

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11th JANUARY 2006, AT 7.30 PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL, NAYLAND

Present: G. Battye (Chairman), Mrs. P. Fuller, Mrs. M. George, C. Hunt, Miss A. Knight, Mrs. R. Knox, R. Spencer, Mrs. W. Sparrow (Clerk), 5 members of the public.

The Chairman referred to the recent decease of John Slater and Margaret Thompson over the Christmas period. Mrs. Thompson had been a valued Parish Councillor some years previously and a minute's silence was observed in her memory.

1. Public Forum

Mr. Dowding said he was in communication with Essex regarding the ongoing problem of obstruction of the Great Horkesley footpath across the river. Mrs. Knox suggested requesting Mr. Bunting to erect warning signs about the electrified fence which was agreed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Mimpriss and B. Smith.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2005 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Mrs. Fuller, seconded by Mrs. Knox and carried with 1 abstention.

4. Village Hall

(i) Chairs. Mrs. Knox said that the VHMC thanked the Council for their offer to use the Locality Budget towards new chairs for the hall and wondered if the Council would pay for the chairs, including the £200 difference, so that VAT could be reclaimed. The Clerk had informed the County Council what the Locality Budget would be used for and a reply stated that an officer would be in contact about help with the purchase of the chairs. As there was some doubt as to the procedure for paying for the chairs it was agreed to clarify the position and the Chairman proposed an interim arrangement, notwithstanding the letter, whereby the Council should pay up to the agreed budget. Seconded by Mrs. George and carried unanimously.

(ii) Playing Field. Mrs. Knox said the MC had asked if the Parish Council would pay for the grasscutting for the whole year and not just the summer months. It had been agreed some years previously to pay during the summer months only, for amenity use, when the hall received no income from hiring out the field. It was decided not to increase this contribution.

(iii) Maintenance. Mrs. Knox reported that the Hall's unaudited accounts showed there was difficulty with ongoing maintenance costs, the income currently generated was not enough to put money aside for future work. Bookings had increased in the past year but the whole finances needed reviewing and this would be done in the near future. New charges had not yet been finalised.

(iv) Health & Safety. Mrs. Knox thought the pile of wooden pallets left on the field by a resident living on the edge was not a hazard but agreed to ask the MC to write to the resident asking him to remove them.

5. Finance Report

(i) Precept – Grasscutting contract - The Clerk reported that no further quotations had been received by the specified date and G. Battye therefore proposed awarding the contract to Roy Mortimer, as previously recommended by the Finance Working Party. Seconded by Mrs. Fuller and carried unanimously.

Babergh Precept request – Form P2 requesting payment of the agreed precept in two instalments of £9,750 each was signed for return to Babergh.

Litterpicker – the Finance Working Party had recommended an increase in his hourly rate. G. Battye proposed the increase should be backdated to October to bring his fee up to a rate based on a guide provided by the minimum wage. Seconded by Mrs. George and carried unanimously.

(ii) Cash position, as at 11th December 2006 from all sources and after paying cheques to be signed at this meeting was given as £18,892.91 (including £7,968 Capital Investment Fund).

6. Accounts for payment

Nayland Village Hall Management Committee (Hirings May to December)	£141.00
L.J. Campen (Grasscutting Webbs Meadow August/September, as agreed)	£205.62
Nayland with Wissington Community Council (Repayment on Webbs Meadow loan).....	£39.32

Mrs. Fuller proposed approval of the cheques, seconded by Mrs. George and carried with 1 abstention (Miss Knight, member of VHMC)

7. Correspondence

(i) Annual meeting with Babergh. This year the meeting would be held at the Stoke by Nayland Club on Thursday, 2nd November. The Chairman suggested two different councillors might like to attend.

(ii) Anglia in Bloom. Invitation to enter this campaign. R. Spencer felt this would be a worthwhile thing to do and it was agreed to pass a copy of the letter to the Community Council.

(iii) For circulation: SALC circulars; Consultation on new Primary Care Trust arrangements; CPRE Updates on East of England Plan; Babergh Media Releases; Agri-Environment matters; Cutting Crime newsletter; Suffolk Hedgerow Survey Newsletter; Clerks & Councils Direct.

(iv) Police Report (written). One reported crime of theft in November. The Chairman said that since then there had been an incident of arson at the doctors' surgery; problems with children playing football at the junction of Harpers Estate and Heycroft Way, on one occasion one boy was nearly run over; a distraction burglary at Harpers Estate. It was agreed to ask for a report from PC Wren on the surgery incident and the burglary and to ask him to speak to the parents of the footballers, also if he could provide some advice for residents for insertion in the Community Times.

8. Local Needs Housing

A copy of the first edition of “Affordable Housing News” produced by Babergh’s Housing Enabling team was circulated. The Clerk confirmed the two housing associations chosen had agreed to attend a special meeting the following Wednesday, 18th January, the first at 7.30 p.m., followed by the second at 8.30 p.m. Louise Wilby and Ian Tippet also hoped to attend. It was agreed that a decision about which association to use would be made at the February meeting following their presentations. Mr. Tippet had offered to suggest suitable questions to put to the associations and C. Hunt agreed to speak to him.

9. Footpaths

A copy of an email from Mr. Dowding to the Essex Footpaths Officer regarding the Great Horkesley obstructed path suggested reminding the landowner of the right of way concerned.

10. Town and Country Planning

(i) Decisions received

B/05/01811/FHA – 4 Ash Rise. Erection of two storey side extension (ground floor to provide granny annex) Insertion of 3 dormer windows. As amended by drawing received on 11.11.05 Planning permission granted subject to: no part of the development to be commenced until the existing vehicular access improved ... completed in accordance with drawing received on 11.11.05; area for manoeuvring and parking of vehicles provided; an accurate scaled drawing of area of hardstanding including access approved.

The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the amended drawing referred to in the permission as this had not been seen by the Council.

B/05/01446/FUL – Part side garden 100 Bear Street. Erection of detached two storey dwelling & detached garage as amended by drawing received on 6.10.05. Planning permission granted subject to approval of materials, window details, existing and proposed site and floor levels, walls and fences, protection of lime tree. A letter from Babergh explained in detail why their decision was not in accordance with the PC's recommendation for refusal.

Mrs. Fuller suggested writing to the Head of Planning saying that it was a matter of concern that the PC had commented on one plan and Babergh had made their decision on a plan the PC hadn't seen. It was agreed the PC could not monitor any development made on plans they hadn't seen and that two separate letters should be sent regarding 100 Bear Street and 4 Ash Rise.

B/05/01926/FHA – 77 Bear Street. Erection of detached double bay cartlodge. Planning permission granted.

B/05/01906 - Nayland Primary School. Retention of temporary classroom for Playgroup. Planning permission granted by SCC. Permission to expire in June 2007.

B/05/01969/FUL – Smallbridge Hall, Bures. Change of use of buildings for wedding ceremonies and functions. Planning permission refused in letter from Babergh, no detail given.

B/05/01919/TCA – White House, Church Lane. Felling of 1 Sycamore tree & crown reduction by 30% of 1 Purple Norway Maple Tree. No Tree Preservation Order to be made.

B/05/02037/TCA – Malt House, 16 Stoke Road. Removal of 2 Leylandii trees & 1 Sorbus tree. No TPO to be made.

B/05/01991/TCA – Sargeants, 70 Bear Street. Pruning 1 Prunus tree; pruning & shaping 1 Magnolia tree, felling 1 Alder tree. No TPO to be made.

(ii) Applications dealt with between meetings

B/05/02114/LBC – The White House, Church Lane. Alterations to existing door. No objection

assuming the glass panels and glass type were approved by the Conservation Officer. There was some doubt as to whether the alteration was appropriate to this listed building in the Conservation Area.

B/05/02113/LBC - As above. Demolition of existing extension, erection of single storey extension. No objections.

B/05/02004/FUL – Stoke by Nayland Golf Club. Erection of two storey extension to clubhouse, extension to professional shop and associated corridor. Provision of external viewing areas adjacent to first floor clubroom. No objections although it was noted that traffic implications had not been addressed.

B/05/01917/FUL – Oak Cottage, Breach Grove. Erection of detached two storey dwelling (existing dwelling to be demolished). Objection: previous conditions set by the Appeal Inspector had not been met, eg improvements to the bank on western boundary. Had BDC received the scheme for habitat management required by the Inspector? Unless conditions met the PC considered no permission should be given to current application. Also unclear whether permission had been given for alterations to the barn on the site.

B/05/02078/FHA – Hill Rise, 42 Gravel Hill. Erection of part two storey & part single storey side extension. Erection of 3 two storey front extensions. Erection of single storey rear extension & conservatory. Copies of letters of objection and photographs had been received from neighbours, Conservation Society and SPS. PC objected: work currently taking place should be stopped as some of it had not received permission; the form, scale, design and detailing not in harmony with dominant site in Conservation Area and would have adverse impact on neighbours' amenities; garage had been built higher than agreed and had detrimental effect on neighbours – should be removed. Risk to stability of hillside due to extent of excavation. Copy of letter from Babergh Enforcement Officer noted re garage, matter being dealt with.

(iii) Current applications

Nags Building Supplies. A letter from S. Davis enclosed copies of detailed drawings shortly to be submitted to Babergh. He stated that he would welcome any comments and support from the Council. As the plans had not yet been submitted it was agreed the Council could not comment and could only advise the applicant to discuss his plans with the planners before submitting the application. It was agreed to inform Mr. Davis that as the Council were part of the planning process they could not discuss the plans before they were submitted but it would be helpful to talk to residents affected by the proposals.

Horkesley Park Heritage & Conservation Centre. A copy of a letter of objection from the Suffolk Preservation Society to Colchester Planning and an email from Mr. Lowe were noted. For circulation.

Land adjacent to 106 Bear Street. Copy letter of objection from SPS to Babergh was noted. The Society felt the proposal extended the built up area of the village, represented inappropriate sprawl in this important approach to Nayland ... intrusive into the AONB. No notice of planning permission had yet been received but C. Hunt said the development had recently been approved.

11. Streetlighting -

Parkers Way. R. Spencer reported that the top of the lamp shade was missing from a streetlight in Parkers Way. Clerk to report to the County Council.

12. Burial Ground

(i) Trees and levelling of graves. It was agreed to ask the grass contractor to quote for cutting back the trees and levelling graves where required.

(ii) Cremation Area. The Vicar had passed a letter to the Clerk which she had received from a Mr. and Mrs. Gibb of Woodbridge complaining about the condition of the cremation area where a relative's ashes were buried. It was agreed that cutting back the trees would help but the Chairman asked all Councillors to look at the area with a view to discussing at the next meeting whether any improvements could be made.

13. Recreation Ground; Open Spaces

Hedges. The Clerk has asked Mr. Taylor-Balls to cut back the playing field hedge and the hedge on the edge of the Anchor amenity site and R. Spencer agreed to remind him about carrying out this work.

14. Highways

(i) Wiston. Mrs. Knox reported that some potholes at Wiston had been filled.

(ii) Socket Alley. The Clerk said B. Smith had informed her that the alley was that day being resurfaced with tarmac but kerbs were being put on either side with wood chippings between the kerbs and fence/wall. It was agreed this did not seem like a very satisfactory solution but there was little that could be done at this stage.

Mrs. Fuller proposed a 10 minute extension.

(iii) Harpers Hill. Copy from SCC of a traffic regulation order to permanently prohibit access by motor vehicles to the section of old road near Brunnings Farm.

(iv) Street Fayre, 16th July 2006. Request from Babergh for comments regarding a proposed temporary street closure applied for by the Community Council. Assuming the usual conditions re access apply, there were no objections.

(v) Traffic signs. Email from D. Lowe Stoke Road pointing out that the badly displayed signs in the village were being corrected.

(vi) Recycling Centres. Letter from Suffolk County Council stating that the height barriers at their centres across the county were being raised to 2.00 metres to accommodate larger vehicles.

15. Allotments

Competition. The Chairman queried the arrangements for the presentation of the cup and prizes at the Horticultural Show. No details had yet been decided by the Horticultural Society and Council but arrangements would be made before the next competition in July 2006.

16. District Councillor's Report

C. Hunt said there had been no Council meetings since Christmas. On the 9th February there was to be a meeting at the Stoke by Nayland Club as part of the consultation process on the new Local Plan. He said that people must apply for their new bus passes before the end of January.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.