

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL 2006, AT 7.30 PM IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE VILLAGE HALL, NAYLAND

Present: Mrs. M. George (in the Chair), C. Hunt, Miss Knight Mrs. R. Knox,
Mrs. E. Mimpriss, Mrs. W. Sparrow (Clerk), Mrs. P. Bray (for the Press)
PC Wren, 2 members of the public

As the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were both absent, Mrs. Knox proposed that Mrs. George should chair the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Mimpriss and carried unanimously.

1. **Public Forum**

Mr. G. Jones expressed his thanks to the Council for the recent treework carried out at the cemetery, adjacent to his land. The contractor had told him that there would be a rolling programme for further work and this was confirmed.

2. **Apologies** were received from G. Batty, Mrs. Fuller, R. Spencer and B. Smith.

3. **Police Report**

A written report for February listed 1 theft in Bear Street and 1 case of Criminal damage in Wiston Road. PC Wren said there had been a further 2 crimes during March - a burglary in an unoccupied house in Bear Street and another from business premises at Campions Hill, both linked to incidents in Essex. He said that 2 Community Support Officers would be joining the Hadleigh sector within the next 2 weeks and would be allocated to support him and other villages in 2007. Inspector Pratt, Sector Commander, would shortly be retiring.

A reply from Inspector Pratt about the monthly reports and the results of their investigations stated that he would request an additional remark in the comments column but any questions could be channelled through PC Wren.

C. Hunt asked about parking and whether the CSOs would be able to take any action. PC Wren said they would be empowered with certain functions, parking would be one but not speeding. He asked to be informed about problems and Mrs. George told him about cars parking on the pavement near the chapel which were causing an obstruction to pedestrians. PC Wren then left the meeting.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2006 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by C. Hunt, seconded by Mrs. Mimpriss and carried with 1 abstention.

4. **Village Hall**

(i) **AGM.** Mrs. Knox reported that attendance had been very poor at the recent meeting. In future a monthly report and accounts would be submitted to the Parish Council. If there had not been a legacy to the Hall in the previous year there would have been a loss. Andrew Gowen was elected Treasurer and Miss Knight Secretary.

(ii) **Garden.** There had been a successful gardening morning which had been well attended which showed community commitment, required for Anglia in Bloom. Andrew Gwen was intending to buy two large tubs for each of the 3 entrances to the village for Anglia in Bloom which it was hoped the Parish Council would buy. These would cost £60 and Mrs. Mimpriss proposed the Council should

fund these tubs, seconded by C. Hunt and carried unanimously. Mrs. George thought the placing of these tubs should be advised by Highways.

5. Finance Report

(i) **Cash position** as at 12th April 2006 from all sources and after paying cheques to be signed at this meeting was given as £13,975.23 (including £7,968 Capital Investment Fund).

(ii) **Youth Club.** A letter from the Youth Club asked for the £500 promised by the Council in January 2005 towards the cost of employing a Youth Leader. A copy of the County Council's invoice had been sent showing that the total sum of £1,500 had been paid by the Youth Club. The £500 had been included in the Council's precept for 2005/6 and it was therefore agreed to send a cheque.

6. Accounts for payment

Roy Mortimer (Grasscutting for March)	£385.40
Nayland Village Hall (Hirings January to March)	£60.00
SALC (Subscription & Local Councillor)	£312.40
Nags Building Supplies (2 dustbin lids for Burial Ground)	£23.15
Danny Thurlow Landscapes (Replacement bollards in playing field)	£525.00
Mrs.W. Sparrow (Petty Cash)	£40.00
Nayland Youth Club (Contribution towards Youth Leader costs)	£500.00

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

7. Correspondence

(i) **Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005.** Letters from Defra and Babergh were noted. New powers had been given to Town and Parish Councils regarding the control of dogs, litter, graffiti and flyposting. Re dogs, new control orders would replace the current byelaw system and Babergh were looking at formalising a general Dog Control Order across the whole of the district. Consultation would be taking place and councils would be kept advised. A Defra guide was available on their website.

(ii) **Accident.** A letter from C. Bray of Birch Fall described how he was injured when he fell in Bear Street in the vicinity of Star Cottage and Chandlers. He thought streetlighting throughout the village was inadequate, particularly in the area where he fell where the pavement was uneven. It was agreed the area was dark but a lot of residents did not want to increase the lighting. The provision of streetlighting was regularly reviewed and Mrs. Mimpriss suggested lighting should be included as a separate item in the Risk Assessment. It was agreed to write to Highways about the pavement and also to Mr. Bray informing him of the Council's sympathy and the action it would be taking. Mrs. George also thought the Council's insurers should be informed about the accident.

(iii) **Abberton Reservoir.** A letter from Essex & Suffolk Water stated that two information sessions about the plans with the Environment Agency who owned and operated the Ely Ouse to Essex Transfer Scheme, would be held on the 26th April at Clare Town Hall and 28th April at The Granary, Sudbury. C. Hunt said he would be attending one of these sessions and would report back.

(iv) **Bird Flu.** A fact sheet for poultry keepers in Suffolk had been produced by the County Council. The Help Line was 08456 032 814. The Clerk had put a copy on the main notice board and Mrs. Knox took some for Wiston residents.

(v) **SALC.** Mary Mitson-Woods, Chief Executive Officer, was leaving and a presentation would be made at a farewell gathering on 28th April. Donations had to be by individual cheque. The Clerk agreed to write a personal cheque following receipt of any cash Councillors would like to give her.

A letter from SALC stated that there would now be a Deputy CEO and CEO.

(vi) **Onesuffolk website.** The Clerk advised that she had now registered the Parish Council on the Onesuffolk site with a link to the Nayland and Wiston Community Site. A new email address was given on the site for the Clerk which could henceforth be used for all council business.

8. Footpaths

(i) **No. 4 past Scout Hut.** Mrs. George said the footpath sign was obscured by overgrown trees at the junction with path No. 3, near the right turn to the Pest House.

(ii) **No. 11 off Wiston Road.** Mrs. Knox reported that the area going north just before the first stile was overgrown with brambles.

(iii) **No. 8 Wiston.** Mrs. Mimpriss wondered whether any improvement could be made to the second stile going east from Rushbanks Farm. All three items to be referred to the Rights of Way Officer.

9. Town and Country Planning

(i) **Decisions received**

B/06/00272/FUL – Doctors Surgery, Bear Street. Erection of single storey extension to provide dispensary. Planning permission granted subject to materials matching existing. Following a letter to the practice a reply set out the aims and objectives of the surgery. It stated that the dispensary would be separate from the waiting room – the PC had not been given the up to date plans. There was no scope for further parking as the surrounding landscaping had been insisted upon by the planners and highways, but there was no intention to increase patient numbers. It was agreed the only solution was for people to take more care when parking near the surgery and Mrs. George suggested a notice in the waiting room to this effect. Letter of thanks to be sent to the practice .

B/06/00057/FHA – Hill Rise, 42 Gravel Hill. Part retention and erection of garage & garden store part variation of approval B/03/01061/FHA. Planning permission granted subject to dormer door on west elevation being removed and replaced with velux roof window; no further development until existing vehicular access improved as per drawing; conditions re gradient of access. Letter from Babergh stated that proposals would have no adverse impact upon neighbouring amenity or character of the area ... excavation works brought the eaves height of garage close to ground level height of adjacent bungalow.

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

B/06/00213/TCA – Yew Tree Cottage, 15 Court Street. Works to trees as per Arboricultural Consultants report dated 10.10.05 to include felling of 2 Sycamore, 1 Lilac, 1 Birch & 1 Ash. No TPOs to be made.

B/06/00126/LBC – 14 Fen Street. Alterations to existing retaining wall. Listed Building Consent granted subject to all steelwork being painted with rust inhibitor in rust red colour

B/06/01463/FHA – As above. Planning permission granted.

B/06/00113/OUT - Part side garden of 9 Wiston Road. Outline – Erection of dwelling. Planning permission refused: development would be cramped and out of character with prevailing form and pattern of development in the street scene ... would not relate to adjoining dwellings which would be detrimental to the immediate vicinity. Would set an undesirable precedent.

(ii) Applications dealt with between meetings

C. Hunt left the meeting

B/06/00164/FHA – Thatched Cottage, Bures Road. Retention of and alteration to front boundary fence. No objections. Mrs. Mimpriss pointed out that a similar close boarded fence above permitted height had been erected at Campion Hill and it was agreed to inform Babergh.

B/06/00172/LBC – Rose Cottage, 5 Fen Street. Erection of satellite dish on rear elevation. No objection subject to an appropriate style of dish for this listed building.

B/06/00449/FUL – Part side garden 100 Bear Street. Erection of detached two story dwelling with detached double garage (amended scheme to B/05/01446/FUL). No objections.

B/06/00373/FHA – 1 Smallbridge Cottage, Smallbridge (adjoining parish). Erection of rear conservatory. No objections.

B/06/00382/FHA – Ancient House, 12 Fen Street. Construction of swimming pool. No objections in principle but PC queried whether any special construction required as water table only about 8'. Also concern re location of plant – close to rear garden of No. 14, adequate sound proofing should be a condition.

B/06/00333/FUL – Haysel, 36 Stoke Road. Erection of detached 2 storey dwelling with garage (demolition of existing dwelling & garage). No objections providing that loft windows did not affect neighbours' privacy. Query re suitability of stone quoins in the design.

B/06/00262/TCA – Shaddelows Farm, Gravel Hill. Fell to ground level 1 Eucalyptus tree and 10 Leylandii Cypress trees. No objections.
C. Hunt returned

B/06/00555/TCA – Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, Church Lane. Felling of 1 Leylandii tree. No objections. Mrs. George declared a personal interest.

B/06/00543/FHA – Wissington House, Bures Road. Erection of side/rear conservatory (existing conservatory to be demolished); erection of single storey side extension (existing extension to be demolished). No objections.

(iii) Current applications

B/06/00459/FHA – 20 Newlands Lane. Insertion of 1 dormer window. Copy of a letter of objection from the neighbours at No. 22 was noted: this second window meant they would be overlooked both front and back. They had not objected originally but the first window had then been approved retrospectively. It was agreed that the position regarding retrospective approval was most unsatisfactory and C. Hunt proposed objecting to this application because of the loss of amenity to the neighbours. Seconded by Mrs. Knox and carried unanimously.

B/06/00338/FUL – Nags Building Supplies. Erection of warehouse, shop, sales office and associated parking. Alteration to existing pedestrian access. This had been circulated but Babergh confirmed that new plans would be sent so comments not sent.

(iv) **Correspondence**

Horkesley Park Heritage & Conservation Centre. A letter had been received from Bunting & Sons stating that the planning application was being withdrawn to enable appropriate amendments and improvements to be made to the scheme and to take into account the recently published Core Strategy for Colchester Borough's Local Development Framework 2006-2021. The revised scheme would be re-submitted later in the year.

Planning Workshops. Letter from Babergh re workshops. Mrs. Knox, C. Hunt, G. Battye and Mrs. George confirmed they would be attending on either the 3rd May or the 17th May.

10. **Streetlighting -**

11. **Burial Ground -**

(i) **Memorials.** Applications for the following were approved: (1) Graham Keith (2) Frances Ellen Kerridge & Ivan George Kerridge.

(ii) **Grant Certificate No. 159** in respect of Margaret Broadmore was signed by the Chairman.

(ii) **Cremation Area.** Mrs. George asked the sub committee to look at a post hole where the posts and chains had recently been removed which could be dangerous.

12. **Recreation Grounds; Open Spaces**

(a) **Recreation Grounds.** (i) **Driveway.** The Clerk said the contractors had been reminded about the resurfacing which they had commenced before Christmas and had not yet completed. The new posts alongside the driveway had recently been erected.

(b) **Open Spaces.** (i) **Trafalgar Tree.** A letter had been received from the British Legion asking for permission to place a sign alongside the new oak near Anchor bridge. C. Hunt declared an interest, being a member of the Legion. The Council was reminded that Mr. Slater who had discussed this at a Council meeting had said there would be no stone or plaque. There was concern about problems with mowing and also that a sign could be a hazard until the tree was established. Mrs. Knox proposed informing the British Legion that the Council could not at present agree to a sign in the area, as described, as it could be a hazard whilst the tree was small; however, they could apply again in a few years' time when the tree was larger. In the meantime a horizontal sign set into the grass as a temporary measure would be acceptable. Seconded by Mrs. George and carried with 1 abstention (C. Hunt).

(ii) **Fennages.** Mrs. Knox queried whether the Fen was now open to walkers following the Right to Roam legislation. It was agreed to write for clarification to Mrs. Rolfe who was responsible for the fennages.

(iii) **Riverbank.** Following a request to the Environment Agency (Mr. Barritt) to install boards to help the bank erosion near the path and seat, these had now been installed.

(iv) **Naming of areas.** Following a request in the Community Times, the Clerk reported that a few suggestions had been received. Residents had until the 30th April to respond.

13. **Highways**

(i) **Potholes.** Following a request, potholes at Heycroft Way, Harpers Estate and some in Wiston Road had been filled.

(ii) **Stoke Road hedge.** A letter from the Babergh Arboricultural Officer stated that the hedge line in Stoke Road opposite Longwood House had been surveyed and it had been decided to recreate this area as a woodland/hedge area in the winter 2006/7. The hedge would be coppiced and cleared of ivy to encourage regeneration. Behind the hedge a “softly contoured 3 metre strip of mixed native planting” would be created. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to residents in the crescent asking for any comments to be sent to the Parish Council.

(iii) **SID data, Stoke Road.** Details of a recent visit from the County’s Road Safety Group. Further visits would be made bi-monthly.

(iv) **Gateway, Stoke Road.** Copies of emails from Mr. Lowe to P. Ingram, SCC, were noted concerning the position of the agreed gateway. Mr. Ingram said he would be consulting with the Parish Council and Selwyn Pryor when the design was completed.

(v) **Wiston litter.** The litter pick along the Wiston and Bures Roads had recently been carried out.

(vi) **Newtons Farm.** Mrs. Mimpriss reported that a large vehicle had damaged the verge and reflective signs at the junction of Bures Road and the lane to Newtons Farm and it was agreed to contact Highways about reinstatement and replacement where necessary.

14. Allotments

Single Payment Scheme. Application form for the 2006 payment to be completed by 15th May.

15. Affordable Housing

The Clerk reported that a site meeting with the Vice Chairman, B. Smith, R. Spencer and Mr. Malins of the Flagship Housing Group had taken place on the 31st March. Several sites were looked at and Mr. Malins would be investigating some of these. No further communication had yet been received.

16. Anglia in Bloom

The Community Council had decided to enter the village in this competition. B. Smith (not present) had attended several meetings and sent notes. Most of the village would be taken into consideration in the judging and he had listed areas which came into the domain of the Parish Council, including seating, notice boards, fencing, signs, litter bins, etc. etc. He specifically asked if he should continue as the PC’s representative and whether the Council would take responsibility for the village entrances. It was agreed B. Smith should continue and, as minuted under the Village Hall item 4 (ii) it had been agreed to pay for the tubs. Until further information was given about what was required the Council could only agree to support the event. Further discussion to take place at the next meeting.

First Response. Deferred.

17. Report by District Councillor

C. Hunt reported that at the recent Council meeting the emerging Local Plan had been approved. Two major recommendations were for 700 new houses at Chilton and 170 at Cornard. The new Chairman of the Council was Rex Thake and Vice Chairman, Jennie Jenkins. C. Hunt would continue as Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny (Community Services) Committee.

18. Annual Parish Assembly

Councillors were reminded that this would be on Monday, 8th May, at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m