

MINUTES OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23rd JULY 2025, AT 7.30 PM AT NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL AND BY VIDEO CONFERENCING.

Present: Cllr L Erith (Chair), Cllrs O Brown, P Fuller and K Sheath attended in person. D Hattrell (Clerk) and District Cllr I Reece attended in person. L Brooks and 1 other attended by Video link.

Before Commencement of the Meeting

a. **Public Forum:** Mike Hunter had sent his apologies. A resident complained about delays during the summer of the District Council (BDC) Waste Bin Collection. District Cllr I Reece agreed to investigate. The Clerk agreed to send a copy of an apology from Public Realms, BDC, for one of the summer weeks – **Action Clerk.** The resident suggested resolution would involve employment of temporary workers to coincide with the increase in workload during the summer period. This was noted by Cllr I Reece.

b. **District Council Report**

District Cllr Isabelle Reece attended, and her report issued in advance covered:

During the BDC Meeting on 24th June, Cllr Ruth Hendry, who was elected to the Chair in May, stood down to take up the post of Cabinet Member for Housing, following Cllr Jessie Carter's resignation for 'personal reasons'. Cllr Elizabeth Malvisi has returned to the Chair, with Cllr Lee Parker as Deputy. In relation to waste collection - BDC received a report on the Depot Transformation Project, which was delegated to Officers at the Cabinet Meeting of 6th May. The Council's two Operations Depots at Chilton and Gt Wenham are unable to meet the operating requirements of the waste, public realm and housing services, both in the short-term or in the future, posing a risk to the introduction of new food waste collection and recycling services in 2026, which cannot be implemented without necessary improvement works at the Chilton depot. The report outlines plan for delivering these works and the allocation of the required capital funding. Responses to Cllr Reece's questions from Cllr Leader John Ward and Director of Property, Development and Regeneration, Emily Atack, suggested that the sites have not received appropriate attention in recent years. Link to report:

<https://babergheidsuffolk.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s39228/BC2511%20-%20Depot%20Transformation%20Report%20June%202025.pdf>

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Review - BDC received the CIL Review. Cllr Reece seconded a proposed amendment, which called to specify the eligibility for churches to apply for Capital CIL towards CO2 reduction measures (as was newly the case for sports clubs). It was rejected.

Planning - In a motion brought by Cabinet Member for Planning, Cllr Sallie Davies, condemned Government criticism of local planning authorities and attempts to "rob them" of their democratic powers and voted unanimously to write to Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner and our MP. Particularly important is the decision to remove central government funding for Neighbourhood Development Plans. See the following link: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/w/councillors-unite-to-defend-democracy-in-local-planning>

NB: it was clarified during debate that Neighbourhood CIL can be used to fund Neighbourhood Development Plans, but Capital CIL cannot. The next BDC Meeting was scheduled for 22nd July. District Cllr I Reece has been investigating funding towards a Housing Needs Survey. The position seems to be that help may be provided should the survey help towards housing targets. Cllr Reece explained some of the debates going on regarding the Local Government Review and the proposals for 1 or more unitaries. She stressed her concerns and that of her colleagues have been around the process of debating and deciding this important step. The final deadline for local responses is coming up shortly in September. A sweep of the Heights was requested which should follow effective weedkilling to be worthwhile.

c. **County Council Report**

County Cllr J Finch had sent his apologies and agreement to follow up any relevant issues and his report issued in advance covered:

1. **£8m Funding for Bus Service Improvements:** Suffolk County Council (SCC) received £8m from the Department of Transport to enhance bus services and infrastructure. £5.2m will be allocated to capital projects like bus stops and priority measures, while £2.8m will support existing services and new routes.
2. **Objection to North Suffolk Solar Farm Plans:** SCC raised concerns about the proposed 250-megawatt solar farm, citing loss of agricultural land, environmental impacts, and archaeological sensitivity. It urged EcoPower to publish refined plans by June 2025.

3. **200 New SEND Places:** SCC plans to create 200 new specialist places for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) by 2026, with a budget of £18.6m. This includes £3m for mainstream school units and £12m for satellite units linked to special schools.
4. **Dementia Marketplace Event:** A free event was held on 25th June 2025 at Trinity Park, Ipswich, provided advice and support for those affected by dementia, highlighting the growing challenge of the condition in the UK.
5. **New Strategy to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG):** Suffolk launched a strategy to prevent abuse, support survivors, hold abusers accountable, and foster community collaboration. It was endorsed by the Suffolk Safer and Stronger Communities Board in March 2025.
6. **Suffolk Maritime Exhibition:** Running from 27 June to 27 September at The Hold in Ipswich, the exhibition explores Suffolk's maritime history with talks, workshops, and family events.
7. **Virtual Fostering and Adoption Sessions:** Information sessions are available for those interested in fostering or adopting children in the Stour Valley.

Following the District Council Report, it was agreed to contact Cllr J Finch to ask about weedkilling the Heights ahead of a sweep which could be organised with the District Council – **Action Clerk**.

Parish Council Meeting

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs Battye, Harris and Treharne.
2. **Approval of Minutes of 11th June & 25th June Meeting:** These were accepted as a true record.
3. **Declarations of Interest by Councillors:** Nothing was declared.
4. **Highways:** The weedkilling of kerbsides was reminded just ahead of the Meeting, particularly, the Heights.
5. **Finance Report:**
 - i) The Chair read from the bank balances as of 27th June 2025 as £1000 in the Current Account, £31,189.44 in the linked Account and £19,549.04 in the Capital Investment Account, £4,444.86 in the National Savings Account making a total of **£56,183.34**.

ii) List of pre-agreed payments for the June period paid on 1st July 2025: -

Funds Transfer	Employment Costs totalled	£1634.89	Salary, NI and Pension
Funds Transfer	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	£5976.00	Litter, Grass, Rec & Open Sp
..... paid on 22 nd July 2025: -			
Funds Transfer	Mary George	£50.91	Trough plants – Open Sp
Total		£7661.80	

Formal Approval of all the above payments was resolved.

iii) The first quarter budget review had been circulated well ahead of the meeting, and this was formally noted and discussed.

iv) **Any other urgent Finance Matters:** - Nothing was raised.

6. Planning

1. **Decisions from the Planning Authority:** -
 - a) Consent had been granted to reduce the height of silver birch at 6 Willow Grove – **DC/25/02488**.
 - b) Planning Permission was granted to extend 3 Walsh Rise – **DC/25/01906**.
 - c) The Planning Authority do not object to removal of Norwegian maple at 9 Stoke Road – **DC/25/02654**.
 - d) Planning Permission was granted for solar panels subject to conditions at Sargents Farm, Bures Road – **DC/25/02344**.

2. The PC and Parish Tree Warden had **No Objections** to tree applications at 6 Willow Grove, **DC/25/02488** and 9 Stoke Road, **DC/25/02654**.
3. The PC had **No Objections** to Householder applications at 5 High Str, **DC/25/02567** and Westwood, Harpers Hill, **DC/25/02600**.
4. Householder Application for amendments (30th June 2025) to double carport plans at 2 Gravel Hill – **DC/24/03691**.

The PC confirmed the changes were insufficient to alter their **recommendation of refusal** of these plans. We therefore maintained our previous position.

5. Householder application for annexe, outbuilding and extension of culvert (amendments on 30th June 2025) at Snowdrop Cottage, Bures Road – **DC/25/01879**,

The PC had **No Objections**.

6. Amended drawings dated 2nd July to rear extension application at 5 High Street – **DC/25/02567**.

The PC had **No Objections**.

7. Listed Building application for replacement roofing tiles at 52-54 Bear Street – **DC/25/02884**.

The PC had **No Objections** subject to agreement from the Heritage Team to the proposals.

8. Any other urgent Planning matters: - Our Tree Surgeons have applied for permission for all the tree work identified at the recent risk assessment. We had just received a response to our complaint to the Planning Authority regarding the address recording error at land adjacent to Paddock Grove. They had expressed confusion in relation to our complaint. Cllr P Fuller had drafted a suitable response explaining the position and thanking them for resolving the issue. This was duly approved for the Clerk to sent on behalf of the PC – **Action Clerk**.

7. **Street Lighting:** There was nothing to report.

8. **Housing Needs Survey/Neighbourhood Planning:** Cllrs Brown and Fuller had met and were awaiting information about the funding. It was agreed to have an Agenda item for the September Meeting to consider whether this PC will meet the costs – **Action Cllrs Brown and Fuller and the Clerk (Agenda item – September)**.

9. **Recreation and Open Spaces:** Including Caley Green Revetment. In relation to litter picking, the situation of the annual quotation process and the fact that a couple of hours litter picking one day could be spoilt by people dropping litter the next. It was agreed for Cllr K Sheath to meet our contractors to understand how the litter collection is prioritised and see if our contractors could suggest improvements ahead of quotes/budget for next year – **Action Cllr K Sheath**. Cllr Sheath has been sharing updates at Caley Green and is regular contact with SCC Property – Matthew Lee. The triangle of trees which came up in recent correspondence is being surveyed by the County Council when the other work is being undertaken. Cllr Sheath has been assured that the revetment work is being organised. The Kayak/paddle board on the River near the Anchor has started with no issues reported so far. It was agreed to discuss the donation of a bench at the September PC Meeting – **Action Clerk – Agenda item**.

10. **Village Hall:** We have issued our contribution towards the Village Hall Roof. It was pleasing to note that the Roofing works was now in progress. Concern was expressed about trees, hedges and some hollyhocks encroaching the driveway to the Village Hall. It may be that this is already in hand. The Chair agreed to investigate further – **Action Chair**.

11. **Community Council:** The Invoice for the Wiston Defibrillator has been paid in full, and the Community Council have been asked for their contribution. The next Community Council Meeting is on Wednesday 3rd September.

- 12. Allotments:** update from the sub-committee. The termination letter for neglected plots has been drafted. We do not currently have a waiting list apart from 2 existing plots wanting to extend or relocate plots. Allotment tenants have set up a WhatsApp group for general allotment chat. The Allotment judge was approached, however, the arranged date needed to be cancelled at short notice. The Allotment Holders were fully updated. The Chair asked L Brooks if she had details of the judge we used last year, and this was to be provided – **Action Chair**.
A proposed Allotment Improvement Plan had been shared by an Allotment Holder. A good response had been gained from a survey leading to various suggestions. It was agreed for the Chair to invite the Allotment Holder – D Laws - to join the Allotment Working Group and for the them to consider and potentially agree a trial of using the vacant plot as a communal one to implement some of the ideas coming out of the survey – **Action Chair**.
- 13. Burial Ground:** It was agreed to instruct our Tree Surgeons to plant a Field Maple - Acer Campestre - in place of the dead tree growing out of the grave. This should be planted at a suitable place in the vicinity – **Action Clerk to instruct**.
- 14. Footpaths:** It was agreed to authorise a one-off additional litter pick of the circular walk starting at the pub car park around the land company meadow – **Action Clerk**.
- 15. Frequency of future PC Meetings – Consider 6 each year – July, September, November, January, March and May.**
This item will be considered at the September meeting when hopefully a greater number of Councillor will be able to attend – **Action Clerk** – Agenda item.
- 16. Correspondence:** The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The items had been picked up under the various agenda items. It was noted we have been approached to support a Cardiff Postgraduate Student from Cardiff University in relation to research on the role of community benefits in influencing social acceptability of grid infrastructure, with a focus on the Bramford to Twinstead reinforcement project. Cllr P Fuller agreed to investigate further and report back – **Action Cllr P Fuller**.
- 17.** Next PC Meeting is scheduled for **10th September 2025**.

The meeting closed at **8.42 pm**.