

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH JUNE 2024, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: Cllrs L Erith (Chaired the Meeting), Cllrs D Harris, G Batty, A Birchweaver, O Brown, S Treharne and T Leach attended in person. D Hattrell (Clerk), Cllr J Finch (County Cllr), Cllr I Reece (District Cllr) and 1 member of the public attended in person. L Brooks and 1 other attended by Video link.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. **Public Forum:** Nothing was raised.

b. **District Council Report**

District Cllr Isabelle Reece attended and reported with the National Elections coming up, the District Council (DC) have put a hold on things. However, on-going matters continue, and funding has been arranged for food waste collections. Consideration of parking charges has been deferred until after the Elections. In relation to the Burial Ground wall in Nayland, it is not listed, so maintenance can proceed. L Brooks offered to follow up with confirmation it is on the Local List *which has been done. She asked if the Babergh Officer for funding had been in touch, and this was confirmed as Cllr D Harris had a meeting at the Playground. Cllr Reece may not be able to assist with the playground fence, however, she is still looking to help towards the Harpers shelter green planting. Cllr Batty asked about delays with the Babergh grass cutting. Cllr Reece understood there were new contractors, however, she would investigate the schedule for cutting in Nayland.

c. **County Council Report**

County Cllr J Finch attended and, in his report, issued in advance it confirmed pupils from 4 Suffolk Schools bid for and were awarded funding to deliver active travel projects. The desire for energy security for the UK is supported, however, Suffolk County Council (SCC) objected to the Norwich to Tilbury pylons and called for a pause to consider alternatives. A new Suffolk Business board has been established to represent the local business community and takes over from the Local Enterprise Partnership. Funding has been secured to boost digital technology innovation. Significant Anglo-Saxon archaeology is to be celebrated this summer. Finally East of England local authorities collaborate to appeal for more foster families. On local issues the Right of Way team are behind with the footpath cutting. The new area manager is working to resolve matters. Cllr Harris raised the state of the kerbside weeds and the ongoing poor state of the A134 through Nayland.

Parish Council Meeting

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllr R Thorogood (Chair) and Cllr P Fuller.
2. **Approval of Minutes of 8th May Annual Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** Nothing was declared.
4. **Highways:** Cllr Batty reported that the Community Speed watch Group have been trained and they have started monitoring traffic in Stoke Road. Members agreed to see how things progress with Speed watch and consider potential Vehicle Activated Signage in the future. Cllrs Birchweaver and Harris agreed to investigate the weeds in socket alley and potentially do some strimming – **Action Cllrs Birchweaver and Harris.** They will then report any additional matter on the Highways Reporting Tool. A fence has fallen in the vicinity, and it was agreed for a Councillor to advise the Clerk of the postal address of the owner to enable a polite letter to be sent. Finally, some damaged bollards were to be reported on the highways reporting tool by Councillors – **Action All.**

5. **Finance Report:**

i) The Chairman read from the bank balances as of 31st May 2024 as £1000 in the Current Account, £45,923.49 in the linked Account and £65,000.00 in the Capital Investment Account, £4,400.73 in the National Savings Account making a total of £116,324.22.

ii) List of pre-agreed payments for the May period (paid early June 2024): -

Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	£2911.20	Litter, Grass, Burial Gd, Rec & Open Sp
Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1540.64	Salary, NI and Pension

Funds Transfer	Sudbury CAB	£100.00	Charity donation
Funds Transfer	Homestart Suffolk	£100.00	Charity donation
Funds Transfer	Suffolk Accident Rescue	£100.00	Charity donation

iii) Age UK Suffolk is no longer in operation. Details were circulated from Age Well East as they offer similar support. After consideration, it was resolved to hold on to the £100 at this stage and review later. We had spent greater than our Charity budget towards the end of the last financial year towards the Community Pantry.

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

6. Planning

1. Decision from the Planning Authority: -

- a) Conditions were partially approved to extend 72-78 Bear Street – **DC/24/01266**.
- b) The Planning Authority raised No Objections to works to Conservation Area trees at Stourview, 34 Stoke Road – **DC/24/01774**.
- c) Planning Permission was granted to extend Doctors Surgery, 93 Bear Street – **DC/24/01508**.

2. Application for advertisement signs at Harpers Hill Farm, Harpers Hill – **DC/24/02305**. The following response was agreed: -

The Parish Council Objects to this application as the design does not seem in keeping with the National Landscape. If approved, however, we would prefer the green colour and are concerned about inclusion of “units for rent” as permanent wording.

3. Householder Application to extend and alter the property and construct a garden shed at Kingfishers, 108 Bear Street – **DC/24/02135**.

The Parish Council had **No Objections**.

4. Application for change of use from agricultural to fenced menage at Smokey Farm, Campions Hill – **DC/24/02437**.

The Parish Council had **No Objections**.

5. Any other urgent planning matters. Nothing was raised.

7. **Street Lighting:** Cllr D Harris was pleased to report that the foliage has been cut back around the Wiston Road Street Light.

8. **Community Led Housing:** Cllr O Brown confirmed he has an email to circulate regarding the desk top search of potential locations for small local housing needs developments – **Action Cllr O Brown**.

9. **Recreation and Open Spaces:** including River Stour Aquatic Vegetation Management and Pop’s Piece neighbouring hedge.

The lack of poo bins between the Deli and Caley Green was commented upon. It was noted the bin map, produced a few years ago, may assist people. Cllr G Battye and Sally Dalton (representative from Friends of Caley Green and on the Caley Green Sub Committee) attended a River Stour Aquatic site meeting with Tom Stiff of the Environment Agency (EA). Matthew Lee from SCC met Mr Stiff separately the following day. They looked at weed/reed growth and management in the river. There was concern about what to do with the weeds removed from the river. It was agreed for the Parish Council to write to both Mr Stiff and Mr Lee separately to state what we would like to see. Cllr G Battye agreed to draft suitable responses for the Clerk to send – **Action Cllr Battye and Clerk**. Some concern about the water quality in the Stour was raised. Cllr D Harris reported that the jetty appears damaged, and it was agreed for the Clerk to report to the EA – **Action Clerk**. Finally, a neighbour to Pop’s Piece has asked for a further cut of the boundary hedge between Pop’s Piece and her property. Cllr L Erith agreed to investigate – **Action Cllr Erith**. It was agreed to set up a shared form for suggestions towards the potential Harpers Shelter Green planting scheme which Cllr D Harris has tried to make as low maintenance as possible – **Action Clerk**.

10. **Village Hall:** including roof project. The minutes were circulated, and Cllr Harris reported that they are choosing new curtains for the hall. An update would be given after the meeting regarding the Roof Project. *The Village Hall Charity will now be pursuing this project in their own name. The Parish Council will continue to support where they can.
11. **Community Council:** The Minutes are regularly circulated and there was nothing to report.
12. **Allotments:** update from the sub-committee. A letter has been received from a resident/tenant of the Allotments making some suggestions to change the cutting regime of the Allotment field. The Sub Committee are investigating and will report more fully at the July PC Meeting.
13. **Burial Ground:** Cllr D Harris has put the polite notice up in one of the turning circle bays to designate that bay for the burial ground. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Harris.
14. **Footpaths:** Following last meeting the Footpath Warden was thanked for her on-going support and asked if she was happy to continue. The Parish Council were pleased to hear that she was, however, any support would be welcomed for succession planning going forward. If anyone was interested, they should get in touch with the Parish Council.
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 **8.43 pm.**