

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2023, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: R Thorogood (Chaired the Meeting), D Harris, G Battye, A Birchweaver, O Brown, P Fuller, S Treharne, J Finch (County Cllr) and 1 member of the public attended in person. The Clerk, L Brooks and 1 other resident attended by Video link.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. **Public Forum:** No items were raised by the members of the public.

b. **District Council Report**

District Cllr Isabelle Reece had sent her apologies and her report covered details of the District Council Meeting on 24th October and community engagement to help shape their priorities going forward. They are supporting areas impacted by the recent floods. The first part of the Joint Local Plan has been approved. They are reviewing polling districts. Free net zero advice is being given to businesses and organisations and they are seeking feedback on their new look website. Obligations will be strengthened towards significant landscapes under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill going through currently.

c. **County Council Report**

County Cllr J Finch attended and reported that the Government has allocated £1.8 M for 2 years to Suffolk to enhance the local bus network. An online consultation has been launched to seek views on the County Councils budget. Large scale energy projects are being offered connections at National Grid at locations in Suffolk subject to Planning Consent ahead of speaking to Councils or communities. Funding is being offered to support projects aimed at reducing the number of people in Suffolk excluded from the benefits of digital technology. Interim reports show more than 200 properties were flooded by Storm Babet in Suffolk. A further consultation has launched on the future of Suffolk Libraries. Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions continue. More than 200 properties were flooded by Storm Babet in Suffolk and residents are urged to report any flooding to the inside of their homes. J Finch explained more about the support towards bus routes. He explained that nearby, Boxford, are keen on retaining the Saturday service and also linking in with train travel. With aging populations in the area, a better service is needed and could improve the take up. The County Council has just won a major award for Children's Services. In relation to our request for a site meeting, he would like us to produce evidence in support. The Parish Council and Clerk stressed that we need guidance from the Highways Engineers of the potential solutions and the type of evidence that would need to be gathered. He will see what guidance he can provide - **Action J Finch**. He has escalated the problem of Bear Street/A134 junction bollards not being lit.

**Parish Council Meeting**

1. **Apologies:** which were received and accepted from the Chair, L Erith. The Clerk joined by Video link as she was unwell. District Cllr I Reece had sent her apologies.

2. **Approval of Minutes of 11th October Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.

3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** G Battye declared an interest in the application at 5 Elm Grove and D Harris in the application at Sandpits Farm.

4. **Highways:** It was agreed to report the poor state of the road surface at the start of Harpers Estate near the junction with Bear Street. That is from the junction up to the fork with Heycroft Way - **Action Clerk**. O Brown reminded about the poor state of the Burial Ground driveway and it was agreed for the Clerk to remind again - **Action Clerk**.

5. **Finance Report:**

i) The Chairman read from the bank balances as at 1st November 2023 as £1000 in the Current Account, £55159.02 in the linked Account and £63472.38 in the Capital Investment Account making a total of £119,631.40.

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

Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	£1201.20	Litter/ Rec/Grass/
Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1354.01	Salary, NI and Pension

Funds Transfer	Nayland Village Hall	£63.00	Hall hire
Funds Transfer	SALC	£36.00	Training
Funds Transfer	Babergh District Council	£32.59	Bin Empty Charges
Funds Transfer	The Royal British Legion	£20.00	Remembrance Wreath

iii) Quotations from our Grounds Maintenance Contractors on matters arising from last Meeting. It was agreed to pass the quote to renew the playpark fencing to Finance Committee to factor in for the future. All other items were considered and then authorised. These include the Play Area benches, the washing and staining of the play area wooden items, overhanging hedge in Candy Lane and to trim back the allotment hedges - **Action Clerk**.

iv) Any other urgent Finance Matters -

Items raised for further details to be provided and then for Finance Sub Committee to consider were, Playpark fencing, bench maintenance, bench on Caley Green in need of maintenance (D Harris agreed to seek a quote), allotment perimeter maintenance, defibrillator for Wiston (S Treharne agreed to check whether the cost has been established) and potentially in the future Electric Vehicle Charging points for the Village Hall. It was agreed for members to email further ideas for consideration by Finance Sub Committee.

## 6. Planning

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

- a. Planning Permission was granted for extension, french doors and juliet balcony at The Coach House, 86 Bear Street - **DC/23/04127**.
- b. Planning Permission was granted for out-building - home office/summerhouse at 9 Birch Street - **DC/23/04577**.
- c. The Planning Authority do not wish to object to treework at Bridge House, 27 Court Street - **DC/23/04723**.
- d. Planning Permission was granted for householder application for a cart lodge at 16 Bear Street - **DC/23/03841**.
- e. Conditions were approved for timber frame, insulation and render at 82 Bear Street - **DC/23/04999**.
- f. Listed Building Consent was refused for photovoltaic panels at Hillside, 14 Stoke Road as they are considered harmful to the significance of the Grade II Listed Building - **DC/23/04342**

### 2. Sandpits Farm, Campions Hill - application for Lawful Development Certificate (existing) - **DC/23/04596**.

Whilst the Parish Council had **No Objections** in principle, we had **no evidence to submit** to help on this occasion.

### 3. 11 Gravel Hill, Nayland with Wissington - Householder application including Listed Building Consent for roof repairs and 3 windows in roofslope - **DC/23/04870 & 04871**.

The Parish Council had **No Objections** as long as the heritage team are content with these proposals. This was considered between meetings to comply with the deadline.

### 4. 5 Elm Grove, Nayland with Wissington - Householder application to extend and widen driveway - **DC/23/04998**.

This was discussed and the Parish Council had **No Objections**.

### 5. Future Housing - O Brown will continue to liaise with Community Action Suffolk and invite a representative along to a future Meeting. It was agreed to put this on the next Agenda for an update - **Action O Brown and Clerk**.

### 6. **Any other urgent Planning matters** - It was agreed for P Fuller and O Brown to follow up with I Reece their concerns with applications at 82 Bear Street. The application for storage units have been withdrawn, however, the Parish Council is yet to be officially notified. It was agreed for the Clerk to seek an update on the Rushbanks Farm application - **Action Clerk**. The Parish Council all agreed to keep a look out for general Planning Training.

## 7. **Street Lighting:** The obscured street light on Wiston Road was reported between meetings.

8. **Recreation and Open Spaces:** D Harris updated the meeting on progress with the Royal Lasting Memorial tree and bench. The hard stand for the bench is down and the bench has been assembled. The engraving was done separately. A donation from the Community Council was gratefully received. The meeting was closed briefly to allow S Dalton to speak. She updated on the work to the culvert where a large quantity of silt was removed and now the water is flowing well. Most of the reed island has been removed. It is unlikely the wooden revetment will be in place this year, however, some maintenance to the long reed bed is expected. G Battye reminded the meeting that the hand rail along the pavement near the culvert is rotten and it was agreed for the Clerk to remind Mr Lee from County Council property - **Action Clerk**. The recreation sub committee noted they need to research signage between meetings. It was agreed to instruct our Grounds Maintenance Contractors to re-fix the bench at Pop's Piece - **Action Clerk**.
9. **Village Hall:** including roof project. D Harris thanked members for coming along to do the Village Hall gardening. The National Lottery funding application is still waiting to be processed. P Fuller suggested the inside of the lift is cleaned.
10. **Community Council:** The Minutes are regularly circulated and the recent Village Firework display was praised. There were some concerns expressed on FaceBook regarding the anxiety caused to pets and their owners as fireworks are let off.
11. **Allotments:**- update from the sub-committee. The Allotment Rents have been requested and we now have two people on the waiting list. One from the Parish and one from an adjoining Parish. The Allotments were inspected and it was agreed for the Clerk to feedback to the Sub Committee whether any of the rents remain unpaid and whether anyone gets in touch to give up their allotment - **Action Clerk**.
12. **Burial Ground:** including update on the Jane Walker Memorial. The Memorial was approved at last meeting subject to the correct wording. The names have been checked recently so this should be ready soon to be put in place.
13. **Footpaths:** It was agreed to discuss a confidential item after the Meeting. It was resolved to remind Public Realms and copy in I Reece regarding making good the area around the shelter Harpers Estate/start of Heycroft Way - **Action Clerk**.
14. **Correspondence:** The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items. It was agreed for the Finance Sub Committee to consider the amount to be allocated for Charities including the Community Pantry and Hardship Fund and this to be included on the January Agenda - **Action Clerk and Finance Sub Committee**.

The meeting closed at **9.13 pm**.