

**Minutes of Nedging-with-Naughton Parish Council Meeting
(Virtual Meeting via Zoom – due to the Covid-19 Virus/Social Distancing)
held on Tuesday 10th November 2020**

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 08/10/2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 08/10/2020 were approved and agreed as a true record. These minutes will be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting at which the Council will be in attendance in person or posted at a later date.

4. Matters arising directly from the minutes

Street naming for the new development at Sunnybank, Crowcroft Road, Nedging with Naughton.

Correspondence has been received from Babergh District Council to advise that the suggested road name of 'Crowcroft Gardens' is not suitable due to it being a duplication of Crowcroft Road and Crowcroft Glebe and could possibly cause address confusion in the future. It was agreed to suggest the road name "Gants Meadow". Historically the Gants owned the Post Office here and there is the Meadow (previously used to be a football pitch) behind the plot.

5. Reports from the Visiting Councillors

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

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

6. Report from Village Hall and Community Council Representative

The hall remains closed at the present time. We have had some discussions about opening it in the New Year.

Following on from the questionnaire which was sent to all the residents there may be some interest in the hall being used for new events. We already have a planned booking for the hall in the new year. Weekly dog training classes will commence once we open the hall.

If the hall does have more regular bookings then we will have to think about getting a cleaner.

We are currently waiting for quotes for landscaping of the grounds around the hall and removal of some trees. We are still seeking funding for the new extension.

The defibrillator battery expires in January so this will need to be replaced. So far the defibrillator has not had to be used (which is a good thing).

An application for a CIL grant has been sent to Babergh and a grant is being considered by Biffa Awards.

4 building quotes have been obtained for the extension and a further quote is expected.

Consideration should be given for a legionnaires test to be carried out at the Village Hall.

7. Any planning applications received since the last meeting

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

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Chairman..... Date.....

8. Finance Report

Balance b/fwd. from previous meeting 08/10/2020 £7,880.75

Income

There has been no income since the last meeting.

Expenditure

12/10/2020	SALC - Payroll Service Apr-Sept 20	£22.80
23/10/2020	Stapler/Staples (Roundabout Magazine) paid to Councillor Goodman	£53.58
27/10/2020	SKY Broadband Provider direct debit	£25.00

Total Expenditure £101.38

Balance as at 10/11/2020 £7,779.37

(Community Account £7.76 Premium Account £7,771.61)

There are no outstanding invoices.

A bank reconciliation has been completed for July– Sept. Councillors were sent the reconciliation sheet and bank statements for those months. It was agreed that end of month balances are correct.

The RFO has made enquiries with SALC with regard to the Internal Control. SALC has advised that through these uncertain times there should be allowances within the audit for the end of the financial year. Any checks on the Internal Control list that have not been able to be completed due to virtual meetings, should be minuted that this was due to Covid and virtual meetings.

The Precept for 2021/22 will need to be agreed at the January meeting and the deadline for return to Babergh District Council is 17th January. The Clerk has provided I&E figures up to date to Cllr Harding with a projection of the balance at the end of this financial year. Cllr Harding will put together a draft Precept Proposal and will send out to all Councillors before the next meeting in January. Councillors will consider the amount of reserves that should be held.

9. Clerk's Report

Decision Notices

DC/20/03946 St Marys Church, The Green, Nedging with Naughton IP7 7BT: Application for works to tree/s in a Conservation Area – Fell 2No Yew Trees (T1 Yew tree is dead) (T2 Yew tree leans and will eventually collapse due to the weight of the canopy). BDC does not wish to object and the proposed works can now be carried out.

DC/20/04592 & DC/19/03179 Land Adjoining Sunnybank, Crowcroft Road IP7 7HR – Non material amendment. Installation below ground of LPG Tanks. Approved.

DC/20/03949 – 7 Crowcroft Road IP7 7HR. Erection of a single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing rear single storey outbuilding). Planning permission granted.

DC/20/04300 – 1 Pykes Field, Nedging with Naughton IP7 7GZ – Erection of single storey rear extension. Planning permission granted.

District Councillor Jamieson undertook to discuss with the Planners the granting of this permission. The Clerk will send a copy of the Parish Council's comments expressing concern over the principle of allowing extensions to Affordable Homes.

Any Questions

Cllr Goodman has submitted the Quiet Lanes application for which there should be an approval decision made by the end of December. There are limited funds for this scheme but if approved there will be a small grant towards survey and signage costs. There is a marketing budget and this scheme will be publicised.

The Clerk will send Welcome Letters to Fairfield, The Thatches, Little Grange and Olive Tree Cottage.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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