

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: Cllr D Harris (Chaired the Meeting), Cllrs G Battye, O Brown, D Finnigan, P Fuller and K Sheath attended in person. D Hattrell (Clerk), County Cllr J Finch (who arrived late due to other meetings) and 2 members of the public attended in person. L Brooks and 1 other attended by Video link.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. **Public Forum:** No items were raised.

b. **District Council Report**

District Cllr Isabelle Reece had sent her apologies, and her general report issued in advance covered: The District Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October and that Listed Building Energy upgrades have been made easier. Planning Permission was granted to Hillside Retirement Home in Great Cornard. The report included details of the Norwich to Tilbury pylon proposals and the Call for Sites which is underway for land to potentially feed into the new local plan.

c. **County Council Report**

County Cllr J Finch attended later into the meeting, and his report issued in advance covered:

**Ofsted Focused Visit on Children's Services:** The visit found early signs of improvement in Suffolk's Front Door Children's Services, including prompt responses to children at risk, strong council support, and high staff morale. Areas needing improvement include monitoring systems, professional curiosity, and response to repeated concerns. The Suffolk County Council (SCC) is committed to continuing its transformation journey.

**Recycling Centres Raise Funds for Charity:** Suffolk's recycling centres have raised £500,000 for The Benjamin Foundation, which supports local families with childcare, mental health, youth, family, and housing services. The initiative includes repairing and reselling white goods to protect the environment and help families.

**Digital Mapping Project:** SCC has completed a digital Definitive Map and Statement (DM&S) consolidation project, updating legal records of public rights of way. The new digital maps are more accessible, accurate, and easier to share with partners and the public.

**Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV):** Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has increased HFSVs by 70%, providing tailored fire safety plans and free smoke alarms to vulnerable residents. The initiative uses an online platform, Safelines, to identify those most at risk. The campaign emphasizes fire safety during Candle Fire Safety Week and Diwali.

**Fostering Campaign – 'The Run':** A national fostering film project, 'The Run,' highlights the transformative impact of foster care through the story of Tom, an 11-year-old boy. SCC encourages residents to consider fostering, offering flexible options to support local children.

**Parish Council Meeting**

- 1. Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllr L Erith (Chair). District Cllr I Reece had also sent her apologies and County Cllr J Finch was to arrive late due to other meetings.
- 2. Applications to join the Parish Council:** Candidates had attended to observe the meeting. Councillors agreed to meet in Committee following the meeting to discuss the applications. Following the PC Meeting, it was resolved to invite Joan Border and Charlie Thompson to be co-opted to join the PC at the December PC Meeting – **Action Clerk.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> October Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.
- 4. Declaration of Interest by Councillors:** Both Cllrs D Harris and O Brown declared interests in the Planning item for the site adjacent to Paddock Grove.
- 5. Highways:** The large branch hanging down along Horkesley Road had been reported to SCC Property via County Cllr J Finch.

## **6. Finance Report:**

i) The bank balances as of 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were read as £1000 in the Current Account, £32,669.10 in the linked Account and £19,819.75 in the Capital Investment Account, £4,444.86 in the National Savings Account making a total of **£57,933.71**.

ii) List of pre-agreed payments for the October period paid on or by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025: -

Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1702.52	Salary, NI and Pension
Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	£668.40	Litter, Grass, & open sp.
Funds Transfer	Nayland Village Hall	£20.00	Hall hire – October

Formal Approval of all the above payments was resolved.

iii) It was confirmed the Finance Working Group Budget Meeting had been set for 26<sup>th</sup> November starting at 6.30 p.m. This will be on the agenda for discussion at the December PC Meeting.

iv) **Any other urgent Finance Matters** - Members took the opportunity to list additional items to be considered for budget. These included a replacement kitchen for the Village Hall, a litter bin for the centre of the village, signage at the Playpark and star alley surfacing and research.

## **7. Planning:**

### **1. Decisions from the Planning Authority: -**

- Conditions were approved for landscaping and inverter details at Sargent's Farm, Bures Road - **DC/25/03293** and having first been refused, biodiversity measures were approved on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025.
- Formal approval is not required for agricultural determination of agricultural building at Gladwins Farm, Harpers Hill – **DC/25/04217**. The same applied to the farm track to the building – **DC/25/04218**.
- No Objections** were raised by the Planning Authority (PA) to the notification of works to trees at Bridge House, Horkesley Road – **DC/25/04242**.
- Non-material amendment at 72-78 Bear Street – **DC/24/03738** was approved by the PA. Listed Building Consent was also granted – **DC/25/04069**.

### **2. PC Observations to the following applications were reported: -**

- Notification of works to trees at **24 Court Street – DC/25/04381**  
Both the PC and our Parish Tree Warden had **No Objections**.
- Amended householder plans at **14 Church Lane – DC/25/03976**  
The PC had **No Objections** to the amendments
- Boardwalk at **River Stour, Horkesley Road – DC/25/04378**  
The PC had **No Objections** subject to liaison with SCC Rights of Way in view of the proximity to public footpath and the minimisation of light pollution to protect wildlife in the vicinity and neighbour amenity.

### **3. Application for non-material amendment at site adjacent Paddock Grove, Harpers Hill – DC/25/04622.**

The declared interests were noted, and Cllr Tricia Fuller chaired this item. Following discussion – **No Objections to the amendment** was resolved.

### **4. Householder application to extend and alter 7 Willow Grove – DC/25/04595.**

Cllr Dawn Harris then resumed chairing the meeting. **No Objections** were resolved to this application.

### **5. Any other urgent Planning matters: -** It was noted that the Lawful Development application at Rushbanks is still outstanding. A new application had just been received for 1 Fox Cottages, Bures Road which was being considered between meetings.

8. **Street Lighting:** There was nothing to report.
9. **Housing Needs Survey/Neighbourhood Planning:** The Clerk confirmed we can use PC CIL monies towards a Housing Needs Survey. Cllr Owen Brown has contacted Community Action Suffolk for information.
10. **Recreation and Open Spaces:** It was agreed to ask our contractors to trim the weeds in Socket Alley – **Action Clerk.** Cllr Kevin Sheath outlined the meetings and progress with the Caley Green river revetment. There have been four meetings in relation to the design and soft landscaping. Further legal checks will be done and then consultation. Following the reed cutting, concerns were raised in relation to water voles. The Environment Agency are investigating with SCC. Positive feedback continues to be received regarding the playpark fencing. Suggestions have been made regarding a Village Sign. Cllr David Finnigan agreed to investigate quotes in this respect.
11. **Village Hall:** The VH Minutes had been circulated. A complaint had been made between meetings to the VH Committee which was being addressed. The work of the Village Hall Committee was praised in relation to the roof project and maintaining access throughout. The project is still on budget and on time. The PC section of the VH garden needs attention.
12. **Community Council:** Cllr David Finnigan attended the Community Council Meeting, and the most notable item was the successful Firework display. He is happy to continue to represent the PC at the Community Council going forward.
13. **Allotments:** Cllrs Dawn Harris and Owen Brown agreed to join the Allotment Working Group with Allotment holder Ruth Beverley. The first action will be to arrange the meeting with all the Allotment Holders for early next year. The fencing project should feature as an Agenda item to seek the views of the Allotment holders in this regard.
14. **Burial Ground:** It was agreed to seek a progress report from District Cllr Isabelle Reece regarding the repairs to the Old Burial Ground wall – **Action Clerk.**
15. **Footpaths:** Nothing was reported.
16. **Correspondence:** The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items. Cllr Owen Brown confirmed the Thermal Imaging Camera is booked between 18<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026. He will publicise, so residents can get involved. This scheme is funded by the District Council.
17. Next PC Meeting is scheduled for **10<sup>th</sup> December 2025.** Cllr Kevin Sheath gave his apologies for this meeting.

The meeting closed at **8.41 pm.**