

Nedging with Naughton Parish Council
Chairman's Report to the Annual Meeting May 2018

Eight Council Meetings were held in the year: The Annual General Meeting, five ordinary meetings and two additional planning meetings.

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

There were a number of applications for extensions and alterations. The extension to the Gables in New Road and work to Ladys Cottage in the Naughton conservation area is largely completed. It is in progress at Mole End. There has been no progress on the important site at the corner of Crowcroft Road and Ipswich Road.

A new house has been built next to Hawthorns in the Nedging Road.

There has yet to be progress on the two houses in Whatfield Road, adjacent to the Laurels, for which planning permission was granted.

The Precept

The 2018/19 Parish Precept was raised by 0.4%, the second consecutive similar increase. The Parish Council has continued to contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the Village Hall and Playing fields. External lighting has been provided to the Heart defibrillator and training has been provided for Parishioners.

A Parish wide survey indicated support for forming a Community Speed Watch team of volunteers and a radar speed gun was purchased by the Council with support from the locality budget of our County Councillor, Robert Lindsay. The team is now trained and

commencing operations which it is hoped will help reduce traffic speeds in the Village.

Road Safety

The Parish Council supported a request for the extension of the existing 30mph speed limit in the Ipswich Road to a point west of Ivy Cottage. The County Council refused but is consulting on the introduction of a 40mph limit.

District Council

The Parish Council has contributed to the debate on the proposed Babergh Local Plan suggesting changes to the initial draft.

The Council also submitted comments on the Government Boundary Commission proposals to change the existing Electoral Ward boundaries. The Commission's subsequent amended proposal is generally acceptable, and the Council has expressed its support.

The Council has also commented on the proposal for the Babergh and Mid Suffolk to be combined, expressing concern that there should be a new referendum and asking for a properly costed business plan. The recently published "One Council" Document will be considered by the Parish Council.