

Minutes of Nedging with Naughton Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2023

Present: Cllr Harding (Chairman), Lynn Allum (Clerk), Cllr Pratt, Cllr Goodman, Cllr Witham, Cllr London
4 members of the public.

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 12/09/23

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12/09/23 were approved, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising directly from the minutes

CIL Proposals

- Dog Waste Bin in Crowcroft Road – It was agreed to purchase this from Glasdon at a cost of £238 + postcrete for fixing into place. Cllr Harding will make the arrangements.
- Entrance to Village Signs – It was agreed to purchase two 'non maintenance' style gateway village welcome signs from Glasdon for Hadleigh Road and New Road. Cllr Harding will obtain design draft for consideration by the Council.

5. Reports from Visiting Councillors

There were no County Council or District Council Reports available, due to Broadband problems which prevented invitations being sent.

The Clerk will contact both Councillors with apologies and to request reports.

6. Report from Village Hall & Community Council Representative

Cllr Goodman read the report out to the meeting.

7. Planning Application DC/23/04411 – 9 Jubilee Meadow, Nedging with Naughton, IP7 7FJ – Proposal: Erection of a Garden Outbuilding

The Council have no objection in principle to the proposed erection of a garden outbuilding in the indicated location. There is however concern that the existing building is larger and higher than indicated in the application which adversely affect neighbouring properties and should not be granted planning permission.

8. Town & Parish Liaison Meeting – Feedback

Cllr Harding attended the meeting, which was made up of 3 parts.

A workshop with groups of attendees of 6 or 8 was asked to consider elements of the proposed Babergh Corporate Plan. The plan appeared to be reasonable in the limited method and time given for appraisal and discussion.

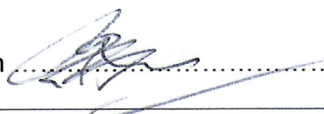
Progress on the Inspectors approval of the Joint Local Plan was reported with information expected by 21st November, with few changes expected to be required and formal adoption likely to be possible in 2025. The details of the plan will be applicable now in considering planning applications.

The final section of the meeting was to view the proposed proportions of the joint Councils of Babergh and Mid Suffolk expenditure. There were 9 sections on a chart with the large sections: Staff 28%, Operations (including waste collection and street cleaning) 33%, and Planning 15%.

The meeting format was disappointing with insufficient written and no screened information provided to allow properly considered views to be formed and expressed by the town and parish council chairs present.

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9. Sudbury & South Suffolk Citizens Advice / Funding Appeal

It was noted that Sudbury CAB now has an outreach service at Hadleigh once a week. It was agreed that the Parish Council could not offer any funding in the next financial year due to low reserves and the compliance to meet the General Reserve Policy. The Clerk will respond to the CAB confirming that decision.

10. Finance Report

General Fund

Balance b/fwd from previous meeting on 12/09/23 £11,292.49

Income

03/11/2023	Bank Interest	£42.42
03/11/2023	Barclays Bank Compensation	£100.00

Expenditure

Date	Item	Cost	VAT	Power
22/09/2023	ICO	£35.00	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
25/09/2023	SALC - Internal Audit	£255.60	£42.60	S111 LGA 72
25/09/2023	BDC - Parish Election Recharges	£132.02	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
25/09/2023	SALC - Councillor Training	£72.00	£12.00	S111 LGA 72
25/09/2023	Clerk/RFO Salary Q1	£890.76	£0.00	S112 LGA 72
27/09/2023	Sky Broadband	£36.50	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
02/10/2023	BDC - Dog Bin Emptying Service	£111.67	£18.61	Litter Act 1983 ss 5,6
02/10/2023	30mph Repeater Signs/SCC	£415.67	£0.00	S137 (1) (2) LGA 1972
27/10/2023	Sky Broadband	£36.50	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
05/11/2023	Clerk/RFO Salary Q2	£890.76	£0.00	S112 LGA 72
05/11/2023	SALC - Payroll Service	£22.80	£3.80	S111 LGA 72
05/11/2023	CAS - Website Hosting	£60.00	£10.00	S142 LGA 72
05/11/2023	CAS - Insurance Premium	£352.54	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
05/11/2023	VH&CC Precept Grant (second payment)	£750.00	£0.00	S133 LGA 72

Total Expenditure: £4,061.82

General Fund Balance £7,373.09

CIL Balance b/fwd from previous meeting on 12/09/23 **£10,700.70**

There has been no CIL Income

Expenditure

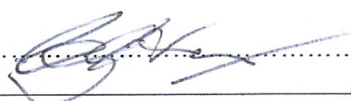
Date	Item	Cost	VAT	Power
02/10/2023	Notice Board Company (noticeboard)	£1,104.00	£184.00	S111 LGA 72
02/10/2023	C. Harding - postcrete fixing (Noticeboard)	£12.80	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
05/11/2023	CIL Questionnaire Expenses (C Harding)	£184.23	£1.84	S111 LGA 73

Total CIL Expenditure £1,301.03

CIL Balance £9,399.67

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The Barclays Accounts have now both been transferred to the new Lloyds Accounts. £100 compensation was received from Barclays for a poor service given over 4 months.

Total Balance as at 14/11/23 £16,772.76

(Lloyds Treasurers Account £14.54 Lloyds Savings Account £16,758.22

Reconciliations and bank statements for July to October have been sent to Cllrs and the balances agreed as being a true record.

A budget update had been sent out to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Invoices paid to date £5,206.59

Estimated further Expenditure (to end of financial year) £2,804.82

Administration Costs from CIL (2 years/5%) £409.34

Estimated amount from reserves £968.57

11. Clerk's Report

Insurance Review/Premium – The Insurance Renewal was agreed. The premium had been increased to £352.54 due to the SID requiring cover under 'all risks' and the increase in wage roll and annual income.

Review CIL/S106 Policy – It was agreed that no changes need to be made to the policy.

Review of General Reserve Policy – It was agreed that no changes need to be made to the policy.

Planning Application Decision Notices

DC/23/04238 Land North Of The Junction Of Nedging Road And Ipswich Road And East Of Crowcroft Road, Nedging Tye, Nedging With Naughton, IP7 7HP - Change of use of agricultural land for the retention of the siting of 10no shipping containers being used for storage (use class B8) planning permission refused.

The NJC for Local Government Services has reached agreement on rates of pay applicable from 01/04/23 – 31/03/24. It was agreed that the Clerk's pay increase should be awarded to stay in line with the NJC Agreement. This will be backdated to April 2023 in the Quarter 3 payroll.

12. Budget Setting

A Draft Budget had been sent out to Councillors prior to the meeting, with a total of expected Identified Allowances for 2024/25. The draft budget was discussed and it was agreed that due to rising costs, an uplift of 10% would be necessary to bring the reserve back in line to comply with the General Reserve Policy. The budget will be reviewed again, along with the Precept request and both will be agreed at the January Meeting when further information on tax base levels have been received.

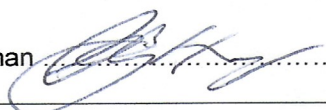
13. Any Questions

The bus shelter is still in need of a tidy up. Cllr Goodman will clean up the rubbish. Cllr Harding will cut back shrubs and a notice will be put up reminding people to keep the bus shelter clean and tidy.

The meeting closed at 20:25

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22/01/24