

Nedging with Naughton Parish Council
Chairman's Report to the Annual Meeting May 2019

Six Council Meetings were held in the year: The Annual Meeting and five ordinary meetings.

The meetings were attended by our Babergh District Councillor and on three occasions by our Suffolk County Councillor. The police no longer send a representative but hold a meeting for all Parish Councils. The Parish Council has agreed that it will send a representative to that meeting only when specific local issues need to be raised.

Planning

The Council considered and commented on nine different planning applications. There was one granted application for a new bungalow in Crowcroft Road and a number for cart lodges and minor extensions. There was one application for a detached annex in Nedging Road which was refused by Babergh because it was for a new dwelling in the countryside contrary to policy CS15 and the NPPF. was subsequently granted on appeal because of special circumstances.

There are granted applications for six bungalows west of Crowcroft Road, one in Crowcroft Road, a bungalow and 4 bedroom house opposite Tye Farm where no construction has commenced. The Council has been advised that a further application for nine bungalows may be submitted for a site bounded by Crowcroft Glebe and Crowcroft Road.

Two houses have been completed and occupied in the year, "South View" in Nedging Road and "Blue Gates" in Whatfield Road. A further house is under construction in Whatfield Road.

The Precept

The 2019/20 Parish Precept was marginally increased by 0.3%. The Parish Council has continued to contribute funding for the upkeep and maintenance of the Village Hall and Playing Fields. It also maintains the Defibrillator at the Village Hall and the Equipment for Speed Watch monitoring.

It has also contributed funding to support of the new Roundabout magazine which is being delivered free each month to all properties in the Parish.

Road Safety

Speedwatch traffic monitoring continues with six volunteers recording vehicle speeds at four sites, two in Ipswich Road, in Nedging Road and by Naughton Green in New Road. The monitoring is undertaken at varying times and sites at least once each week. Details of excess speeds are passed to the police who write to or contact offenders. There is evidence that average speeds are reducing, both in Ipswich Road and Naughton Green.

As a result of representations made by our Council and Ofton and Willisham, a 40mph speed limit has been placed on Ipswich Road from the entrance to Brick Farm to the start of the 30mph limit at Nedging Tye. Our Council sought an extension of the 30mph limit to a point east of Ivy Cottage, but the County Council refused, despite strong concerns about safety at the two junctions from west bound traffic.