

Minutes of Nedging-with-Naughton Annual Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 11th May 2023

Present: Cllr Harding (Chairman), Lynn Allum (Clerk), Cllr Witham, Cllr Goodman, District Cllr Leigh Jamieson, 9 members of the public.

1. Election of a Chairman and signing of Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance

It was proposed by Cllr Witham that Cllr Harding be re-elected to this post.

Seconded by Cllr Goodman.

The Chairman signed his Declaration of Acceptance for the post.

2. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Pratt and County Cllr Robert Lindsay.

3. Councillor's Declarations of Interest and Declarations of Office

There were no Declarations of Interest.

All Councillors present signed their declaration of office forms. It was agreed that Cllr Pratt should sign his and return to the Clerk as soon as possible. Cllrs have completed their Register of Interest Forms, which will be sent to BDC and put on the website.

4. Councillor Vacancy

Four Councillors re-applied in the elections and were duly elected. This leaves one vacancy, which has now been advertised. The Council will co-opt a new Councillor at the next meeting.

5. Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Harding that Cllr Witham be elected as Vice Chairman.

Seconded by Cllr Goodman.

6. Election of SALC Representative

Cllr Witham was elected as the SALC Representative.

7. Election of Village Hall & Community Council Representative

Cllr Goodman was elected as the VH&CC Representative.

8. Minutes of the meeting held on 14/03/23

The minutes of the meeting held on 14/03/23 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

9. Matters Arising directly from the Minutes

- Letters have been sent out to Landowners, Stables and Horse owners. It was stated that horse owners have had a meeting and can confirm that none of those in the village had been riding on or near footpaths and all have a vested interest in safety. It was found difficult to source appropriate notices to put on footpath signs.
- The Chairman has approached the owners of two properties to request that their overgrown hedges are cut back. Both have agreed and this will be done in the Autumn.

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Chairman..... Date.....

10. Chairman’s Annual Report

The Chairman delivered his Annual Report for 2022/23 to the meeting. (see attached)

- A proposal has been received for the purchasing of some lifting equipment. There are 8 willing volunteers. The Clerk will contact the Council’s Insurance Company to see if the liability cover would also cover the volunteers. The Lifting Equipment proposal will be included on the CIL questionnaire.

11. Reports from visiting Councillors

Cllr Harding read the Report from County Cllr Robert Lindsay out to the meeting. (see attached)

District Councillor Leigh Jamieson read his report to the meeting. (see attached).

- Cllr Jamieson will enquire as to whether there are any further tree’s available for the village hall.

12. Report from Village Hall & Community Council

Cllr Goodman read her report to the meeting (see attached)

13. Planning Application: DC/23/01708 The Lilacs Nedging Road IP7 7HW – Submission of Details (reserved Matters) following Outline Planning Permission DC/20/02405. Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale to be considered for 1no dwelling and detached garage.

The Council and three neighbours present at the meeting agreed that the newly submitted design was more appropriate than the refused proposal, but of scale too large for the site.

The proposal would unacceptably damage the aspects of nearby properties and the general public. It was agreed that a revised proposal in accord with the outline planning approval, for a two bedroom bungalow and similar to the dwelling proposed for the site to the west of The Lilacs could be acceptable.

14. Any other Planning Applications received

No further planning applications have been received.

15. Finance Report

General Fund

Balance b/fwd from previous meeting on 14/03//23 £6,503.71

Income

Date	Item	Amount
11/04/23	Babergh DC Precept	£3,316.75

Total Income £3,316.75

Expenditure

Date	Item	Amount	VAT	Power
22/03/2023	Clerk's Salary Q4	£742.30	£0.00	S112 LGA 72
22/03/2023	2books x 2nd class stamps (L Allum)	£10.88	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
27/03/2023	SKY Broadband Provider direct debit	£25.43	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
10/04/2023	SALC - Membership Subscription 2023/24	£212.27	£0.00	S143 LGA 72
14/04/2023	VH&CC 50% Precept Grant	£750.00	£0.00	S133 LGA 72
27/04/2023	Sky Broadband	£36.50	£0.00	S111 LGA 72

Total Expenditure £1,777.38

General Fund Balance £8,043.08

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CIL Balance b/fwd from previous meeting on 14/03/23 **£6,607.14**

CIL Income

17/04/2023	CIL payment	£4,093.56
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There has been no CIL expenditure

CIL Balance £10,700.70

Total Balance as at 11/05/23 £18,743.78
(Community Account £10.06 Premium Account £18,733.78)

16. Clerk's Report

Planning Decision Notice

DC/22/04839 The Cedars, Nedging Road, Nedging with Naughton IP7 7HW – Erection of 1no replacement dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling) and erection of detached garage. Granted

Replacement of Speed Signs – It has been confirmed that the 6 repeater signs and 2 posts will be in place by the end of July. The cost to the Parish Council will be £346.39.

17. Approval of Internal Audit Report

The completed Internal Audit Report provided by SALC, was agreed and approved. The Clerk/RFO will provide an action plan for any comments/recommendations arising from the Report, which will be actioned throughout the year.

18. Approval of Accounts/Reconciliation/CIL Report 2022/2023

The Councillors had been sent a copy of the completed I&E Accounts, Reconciliation and CIL Report (audited by SALC) prior to the meeting. They were all agreed, approved and signed.

19. Declaration of Exemption from the Requirement of a Limited Assurance Review

It was agreed that Nedging with Naughton Parish Council would make a declaration of exemption from an external audit as it has the gross income or gross expenditure not exceeding £25,000.

20. Completion and Approval of Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement had been sent to the Councillors prior to the meeting and it was unanimously agreed that all requirements had been fulfilled. The Annual Governance Statement was agreed, approved and signed.

21. Completion and Approval of Accounting Statements for year ended 31/03/2023

The Accounting Statements had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting and were agreed, approved and signed as being a true record of the Councils finances for accounting year 2022/23.

22. Setting Dates for the Exercise of Public Rights

It was agreed that the period of 30 working days, during which public rights may be exercised will take place on the recommended dates between Monday 5th June and Friday 14th July 2022, which will include the mandatory first 10 working days of July.

23. Any Questions

There were no questions.

The meeting closed at 8 pm.

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