

Minutes of Nedging with Naughton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2022

Present: Cllr Harding (Chairman), Lynn Allum (Clerk), Cllr Goodman, Cllr Witham, Cllr Walker, Cllr Pratt, 11 members of the public

1. Chairman's welcome & Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from District Cllr Leigh Jamieson, County Cllr Robert Lindsay

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

Cllr Goodman declared an interest in item 7 on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 06/06/22

The minutes of the last meeting held on 06/06/22 were approved, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising directly from the minutes

Mirror opposite Village Hall Exit – The exit mirror is now in place.

Speed Monitors – Posts have been installed. No further updates available at the meeting.

5. Reports from visiting Councillors

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

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6. Drainage Problems/Consultation Meeting

Cllr Walker Reported

There are a number of drainage problems within the Parish

- A solution has been found for Canada Cottage, Ipswich Road but there is a cost associated with it. Babergh Planning have investigated alleged breaches by the Blenheim Meadows developer and have acknowledged that the developer did not request nor were given permission to build over the ditch or build a head wall that effectively blocks Canada Cottages ditch. Further questions have been raised by the PC to Planning, via Cllr Jaimeson with respect to Baberghs failure to adequately monitor the activities of the developer
- Crowcroft Glebe. Cllr Jaimeson and Walker met with the residents of Crowcroft Glebe 30/03/22. A possible solution to the flooding in the back gardens is for the current landowner of the vacant plot of land to dig a ditch or pond to collect the runoff before it floods gardens. Cllr Jaimeson undertook to contact the landowner.
Babergh Planning have carried out an investigation into alleged breaches of increased height of the land in the Gants Meadow development and have concluded that it would not be in the public best interest to pursue the matter. Cllr Harding suggested that the Parish Council should challenge Baberghs decision as it was not acceptable.
- Lilac Cottage. The landowners for Chilton Farm and the new developments at Lilac Cottage have been contacted by SCC Floods. A site meeting is planned between the developer (AS) and SCC Floods to discuss the works to divert the existing ditch.
- Nedging Road a consultation meeting took place on 24th June with a representative from SCC Floods and Water Management Team, Parish Councillors and Members of the Public living in Nedging Road. See section 7 below. Notes from the meeting are available if required.
- Ditches generally
 - Land drainage consent is required for any work carried out on ditches.
 - In the Parish, only Crowcroft Road area is on mains drainage and the rest of the Parish depend on an adequate system of ditches and other watercourses to discharge into.
 - Future problems could occur with new builds and heavier rainfall because of blocked or infilled ditches.
 - Landowners and Householders have 'Riparian' responsible for the upkeep of ditches on or adjacent to their property.

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7. Nedging Road Drainage Problems/CIL

It had been agreed at the consultation meeting 24/06/22, that quotations should be sought by Cllr walker from drainage contractors to identify existing blockages, accessibility, pipe sizes and condition of the piped sections of the ditch in Nedging Road, the cost of which to be met by the property owners with possible financial input by the Parish council. Cllr Walker recommended that CIL funds should be used to engage Drain Doctor to carry out an initial survey to get the ball rolling.

A representative for the affected Nedging Rd Residents proposed that the investigative works on the piped sections of the ditch to be put on hold until Spring 2023 then reviewed as the residents were not willing to "undertake potentially disruptive and expensive groundworks with no guarantee of success to fix a minor problem that may not re-occur".

8. Report from Village Hall & Community Council Representative

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

**9. Planning Application DC/22/03146: Shrublands Ipswich Road Nedging with Naughton IP7 7BN
Proposal Erection of first floor extension**

There were no objections to this planning application and it was noted that the new proposal was notably preferable to that of the withdrawn application.

10. Any other Planning Applications Received

DC/22/02413: Moat House Farm Bildeston Road Offton IP7 7DB – Proposal Erection of 1No single storey dwelling. Demolition of agricultural barn

The Council agreed that comments to Babergh Planning Portal will be as follows:

'The Council consider that demolition of an existing barn with planning permission for conversion to a dwelling should not be transferred to allow construction of a dwelling on a new site. This would be contrary to the principle of preservation of the Countryside and could create an unacceptable precedent'.

11. Playground Equipment

3 quotes have been received and it was agreed by the Parish Council that the equipment will be purchased from the CIL fund and supplied by Kompan at a cost of £7,323.60. VAT at 20% can be reclaimed on this figure (£1,220.60) making the actual cost £6,103.00. Part of the cost of installation will be funded from the existing S106 fund.

3 installation quotes will be required. Cllr Pratt will pass some contact details onto Tim Goodman.

12. Review Council Public Contact Procedure

It was agreed that public contact with the Council will remain via the Parish Clerk only. The Access to Information Statement on the website will be amended to reflect that decision.

13. Review the Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Statement of Internal Control

Review the effectiveness of the Internal Audit – The Internal Audit has been completed by SALC with a few recommendations. An Action Plan has been drawn up for completion by the end of the financial year. It was unanimously agreed that standards are being met and the work of the Internal audit is effective. There is reliable assurance regarding the Internal Controls and the management of risk. There is always a comprehensive report given and comments/suggestions are put onto an action plan which is then completed by the end of the financial year and reviewed by the Internal Auditor the following year.

Internal Control Statement – This was reviewed and agreed that no changes are required to be made. The statement was signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

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14. Finance Report

Balance b/fwd. from previous meeting 06/06/22
CIL Fund £16,374.24
General Balance £7,066.97
Total balance b/fwd £23,441.21

Income

No Income received since the last meeting

General Expenditure

Date	Item	Amount	VAT	Power
08/06/2022	BDC Dog Bin Emptying	£104.38	£17.40	Litter Act 1983 ss 5,6
08/06/2022	Laminator Pouches (CH)	£11.99	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
10/06/2022	SALC - Councillor Training	£93.60	£15.60	S111 LGA 72
24/06/2022	Clerk's Salary Q1	£677.30	£0.00	S112 LGA 72
27/06/2022	SKY Broadband Provider direct debit	£34.50	£0.00	S111 LGA 72

Total General Expenditure £921.77

CIL Expenditure

08/06/2022	Exit Mirror Posts (CH_Start Traffic Ltd) (CIL)	£69.30	£11.55	S111 LGA 72
08/06/2022	Exit Mirror (CH - Work Place Depot) (CIL)	£113.99	£19.00	S111 LGA 72

Total CIL Expenditure £183.29

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Current Balance as at 12/07/22

(CIL Fund) £16,190.95
General Balance £6,145.20
Total Balance as at 12/07/22 £22,336.15
(Community Account £13.92 Premium Account £22,322.23)

Reconciliation - Bank Statements and Accounts for April, May & June 2022 had been sent out to Councillors prior to the meeting and it was agreed that the accounts balance with the bank statements for each month. The reconciliation was signed by 2 Councillors.

15. Clerk's Report

Decision Notices

DC/22/01970 October Barn, Nedging Road, Nedging with Naughton IP7 7HJ: Erection of single storey extension – Permission Granted.

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 – Appeal Dismissed.

DC/22/02302 Does Farm, Wallow Lane, Offton IP7 7BZ: Proposed change of use of Agricultural Buildings to 1no dwellinghouse – Application withdrawn.

DC/22/02428 The Barn, Ipswich Road, Nedging with Naughton IP7 7HR: Erection of 1No detached dwelling and Cart Lodge - Permission Granted.

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16. Any Questions

It was confirmed that small sign posts i.e. church sign would cost upwards of £250. Permission would need to be sought from SCC Highways if on their land.

The meeting closed at 20:50

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