm.**