

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2006, AT 7.30 PM IN THE  
COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL, NAYLAND

Present: G. Battye (Chairman), Mrs P Fuller, C Hunt, Mrs R Knox, B Smith, R Spencer.  
Mrs W Sparrow (Clerk), Miss L Brooks (for the Press), 4 members of the public  
In attendance: Mr Doug Malins, Flagship Housing Group

1. **Housing Needs**

Mr Malins had earlier sent copies of the plans for the proposed development at 25-26 Harpers Estate which had been circulated to Councillors. A public consultation evening had been arranged for the 15<sup>th</sup> August in the Village Hall, from 3 to 7 pm when he and one of the consultants and 2 Babergh officers would be present. Comments sheets would be available and the displayed plans could be amended to take account of these comments. A summary of comments made by the public would be sent to the Parish Council and final plans would follow before a planning application was made.

Several remarks were made about the plans: R Spencer queried the need for a bin area and said he was disappointed the greensward in front was not to be used. G Battye said a tree would be lost and landscaping would be needed for this prominent site. Mr Malins said landscaping would be provided and any trees lost would be replaced by established trees.

Mr Malins said that money would be requested from the Housing Corporation, probably in January, by which time the scheme should be ready. It was essential to obtain planning permission first to be successful in obtaining grant funding. He then left the meeting.

2. **Public Forum**

G Jones wondered if it would be possible for the telephone number of the farmer whose cattle grazed the Fen to be put on a notice board so that he could be informed by the public if any cattle escaped. The Clerk agreed to contact Mrs Rolfe with this suggestion.

J Dowding queried whether the Parish Council had any powers to act against the architect for the Village Hall about the soakaway problem. To be discussed under Village Hall.

3. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Mrs Mimpriss, Mrs George and Miss Knight.

4. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2006 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by C Hunt, seconded by Mrs Fuller and carried with one abstention.

5. **Village Hall**

(i) **Car park flooding.** B Smith said as it was seven years since the drainage work was carried out the architects could not be held responsible. He said the Chairman of the VHMC had suggested installing a land drain from the existing soakaway down the field to the ditch adjoining Candy Lane, water would soak through the pipes en route. The other suggestion to connect up with the main sewer was not thought to be strictly legal although Anglian Water had not been consulted. It was agreed the VHMC should be advised to consult AW in the first instance as the second suggestion would be simpler and less expensive than the first. There could be implications for the Parish Council.

(ii) **Fire Checks.** Mrs. Knox said that fire assessments had previously been done by the fire brigade but were now being done by amateurs. Fortunately the VHMC had a fireman who would help her to do the checks.

(iii) **Banning of dogs on playing field.** G Battye was doubtful whether the request to residents to keep their dogs off the field would operate in practice and suggested the Parish Council as landowner, should consider asking Babergh about taking out a Dog Control Order. C Hunt said that under the new Clean Neighbourhood Act an Order meant that action could be taken against persistent offenders. G Battye said the Parish Council wanted to work with the VHMC but the Council would be the body to take the first step and it was agreed to write to Babergh for their advice.

(iv) **Licensing.** A copy of Babergh's statement to the Licensing Minister at the Department for Culture Media & Sport following a survey of village halls in the district had been received. To be circulated and a copy to be sent to the VHMC.

(v) **Miscellaneous.** B Smith reported that plants and shrubs had recently been pulled up and thrown around; Mrs Knox said that residents of Newlands Lane had been parking on the playing field and a note would be put through their doors; C Hunt thought a reminder could be put in the Community Times reminding residents that golf practice was not allowed on the field.

## 6. Finance Report

**Cash position** as at 9<sup>th</sup> August 2006 from all sources and after paying cheques to be signed at this meeting was given as £15,630.80 (Capital Fund £10,718).

## 7. Accounts for payment

Suffolk County Council (Streetlighting contract for 6 months April – September) .....	£942.08
L J Campen (Grasscutting, Webbs Meadow June/July) .....	£164.49
Ivans Garden Services (Tidying up Horsecwatering) .....	£15.00
Nayland & District Horticultural Society (Anglia in Bloom expenses) .....	£73.20
I F Bell (Allotment Judge's fee).....	£30.00

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

## 8. Clerkship

Following advertisement of the post in the June Community Times a limited number of applications had been received. It had been agreed to readvertise; the advertisement had been repeated in the August Community Times and would be inserted in the local newspapers at the beginning of September with a closing date of 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Interviews would be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October with the successful applicant being appointed to shadow the current Clerk from 31<sup>st</sup> October. The financial implication of this was yet to be costed.

## 9. Correspondence

(i) **Police Report.** One burglary in Bear Street and one offence of criminal damage to a motor vehicle in Heycroft Way occurred in June.

(ii) **Recycling Facility, Open Days.** Invitation from Babergh to Parish Councils to visit the facility at Great Blakenham.

(iii) **Babergh Grants for Voluntary & Community Groups.** Copy to Community Council for possible aid to set up a First Response Service which was under discussion.

(iv) **For circulation.** Updating & Screening Assessment of Air Quality – Babergh Consultation; Gambling Act 2005 – Babergh Consultation; Babergh Media Releases; Affordable Housing News; Dedham Vale & Stour Valley Project Annual Report; Suffolk Scene; Charity Commission Good Governance; East of England – Provision of Gypsy & Traveller Caravan Sites

## 10. Footpaths

(i) **Cemetery path – Ivy.** Reply from Babergh confirming that a contractor had been instructed to remove the ivy on the cemetery wall by the end of August although subsequent treatment might be needed. **Obstruction.** Letters from the land agent and SCC Rights of Way stated that there was sufficient width to accommodate pedestrian access and no further action would be taken

(ii) **Review of Footpath Management.** Request for help in prioritising the management of the rights of way network in the parish, from Suffolk County Council. Replies requested by 15<sup>th</sup> September. Copy to be given to each member of the Footpaths sub committee and the Footpaths Warden and the Clerk was asked to request another month for the information to be provided.

## 11. Town and Country Planning

The Chairman referred to a letter received from the Babergh Head of Natural and Built Environment which would be discussed at the end of the meeting.

### (i) **Decisions received**

B/06/00977/LBC – 46 Bear Street. Erection of single storey rear extension (following removal of existing extension) internal alterations & insertion of damp proof course. Refused: proposed extension considered to be detrimental to the character of the building ... not in harmony with existing building, forming an uncomfortable addition.

36 Stoke Road:

B/06/00334/CAC Demolition of existing dwelling & garage. Conservation Area Consent granted.

B/06/00333/FUL Erection of detached 2 storey dwelling with garage, as amended by drawings and landscaping plans, tree surgery report & planting plans. Planning permission granted.

B/06/01015/LBC – 14 Fen Street. Replacement of 4 windows on front elevation; insertion of French window in rear elevation; blocking up of 1 door in rear elevation; external siting of boiler; internal alterations (amended). Listed Building Consent granted subject to approval of replacement windows & doors and colour of all external joinery.

**Anchor Inn**, Court Street. Copy of a Listed Building Enforcement Notice to remove 7 lighting installations above ground floor level on SW elevation and 4 positioned under the gutter of the NW elevation; to reinstate and decorate where these installations were positioned.

### (ii) **Applications dealt with between meetings**

B/06/01054/FUL – Stoke by Nayland Golf Club. Erection of single storey extension to accommodate steam room. No objections.

B/06/01163/FHA – Chase Cottage, Bures Road. Erection of part two storey, part single storey side extension (following demolition of existing single storey extensions). Insertion of dormer window. Erection of detached garage. No objections.

B/06/01068/FUL – 15-17 High Street. Change of use of ground floor of 15 High Street from shop to additional living accommodation. No objections. PC concerned about loss of any commercial premises ... but the former antique business could not be considered as

a facility needed by the community (in accordance with Policy CR32 of Local Plan)

B/06/01202/FHA – Creems, Bures Road. Erection of two storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey rear extension). No objections.

(iii) **Current applications**

B/06/01203/RES – Part side garden of 29 Heycroft Way. Submission of details under OPP  
 B/05/01576/OUT - Erection of 2 two storey detached with dwellings with detached garages.  
 Letter from Babergh stating this application had been withdrawn. The application had been circulated prior to receipt of the letter and copies of letters of objection from neighbours had also been received. Although this application had been withdrawn it was agreed there were issues which needed checking, ie whether there was in fact a TPO on a tree on the site and whether planning permission was required for the mobile home currently in place on the site and it was agreed to contact Babergh.

10 Birch Street. Email from Mrs George concerning amendments made to her recent listed building application, for the Parish Council's information.

SALC Planning Evening. SALC had replied re the possibility of a joint meeting with Leavenheath and Stoke PCs. They could arrange an evening in the New Year but in the meantime would be sending details of a SALC course in the Autumn.

(iv) **Minerals Core Strategy Issues and Options Report.** Comments requested by 22<sup>nd</sup> September by Suffolk County Council To be circulated.

12. **Streetlighting** -

13. **Burial Ground**

**Memorial.** An application for a memorial in the name of the late Dorinda Perry was approved.

14. **Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces**

(a) **Recreation Ground.** (i) **Boundary wall.** A letter from Mr J West of 77 Bear Street described the problems of footballs coming over his wall since the old hut was removed. The problems were increasing and Mr West asked for the Council's help with finding a solution. He referred to the shrubs planted against his neighbour's fence and suggested a similar arrangement on the field side of his wall could help to solve the problem. R Spencer offered to go and see Mr West and report back.

(ii) **Fencing of play equipment area.** After inspection it was generally agreed that fencing of the area was not necessary. R Spencer declared an interest. However, it was agreed to consider extending the existing fence up to the seats and possibly filling the gap between the other end of the fence and Mr West's wall. The Clerk was therefore asked to obtain two separate quotes – one to close the gap and one to extend up to the seat. B Smith said he would be meeting the Insurance Inspector on site the following week and would speak to him about the fencing.

(b) **Open Spaces (Pop's Piece & Caley Green).** (i) **Trafalgar Tree.** C Hunt reported that the tree on Pop's Piece seemed to be recovering.

15. **Highways**

(i) **Litter Bin near war memorial.** C Hunt suggested moving the existing bin along the wall just inside the white line marking the highway but no agreement was reached. G Battye thought that the location was not appropriate for a bin. It was not heavily used. R Spencer suggested removing the bin for a trial period to see what the response would be and it was agreed to do this for two months.

- (ii) **Village Hall road sign.** C Hunt agreed to contact Babergh who were looking into this.
- (iii) **Notice Board, Harpers Estate.** The Clerk had obtained several quotations for a bespoke notice board to replace the existing one on the bus shelter. The prices for a board of a similar size ranged from £700 to £900. C Hunt agreed to speak to J Spooner about a simpler type of board.
- (iv) **A134 weeds.** Mrs Knox said there a lot of unsightly weeds around the traffic island and it was agreed to contact the County Council to ask for their removal.
- (v) **Leavenheath speed restriction.** A letter from SCC stated that there would be a temporary 10 and 30 mph restriction on the A134 Honey Tye bends from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> August to allow anti-skid surfacing work to be carried out.
- (vi) **Stoke Road hedge.** A letter from Dr Dryden confirmed the details agreed at the site meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June and reported by the Chairman at the July meeting. Following the July meeting a letter had been sent to the Babergh Tree Officer as agreed by the Council.

#### 16. Allotments

- (i) **Rent.** The sub committee recommended the rent should not be increased for the following year which was agreed.
- (ii) **Tap.** An estimate for repairing the tap boxing had been received from A Baalham for £168.45 plus VAT. G Battye proposed accepting this estimate, seconded by B Smith and carried with one abstention (C Hunt).
- (iii) **Competition.** The Chairman said this had been held and the prizes were presented at the recent Horticultural Society's Show. B Smith commented that the judge had said the overall quality had been much lower this year. It was agreed to continue the arrangement of the prizes being presented at the Show next year. The Clerk said the Hortsoc had offered to provide certificates for the prizewinners as a permanent record of their success.
- (iv) **Bees.** G Battye asked members what they felt about bees being kept on the allotment field. There was nothing in the rules to say this was not possible but R Spencer thought they should not be kept at the main path end but rather at the field end of any allotment. It was agreed the resident inquiring should talk to the Allotment sub committee.

#### 17. Report by District Councillor

C Hunt reported that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee had discussed the Schools Review. There was concern about the future of village schools. There were many issues to be considered such as distance of travelling and educational standards. The Housing Panel were reviewing a number of strategies and policies including the Affordable Housing Programme, Homelessness and Sheltered Housing; the transfer of 25 & 26 Harpers Estate to the Flagship Housing Group was being recommended, subject to planning permission.

Babergh had passed a motion that it was concerned over the future survival of the rural Post Office network as the Government Social Network Payment subsidy was due to end in 2008, which would raise serious uncertainties as to the future funding and provision of Post Offices in rural areas. The Council had been urged to write to the Minister responsible and local MPs registering its concerns and to make every effort to support and promote Post Office services and to consider way in which this could be done. C Hunt suggested that Parish Councils should also write to express their support.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm and the Council went into committee