

Nedging with Naughton Parish Council
Chairman's Report to the Annual Meeting May 2017

Seven Council Meetings were held in the year: The Annual General Meeting, six ordinary meetings and one additional planning meeting.

The meetings were attended by our Suffolk County Councillor and our Babergh District Councillor. The police no longer send a representative to Parish Council meetings.

Planning Applications

The council considered and commented on ten applications. One was retrospective, to retain a garage that had already been converted to a dwelling. Although the Council objects in principle to applications for completed construction, the work complied with current standards and was not opposed. The other applications were for extensions or minor works and the Council raised no objections. Only one application was of significance for the Parish; the demolition of the existing barn at the corner of Crowcroft road and Ipswich Road. This superseded previous applications and approval was granted for a new bungalow and a house incorporating the existing clay lump structure. Work at this important site has yet to begin.

The Precept

The Parish Precept was raised by 0.4%, the first increase in 5 years. The Parish Council has continued to contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the Village Hall and Playing fields.

A Public Information Notice Board has been provided by the Council in Crowcroft Road..

Following strong support indicated by a survey of Parishioners views, a public access heart defibrillator was procured and installed at the Village Hall. This was funded by the Parish, aided by a Suffolk County

Council Locality Budget grant arranged by Jenny Antill. Training is being arranged.

Road Safety

The Council has supported an appeal to Suffolk County Council to extend the existing 30mph speed limit on the Ipswich Road to a point east of Ivy Cottage.

Attempts have also been made to encourage householders to cut back hedges in the Ipswich Road which are obscuring the sight lines of motorists and adding to the hazards for road users.