

**Minutes of Nedging-with-Naughton Parish Council Meeting
(Virtual Meeting via Zoom – due to the Covid-19 Virus/Social Distancing)
held on Tuesday 30th March 2021**

Present at the virtual meeting: Cllr Harding (Chairman), Lynn Allum (Clerk), Cllr Pratt, Cllr Witham, Cllr Goodman, Cllr Walker, 2 members of the public.

1. Chairman's welcome & Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
There were no apologies.

2. Councillors' declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 09/03/2021

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 09/03/2021 were to be amended at item 6 and item 12 and then approved as a true record. The minutes will be posted to the Chairman for signature.

4. Matters arising directly from the minutes

a) Provision of Grit Bins

A request has been submitted to SCC for replacing previous grit heaps with grit bins. When a response is received, further action will be discussed by the Council.

b) Quiet Lanes

Posters have been displayed and letters have gone out to parishioners. Cllr Goodman is joining a meeting on Tuesday 6th April, so further information maybe available. It is hoped that there will be a representative from the Quiet Lanes Team (SCC) at the public meeting on 13th April.

c) Upgrade of Footpaths

The Landowners where upgrades might be undertaken are not prepared to lose the workable land which would be needed and the proposal is abandoned.

5. Planning Application DC/21/01181 – Chilton House, Nedging Road, Nedging with Naughton, IP7 7HW – Erection of 1no. dwelling and detached garage utilising existing access and shared driveway

The following comment is to be sent to Babergh DC Planning:

The Council objects to the Application.

The proposed site is in an area classified as Countryside. It is remote from schools, shops and major conurbations. The bus service is sparse and car travel is a necessity.

The location is in beautiful unspoiled countryside in a shallow valley between the Semer Road and Nedging Road. It is primarily agricultural with mature trees and hedges. There are clear views across the valley and as far to the west as Kersey.

The land proposed for the new residence and right of access was transferred to the Applicant in 2001 and specified as for use as a paddock or for grazing or for agricultural purposes. It has historically been used for diverse agricultural purposes including bee keeping and has mature trees and shrubs. The proposal "to make better use of this open garden area" would almost inevitably damage the current biodiversity.

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The proposed 8.255m high property, with solar panels, would adversely affect the existing outstanding views of all the properties in Nedging Road between Clematis Cottage and Thatches. It would also detract from the views for the numerous walkers using the footpaths.

Existing development on the valley (south) side of Nedging Road has been limited to dwellings fronting directly onto the road. Sole exceptions are agricultural building conversions. It would create an unacceptable precedent if planning permission was granted for the proposed dwelling on this site.

A further concern for the application is the lack of certainty that access would be available for changed use of site.

For the Preservation of the beauty and character of the valley it is imperative that the application is refused.

6. Planning Application DC/21/01587 – Green Farmhouse, The Green, Nedging with Naughton IP7 7BT – Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area – Fell 1no. willow tree due to risk of subsidence and possible damage to the property, replace this tree with a smaller variety. Mixed hedge (approx. 16 meters) including elder and sycamore and some stumps, replacing hedge with a new hawthorn hedge after having the ditch dug out to improve drainage

The following comments were sent to Babergh DC Planning:

The Council do not object to the application although there is doubt that the Willow tree is likely to affect the property. The proposed hedge replacement and drainage work are welcomed.

7. Planning Application for Listed Building Consent – DC/21/01558 – Tye Cottage, Ipswich Road, Nedging with Naughton IP7 7BW – Repair and replacement of render and associated works with traditional materials as detailed within the design and access statement

The following comments were sent to Babergh Planning:

The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

8. Any further planning applications received since the last meeting

No further planning applications have been received.

9. Finance Report

Balance b/fwd. from previous meeting 09/03/21 £6,774.38

Income

No Income has been received.

Expenditure

11/03/2021	VH&CC Precept Grant	£500.00	S133 LGA 72
12/03/2021	SALC - Payroll Service (Oct - March)	£22.80	S111 LGA 72
14/03/2021	Clerks/Admin Expenses	£102.21	S112 LGA 72
19/03/2021	Clerk's Salary Q4	£665.60	S112 LGA 72
29/03/2021	SKY Broadband Provider direct debit	£25.00	S111 LGA 72

Total Expenditure £1,315.61

Balance as at 30/03/21 £5,458.77

(Community Account £11.80 Premium Account £5,446.97)

There are no outstanding invoices.

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10. Clerk's Report

SALC has updated the Model Internal Control Statement which now includes reference to GDPR. The Council agreed to update their Internal Control Statement and that all measures are in place to comply with this. The statement will be signed by the Clerk and posted to the Chairman for signature.

Internal Control Check – This has been completed, as far as possible under covid 19 regulations. Checks have been recorded through the year with relevant meeting dates/minutes being noted. Other relevant documents have been e mailed to Cllrs, and it was agreed that all checks were correct.

11. Any Questions

It was agreed that the draft minutes be sent to the Councillors only and that the 'Draft Minutes' on the website, should be renamed as 'Approved Minutes' after they have been agreed and approved at the following meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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