

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH MARCH 2006, AT 7.30 PM IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL, NAYLAND

Present: G. Battye (Chairman), Mrs. P. Fuller, Mrs. M. George, Mrs. R. Knox,
Mrs. E. Mimpriss, B. Smith, R. Spencer, Mrs. W Sparrow (Clerk),
Mrs. P. Bray (for the Press), 1 member of the public

1. **Public Forum** -

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from C. Hunt and Miss Knight.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2006 were confirmed and signed with the following addition: Item 5 Village Hall – Hiring Charges: ... local residents **and other users** would have to pay more. Proposed by Mrs. Knox, seconded by B. Smith and carried with 1 abstention.

4. **Village Hall**

Chairs. Mrs. Knox said that the problem about fixing the chairs together had not yet been resolved.

5. **Finance Report**

Cash position as at 8th March 2006 from all sources and after paying cheques to be signed at this meeting was given as £14,944.57 (including £7,968 Capital Investment Fund).

6. **Accounts for payment**

Roy Mortimer (Lifting trees, clearing work and repairing fence in Burial Ground)	£622.75
Suffolk County Council (Streetlighting maintenance & energy costs)	£833.52
Office Needs (Stationery)	£12.81
Suffolk ACRE (Printing & postage costs for Housing Survey)	£93.26
Babergh District Council (Rent of Bus Shelter site)	£1.00
Mrs. W. Sparrow (3 months salary & expenses)	£1,321.00
Anglia Relief Agency (Photocopying November to February 06)	£47.58
R.. Mitcham (Shelving in Council's cupboard in Village Hall)	£180.00
D.J. Taylor-Balls (Hedgecutting at Playing Field & Anchor amenity site)	£95.00

Cheque paid since February meeting:

F.P. Rose (4 weeks Streetcleaning).....£131.30

Mrs. Mimpriss proposed approval of the cheques, seconded by Mrs. Fuller and carried unanimously.

6. **Correspondence**

(i) **Police Report.** Four burglaries including one distraction burglary were listed. This type of crime seemed to be increasing and Mrs. Mimpriss suggested putting a warning notice on parish notice boards. It was agreed to put a copy of the recent article in the Community Times about security on the boards, also to write to the police inspector querying why we were no longer given any information about whether any of the crimes were solved.

(ii) **SCC Mobile Library review.** B. Smith offered to complete the questionnaire.

(iii) **Quality Lunch.** Mrs. Mimpriss and C. Hunt had recently attended a SALC meeting to discuss Quality Status for parish councils. Mrs. Mimpriss said that out of 8,000 councils only 284 had gained this status and there was no great urgency. Applying was not complicated but placed an extra burden on Clerks. The Onesuffolk website was also discussed which Mrs. Mimpriss thought would be useful to join even though Nayland already had its own website.

(iii) **SALC “Delivering Change 2006 – 2011”.** Documents on the future of SALC. To be circulated for comment.

(iv) **Babergh “Economic Development Programme 2006/7 – 2008/9.** Consultation document to be circulated for comment.

(v) **For circulation:** SALC courses etc; Stop Stansted Expansion; Community Council agenda; Clerks & Councils Direct; Hospice News; Suffolk Scene; CPRE Updates on East of England plan; Babergh media releases.

8. Footpaths -

9. Town & Country Planning

(a) **Decisions received**

B/05/02113/LBC – White House, Church Lane. Demolition of existing conservatory extension; erection of conservatory extension (as amended by details dated 2.2.06). Listed Building Consent obtained subject to approval of brickwork bond, joints & mortar mix, and new replacement windows and doors.

B/05/02114/LBC – as above. Alterations to existing door (as amended by details dated 2.2.06) Listed Building Consent granted. Once again the Council had not seen the amendments on which the approval was based and the Clerk was asked to request these.

B/05/-1930/LBC – Rose Cottage, 5 Fen Street. Internal alterations. Letter from Babergh stating that this application had been withdrawn.

B/00/00109/ENF – 13 Court Street. Creation of a second separate unit of living accommodation. Notification from Babergh that a Public Inquiry would be held on 27th June 2006 at Council offices at 10 am. Babergh’s and appellant’s statement would be available for inspection 4 weeks prior to inquiry. It was agreed that nearer the time someone should look at the papers.

(b) **Applications dealt with between meetings**

B/06/00113/OUT – Part side garden of 9 Wiston Road. Outline – Erection of dwelling. No objections in principle but there was concern about development on this side of the bypass due to danger of crossing A134 ... no footway and increasing traffic along Wiston Road.

B/05/01463/FHA – 14 Fen Street. Alterations to existing retaining wall & erection of 1m high fencing. Amended plan. Only difference was fencing. No objections provided Conservation Officer was involved. Condition requested about length of time steel framework in position and agreement concerning type of brick etc.

B.06/00126/LBC – As above, application for Listed Building Consent. Same comments.

B/06/00131/TCA – River Bank off Mill Street. Coppice 6 Sycamore trees & 1 Ash stump, Nos T1-T7 as schedule. No objections.

B/06/00213/TCA – Yew Tree Cottage, 15 Court Street. Works to trees as per Arboricultural Consultants report, 10.10.05, to include felling of 2 Sycamore, 1 Lilac, 1 Birch and 1 Ash. No objections but condition requested that shrubs encroaching onto the pavement be cut back to boundary.

B/06/00272/FUL – Doctors Surgery, Bear Street. Erection of single storey extension to provide dispensary. Draft letter stating no objections but PC had concerns about car parking and requested a condition to provide more parking. Also, by having dispensary off waiting room patient confidentiality would be breached. Mrs. Mimpriss suggested the Council could also write to the practice with these concerns. G. Battye proposed sending the above recommendations to Babergh and writing to the practice as suggested. Seconded by B. Smith and carried unanimously.

(iii) Correspondence

Babergh Planning Workshops, May 2006. Four venues were listed and several Councillors agreed to attend.

SPS “Whose Master’s Voice” campaign. A further letter had been received asking for the Council’s support. Bearing in mind the earlier comments from SALC, it was agreed that while supporting the principles of the campaign the Council did not wish to sign the SPS statement.

Horkesley Park. A copy letter from Suffolk Highways to Colchester Planning had been received for information. The letter expressed concerns that the Traffic Assessment paid scant regard to the traffic impact in Suffolk and listed information which should be provided. Unless these matters were resolved it was stated that the highway authority was likely to recommend refusal on sustainability/safety grounds.

Playgroup Portacabin. B. Smith queried whether the Council could assist the Playgroup who were in dialogue with Babergh Planning about the possibility of using the old school house or part of the land, when they had to vacate their temporary building on the school site, leased from the school, in 2007. He agreed to speak to C. Hunt, District Councillor.

21 Court Street. B. Smith said the builders were encroaching on to the pavement with their sand and it was agreed to contact the Babergh Building Inspector.

10. **Streetlighting** -

11. **Burial Ground** –

12. **Recreation Grounds; Open Spaces**

(a) **Recreation Grounds – Equipment.** An inspection report had been received and B. Smith agreed to see if there were any immediate repairs required. G. Battye proposed B. Smith should be asked to make recommendations and obtain costings for any repair work. Seconded by Mrs. Fuller and carried unanimously.

(b) **Open Spaces – Designated names.** C. Hunt had proposed formally naming the open space adjacent to the A134 and the area referred to as the Anchor amenity site and suggested a local input into choosing names. R. Spencer felt that asking for ideas from residents through the Community Times would generate interest and it was agreed to ask for suggestions to be made to the Parish Council who would then make the final decision.

River Bank. A reply had been received from Mr. Barritt, Environment Agency, about the eroding bank near the riverside seat and path. He said he thought the problem was caused by the large number of ducks entering and leaving the water. He suggested putting a board on the edge or waiting until the reeds grew. It was agreed to ask Mr. Barritt if he could supply the board.

13. Highways

(i) **Notice Board & Bus Shelter, Harpers Estate.** The redundant shelter needed some repair work but as it was used by young people it was agreed it should remain. The well used notice board on the side of the shelter was in need of replacement. If the shelter was to remain it was agreed to erect a new board on the side in the same position as the existing board. A suitable, as near vandal proof as possible, board to be chosen.

(ii) **Wiston notice board.** Mrs. Mimpriss queried whether the board in Bures Road was in the best place and whether it was in need of refurbishment. It was agreed everyone should look at it before further discussion.

(iii) **Harpers Estate.** A reply from Highways stated that although the road was in poor condition they did not believe there was any great danger to the public. They would monitor the situation and try to include the road in a future surface dressing programme. In the meantime they would periodically patch any damaged areas. B. Smith suggested that Highways be asked if a Parish Councillor could inspect with them and offered to meet them. Mrs. George also offered to take photographs of the road surface to send to Highways.

(iv) **Potholes** opposite 4 Heycroft Way and No. 17 were reported.

(v) **Village gateways.** Following a letter to Highways asking for a site meeting to discuss the provision of gateways at the 3 village entrances, an email had been received from the Safety Engineer. Speed surveys at each approach had been carried out over 4 to 5 days to assess the possibility of providing gateways.

1. Bear Street eastbound traffic: average speed 23.3 mph, 85th percentile speed 28.6 mph. No justification for a gateway at this location.

2. Horkesley Road eastbound traffic: average speed 26 mph, 85th percentile speed 30.5 mph. No justification for gateway. Would not be appropriate to extend speed limit to A134 as there is no development; the impact of the start of the limit would be lost, leading to higher speeds.

3. Stoke Road westbound traffic: average speed 32.3 mph, 85th percentile speed 39.0 mph. Higher speeds here give some justification for enhancing the speed limit entry. He therefore proposed to introduce a gateway here similar to those at Stoke by Nayland.

Government funding only available for safety schemes where there was a history of injury accidents. In the past 3 years there had been only one injury accident in Nayland. However, there was a small budget available to deal with quality of life issues and a gateway could be justified from this budget.

It was agreed that at the present time this would be all that could be hoped for. As far as Horkesley Road was concerned, the Clerk was asked to send a copy of the email to Mr. Bunting for his information.

(vi) **Site meeting.** Mrs. Knox and the Clerk had attended a site meeting on the 20th February with S. Pryor, K. Smith & I. Starling from Highways and Clare Vint, Conservation Officer. The cottage opposite the shop in Bear Street had been hit again and it was finally agreed to erect a bollard where the pavement was wide enough, to deter vehicles from mounting the pavement. Also to erect an oak post outside Butchers to prevent the building from being damaged by traffic. The officers also went to look at Wiston Road but thought there was little that could be done about the damage to the edges. However, Mr. Starling said he would consult with the person responsible for road repairs and would keep the Parish Council informed.

(vi) **Wiston litter pick.** Mrs. Mimpriss suggested arranging for the litter pick during March and it was agreed to ask for this to be done before the end of the month.

14. Allotments

DEFRA Single Payment Scheme. An Entitlement Statement from the Rural Payments Agency indicated that 104.34 euros would shortly be paid to the Council under the new scheme. The Council's grazier, T. Street, would gradually over the next few years lose the Government subsidy for his sheep and the Council, as landowner, would instead be paid an increasing entitlement. In order to claim the annual payment under the current ESA scheme the Council was required under the agreement to graze the allotment field and if it wished to retain T. Street as grazier the new single payment should be transferred to him. Mr. Street had not as yet paid the £110 for hay under his current agreement with the Council and G. Battye proposed that he should be asked for a cheque for this and when the entitlement was received the Council should send a cheque to him. Seconded by Mrs. Fuller and carried unanimously.

15. Affordable Housing

Correspondence re the sites previously investigated in 1992 was given to all Councillors. A reply had been received from Mr. Doug Malins of the Flagship Housing Group stating that he was arranging a meeting with Babergh planners to identify any potential sites. After this he proposed a village walk with members of the Council's working group. A meeting had subsequently been arranged for Friday, 31st March, at 2.30 pm. As Mrs. Fuller and R. Spencer would not be attending the April Council meeting B. Smith agreed to report back on the results of the meeting with Mr Malins.

16. Clerkship

The working group had met and notes from the meeting were distributed.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. and the Council went into committee.

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Land at Leavenheath

Information had been received from C. Hunt about the sale of land between Kingsland Lane and Locks Lane, Leavenheath. Babergh District Council were recommending that Article 4 (1) Direction be made to withdraw permitted rights.

Documentation had also been received from Babergh. The article to remain in force until 31st August 2006.