

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY 2023, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: R Thorogood (Chairman), D Harris (Vice Chairman), G Battye, O Brown, L Erith, P Fuller, S Treharne, D Hattrell (Clerk), J Finch (County Cllr) and 1 member 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:

I Wright from the Village Hall Management Committee attended to give an update on the roof project. The solar panels have been approved and tenders returned. Fund raising events continue.

b. District Council Report

Isabelle Reece District Cllr attended and introduced herself as our new District Councillor. Everyone congratulated her. She had nothing to report as was just getting started.

c. County Council Report

County Cllr J Finch was welcomed back and reported that most pupils were offered a place at one of their preferred primary and 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. Suffolk is to mark Dementia Action Week with an event at Trinity Park, Ipswich. Extra funding is available to provide more placements within Council run children's homes. Suffolk County Council's innovative digital care service, Cassius has achieved substantial savings and helped deliver more safety, independence and confidence to Suffolk people and their families. 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. **Election of Chairman:** L Erith proposed R Thorogood as Chairman, this was seconded by D Harris. R Thorogood confirmed his willingness to continue. It was then resolved and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman form was duly completed.
2. **Apologies:** No apologies were received.
3. **Approval of Minutes of 12th April Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.
4. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors :** Nothing was declared.
5. **General Power of Competence:** The meeting resolved to declare the general power of competence. The Clerk is fully qualified and more than 2 thirds of the Councillors stood compared to the number of seats available. This extends the powers available to the Parish Council.
6. **Appointment of Vice Chairman, Sub-Committee's and Representatives:**

Vice Chairman: D Harris

Sub Committee's

Finance: R Thorogood, L Erith, P Fuller and S Treharne

Recreation Ground: R Thorogood, G Battye and D Harris

Caley Green:- R Thorogood, O Brown, P Wilkie and Sally Dalton

Allotments: L Erith, D Harris and P Wilkie

Trees: All members

Planning: All members

Representatives:**Village Hall** - D Harris**Community Council** - L Erith and S Treharne

It was assumed that our hard working:

Parish Tree Warden - Terry Bannister and

Parish Footpath Warden - Sally Bartrum were to continue in the roles.

Highways responsibilities to continue as before with S Treharne and O Brown taking over retiring Councillor Mary George's areas. The Wiston Councillors will cover the area previously covered by Ned Cartwright.

All the above were proposed by G Battye, seconded by L Erith and unanimously carried.

7. Finance Report :

i) The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 2nd May 2023 as £1000 in the Current Account, £82268.59 in the linked Account and £34794.36 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £118062.95.

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

Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	£918.00	Litter/ Grass
Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1363.65	Salary, NI and Pension
Funds Transfer	Nayland Village Hall	£90.00	Hall hire

iii) The End of Year Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2023 were proposed as an accurate record by G Battye, seconded by D Harris and unanimously carried. The Clerk will now use these figures to populate the (AGAR) Audit Return. The Clerk was thanked for all her work in the preparation of the Accounts and Audit.

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

8. Planning

1. Decisions from the Planning Authority:- There were no reports since last meeting

2. a) Householder Application and for Listed Building Consent for roof tiles and windows in roof slope at **11 Gravel Hill - DC/23/00812/813.**

The Parish Council had **No Objections**, however, asked the Planning Authority to note and condition the recommendations made in the Bat Assessment.

b) Re-consultation with revised plans for site Adjacent to Paddock Grove - **DC/22/06294.**

The following comments were made between meetings to comply with the deadline: -
This site is at the heart of the Dedham Vale AONB, so this demands the highest order of design, materials and landscaping.

The Parish Council is encouraged by the willingness of the architect to engage and by some of the revisions, however, the consensus is that the reasons for objection have not been substantially addressed.

Nayland with Wissington Parish Council therefore still Object to this application for the following reasons: -

1) *The mass and density is still too great. There are still 5 houses when a terrace of 3 would be more suitable. This represents overdevelopment of the site.*

2) *The 2018 Housing Needs Survey showed 4 bed properties were not required. Plots 4 and 5 are both 4 bed. We understand the larger properties on the adjacent site remain unsold.*

3) *Plots 3/4/5 are 3 storey and have an urban appearance not in keeping with the setting*

4) *The openness onto the busy A134 would bring challenges in relation to safety and appearance until the shrubs grow, so a native hedge should be planted with temporary fencing until established*

5) *We still have concerns that all the proposed dwellings face east. A lower number of properties with a Paddock Grove frontage would not overlook Wiston Road dwellings.*

Should permission be gained, a legal condition would be required to avoid material changes that have occurred on the adjacent site.

3. Nutley Grange, Bures Road - Application for Planning Permission without Compliance of Conditions - **DC/23/01964.**

No Objections were raised.

- 4.** Any other urgent Planning matters - The Meeting between the Parish Council, the Conservation Society and the Planning Authority on 5th May. P Fuller reported on a very productive meeting including senior members of the Planning Authority team at Babergh District Council. They had researched the areas well and accepted errors had been made. P Fuller had drafted a letter to be sent thanking them for their attendance and support. It was resolved to send this letter - **Action Clerk**. It was also agreed to take up their offer of alerting both Phillip Isbell and Mark Russell to specific issues going forward. Initially it was agreed to send details of the application on land near the Scout hut/Burial Ground - **Action Clerk**.
- 9.** **Highways:** J Finch, County Cllr, attended and confirmed the data of the speed surveys have been provided and he hasn't changed his recommendations. If the Parish Council would like to challenge, this can be reviewed again, but it would be against his recommendations. More work would be required in respect of accident/injury data etc. to make a case. It was agreed to include as an Agenda item for the June Meeting - **Action Clerk**. G Battye said once this is resolved a vehicle activated sign might be worth considering. Attention then turned to a potential bottlebank and the history was discussed. At this stage, no appropriate locations have been found, however, it was agreed to seek information of whether the Village Hall car park was accessible for emptying - **Action Clerk**. If it is, discussions can take place first with the Village Hall Management Committee and the wider merits or otherwise of this location. J Finch was reminded about the pot hole/ditch repairs on Wiston Road and also the unlit bollards at the A134 junction. O Brown agreed to attend the Transport Forums in place of the retiring Councillor Mary George - **Action O Brown**.
- 10.** **Progress Report on a Lasting Royal Memorial:** D Harris out-lined the progress made and it was agreed for the tree to be for the King's Coronation and the bench in memory of our late Queen. A meeting has been held with the Grounds Maintenance Contractors. Members felt it would be a good idea to have railings and D Harris agreed to look at designs.
- 11.** **Street Lighting:** There was nothing to report and members all agreed to keep vigilant and report any light that is not working.
- 12.** **Recreation and Open Spaces:** There will be an update from the Caley Green Working Group next month. Our Grounds Maintenance Contractors have installed the safety gate at the Play Park. The no dog notices will be put up inside the play park. The Recreation Ground Sub Committee asked for a site Meeting to be set up with our Contractors - **Action Clerk**. It was reported that the horse-watering area off Bear Street is still tidy thanks to the resident volunteers.
- 13.** **Village Hall:** An update to the roof project had been given in the Public Forum. The question of a dog waste bin and of dogs being allowed on Webbs Meadow (at Village Hall) was discussed. It was agreed to enquire about the principle of a dog waste bin being emptied from the Village Hall car park, before further consideration is given - **Action Clerk**. The working group had found another suitable location to re-position the dog waste bin recently installed on Fen Street. They would need to consider further and consult with households nearby. As soon as the new location is approved, we will ask our contractors to re-locate - **Action L Erith/O Brown and Clerk**.
- 14.** **Community Council:** The Minutes are regularly circulated and there was nothing additional to report.
- 15.** **Allotments:-** The Sub Committee updated that a shed on one of the new allotments has been approved between meetings. Allotment Inspections were happening and were to be followed up between meetings.
- 16.** **Burial Ground:** There was nothing to report.
- 17.** **Footpaths:** There was nothing to report.
- 18.** **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 **9.35 pm**.