# Minutes of Nedging with Naughton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2022

Present: Clir Harding (Chairman), Lynn Allum (Clerk), Clir Goodman, Clir Witham, Clir Walker, Clir Pratt, 13 members of the public

### 1. Chairman's welcome & Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Nedging with Naughton Parish Council offered Condolences to King Charles III and the Royal Family on the Sad Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. One minute silence was held.

Apologies were received from District Cllr Leigh Jamieson

## 2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

Clir Goodman declared an Interest in item 7 on the Agenda.

## 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 08/08/22

The minutes of the last meeting held on 08/08/22 were approved, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Matters arising directly from the minutes

There were no matters arising, other than those already on the Agenda.

## 5. Reports from visiting Councillors

Cllr Harding read the District Report out to the meeting (attached)

A County Council Report had not been received

## 6. Road Markings to reduce speeding problems

Vehicles frequently exceeding 30mph speed limits are a problem in the Nedging Road and Crowcroft. It was agreed to write to County Councillor Robert Lindsay asking for Road Markings in both locations with speed limit reminders.

#### 7. Drainage Problems in Nedging Road

Clir Walker read her report out to the meeting. This has been passed on to all affected landowners in Nedging Road.

Following a virtual meeting on 7th Sept with SCC, the Highways Enforcement team consulted with their lawyers who determined the following:

SCC Highways is of the opinion that the main purpose for the original construction of the ditches on <u>both</u> sides of Nedging Road was for the purpose of draining surface water from the highway. Therefore, it is the responsibility of SCC to maintain both these ditches.

Conclusion: Subject to future discussions and investigations by SCC, no further action is required by any of the landowners to clear the ditches or the blocked pipes down either side of Nedging Road, with the possible exception of Naughton Mill House and Mill Pond Lodge. Where other alterations to the ditch have been made and which can be traced to the current owners, they too may be subject to further investigation by SCC.

How SCC plan to clear the current blocked pipe is subject to further internal discussion for SCC Highways and their legal department.

The flooding of the highway on Nedging Road has been classed as "low" priority and is unlikely to be addressed by SCC within the next three years. However, if the blocked culverted ditch does back up and cause flooding to any property, it should be reported immediately to SCC Floods Team which will change the level of priority depending on the scale and severity of the flooding to the property

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Any queries should be sought from Clir Walker or SCC Highways Enforcement.

It was agreed that Clir Walker would endeavour to claim back from SCC the £840 that the Parish Council has already paid out to Drain Doctor for the Initial survey.

Thanks were expressed from Councillors and residents for all the work that Clir Walker has undertaken.

## 8. Report from Village Hall & Community Council Representative

Clir Goodman read the VH&CC Report to the meeting (attached)

# 9. Defibrillator

The Parish defibrillator recalled for a software update has been found to have been water damaged. After discussing costs between repairing the old defibrillator (£831.60) and replacing with a new one (£829 +VAT and carriage, and including a set of pads) it was agreed that the Parish Council will purchase a new defibrillator, funded by CIL.

### 10. CIUS106 funded provision of Playground Equipment

Cllr Harding has made an application for Parish S106 monies which has been approved and will be used with ClL funds to pay for the provision and installation of playground equipment. The equipment is expected to be delivered on 13<sup>n</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> October.

#### 11. Any Planning Applications Received

No planning applications have been received.

### 12. Adoption of new PC Financial Risk Assessment

A new financial risk assessment document (template provided by SALC) detailing the probability of high, medium and low risks to the Council has been adopted as recommended in the internal audit. The new financial risk assessment was agreed and adopted.

### 13. Review of Standing Orders & Financial Regulations

Standing Orders, were reviewed and it was agreed that no changes need to be made at present.

The Financial Regulations were reviewed and it was agreed that no changes need to be made at present.

### 14. Insurance Renewal/Asset Register

The current CAS Insurance Scheme provider are no longer continuing to cover Councils Insurance. CAS has now secured 'Ansvar' as the new insurance provider, who will allow Councils to select levels of cover that meets their specific needs, rather than an overall package. The Clerk and Chairman are in the process of completing the application to enable a quote to be provided. The insurance expires on 01/10 2022 before the next meeting, so acceptance can be agreed via emails and included in the minutes of the next meeting in November.

### 15. Finance Report/Budget Update

#### General Fund

Balance b/fwd from previous meeting on 08/08/22 £6,210.70

Income

Date	Item	Amount
05/09/2022	Bank Interest	£6.83
13/09/2022	Babergh DC Precept	£2,925.00

Total Income £2.931.83

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#### Expenditure

Date	Item	Amount	VAT	Power
10/08/2022	Drain Doctor	£840.00	£140.00	S111 LGA 72
15/08/2022	SALC - Councillor Training	£31.20	£5.20	S111 LGA 72
30/08/2022	SKY Broadband Provider direct debit	£34.50	£0.00	S111 LGA 72

Total Expenditure £905.70

General Fund Balance £8,236,83

There has been no CIL Income or Expenditure since the last meeting.

**Current Balances** 

(CIL Fund) £16,174,17 General Balance £8,236,83

Total Balance as at 13/09/22 £24,411.00

(Community Account £5.94

Premium Account £24,405.06)

A budget update has been sent to Councillors:

**Budget Update General Fund/Precept** 

Expenditure to Date £3,117.57

Estimated further Expenditure £4,142.41

Estimated Total Expenditure £7,259.98

Precept Income £5,850.00

To take from Reserves £1,409.98

### CIL Budget Update

Awaiting Invoices approx. £14,058.60 (speed monitors, posts, Playground Equipment & Installation)
Other Income available (S106 £3,313) and (vat £2,444.20) Total £5,757.20
Estimated Balance £7.872.77

### 16. Clerk's Report

#### **Decision Notices**

DC/22/02932: The Lilacs, Nedging Road, Nedging with Naughton, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7HW
Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/22/00852- Condition 3 (Surface Water Drainage Details) and
Condition 6 (Electrical Vehicle Charging Points) Location: The Lilacs, Nedging Road, Nedging with Naughton,
Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7HW—Approved Conditions received.

OC/22/03626 Ofive Tree Cottage, Whatfield Road, Nedging with Naughton, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7BP – Householder Application – Removal of two roof windows, replacement of two French doors with windows, cream render as opposed to red brickwork above DPC, white composite cladding above the level of the eaves on the two gable ends, white composite cladding on the dormers as opposed to render, re- arrangement of interior, erecting a summerhouse to the rear of the garden – Planning Permission Granted.

SAAA (Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments) All smaller authorities are 'opted in' to the central procurement of external auditors by default. The next 5 year period runs from 2022/23 to 2026/27. Any authorities that wish to 'opt out' must formally notify SAAA that they wish to do so. This Parish Council agreed to remain opted in to the sector led auditor appointment regime and no further action is required.

### 17. Any Questions

There were no questions

The meeting closed at 20:25

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