

**Minutes of Nedging-with-Naughton Parish Council Meeting
(Virtual Meeting via Zoom – due to the Covid-19 Virus/Social Distancing)
held on Tuesday 9th March 2021**

Present at the virtual meeting: Cllr Harding (Chairman), Lynn Allum (Clerk), Cllr Pratt, Cllr Witham, Cllr Goodman, Cllr Walker, District Cllr Leigh Jamieson, County Cllr Robert Lindsay. No members of the public accepted the advertised offer to attend.

1. Chairman's welcome & Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Councillors' declarations of interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12/01/2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 12/01/2021 were approved and agreed as a true record. The Clerk will post the minutes and other documents to the Chairman, that will need signing before the audit takes place.

4. Matters arising directly from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5. Reports from the visiting Councillors

County Cllr Robert Lindsay read the County Report out to the meeting (see attached)

- Road Diversions/Closures – The appropriate signs had been forgotten to be displayed on the recent diversion on Semer Rd/New Road. It was reported that diversions are not being properly monitored. Cllr Lindsay will raise this with SCC/Highways.
- Flooding and water management is a problem but there is not enough funding to deal with this in a timely manner. Flooded properties are a priority. The same reporting tool is used to report property flooding as for Highways.
- Brown Bin Collections – There will be a rebate on invoices for missing collections over the previous year.

District Cllr Leigh Jamieson read the District Report out to the meeting (see attached)

6. Provision of Grit Bins

There was discussion on the possible provision of Grit Bins, arising from a proposal from a resident. In advance of the Meeting the Chairman had discussed the need for bins with two councillors living in Nedging Road. Based on their local knowledge and the known previous positions of grit heaps, 4 bins was proposed, omitting a bin at one former position of a grit heap by the junction with Ipswich Road. There was majority agreement.

7. Quiet Lanes

It was agreed that there is to be a public meeting to decide if there is support for Nedging Road and Semer Road to be Quiet Lanes. Cllr Goodman will prepare a letter which will be delivered to all households. It will provide details and invite attendance at a virtual meeting by Zoom on 13th April.

It is understood the costs of signs will be met by Suffolk County Council that the only costs to the Parish will be for any administration.

8. Upgrade of footpaths

Proposal – To upgrade one or more of the footpaths which link the two proposed 'Quiet Lanes' of Nedging Road and Semer Road to allow joint usage by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Walker would investigate possible routes and discuss possibilities with land-owners. It will be necessary to decide the width and nature of the enhanced paths.

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9. Drainage Ditches

Discussion of existing drainage in the Parish established that the only designed drainage to SUDS standards was in Crowcroft Road and the small estate roads on the west side. Drainage in other areas was to ditches, many without a dispersal connection. Historical development had allowed ditches to be filled without piping undersized pipes.

It was agreed that the adequacy of proposed drainage and availability of a means of water dispersal would be carefully considered by the Council for all planning applications.

Support would be provided to any Parishioners with drainage problems in seeking resolution through Suffolk County Council, the lead local Authority for drainage and flooding.

10. Report from Village Hall & Community Council Representative

Meetings

A virtual meeting was held on 25th February to discuss building work and governance. Also discussed was the opening up the hall when allowed and safe to do so for activities.

Activities

The hall has remained closed for a year. The Pilates group is keen to get back into the hall to resume normal classes. The organiser has sent the committee a risk assessment which we will discuss further but at first glance looks achievable.

Building Work

We are hoping that the proposed building work may be able to commence shortly. Funding arrangements from Biffa Awards and BDC is close to finalisation.

11. Any planning applications received since the last meeting

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

12. Reserve Funds

There was a discussion on the appropriate target level of Financial Reserve that should be maintained by the Council. It was agreed this should be related to the Annual Precept demand. A majority agreed to 100%, Councillors Pratt and Walker proposed smaller levels.

It was agreed that the provision of Parish signs should be included on the Agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting planned for July.

13. Finance Report

Balance b/fwd. from previous meeting 12/01/2021 £6,890.21

Income

08/03/2021	Bank Interest	£0.17
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Expenditure

18/01/2021	Imperative Trg (De-fib shop) child pads	£66.00
27/01/2021	SKY Broadband Provider direct debit	£25.00
01/03/2021	SKY Broadband Provider direct debit	£25.00

Total Expenditure £116.00

**Balance as at 09/03/2021 £6,774.38
(Community Account £12.41 Premium Account £6,761.97)**

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There is one outstanding invoice for SALC Payroll of £22.80, which will be paid this week. A request from Tim Goodman for the £500 grant for VH&CC has been received. It was agreed that this should be paid.

A bank reconciliation has been completed for January & February 2021. Councillors were sent the reconciliation sheet and bank statements for those months. It was agreed that end of month balances are correct.

Internal Audits with SALC are again being done electronically this year due to covid 19 restrictions. The Council agreed that SALC should undertake the Internal Audit this year and approved and agreed the SALC Terms and Conditions.

14. Clerk's Report

Decision Notices

DC/20/05416 Tye Farm, Nedging Road, Nedging with Naughton, IP7 7HP: Submission of details (reserved matters application) for outline planning permission DC/19/01486. Access, Appearance, Landscaping Layout and Scale for the erection of 2no dwellings with garages. – Reserved Matters have been approved.

DC/20/05527 – 3 Blenheim Meadow, Nedging with Naughton IP7 7GA – Erection of 1no single storey side and 1no single storey rear extension linked to garage and construction of veranda. Planning permission granted.

DC/20/05608 – 4 Blenheim Meadow, Nedging with Naughton IP7 7GA – Erection of rear wraparound covered terrace. Planning permission granted.

DC/20/05635 – Apple Tree Cottage, Nedging Rd, Nedging with Naughton IP7 7HH: Construction of swimming pool with surrounding paving and erection of shed 1.8m x 1.2m to house plant equipment. Planning permission granted.

15. Meeting Dates 2021/2022

The dates had been sent out to Councillors as listed on the meetings list. It was agreed that there would be 6 Parish Council meetings planned for the coming year 2021/22. All meetings will continue to be held via zoom until Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. Agreement will then be made as to when meetings will resume in the Village Hall.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting will be held in July 2021, providing restrictions have been lifted. It will commence at 7.00pm, to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm. All other Parish Council Meetings will commence at 7.30pm.

Clerk to arrange the dates to be printed in the Roundabout magazine, when covid 19 restrictions will allow.

16. Any Questions

There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

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