

Nacton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 24 November 2021 starting at 7pm

Present:

Parish councillors: Cllr B Hunt (Chairman), Cllr P Warner, Cllr J Leeder, Cllr R Eaton, Cllr W Cook, Cllr D Garrett, Cllr I Hatfield
Cllr Kerry (East Suffolk District Council)
Mrs C Lucas (Clerk)
2 members of the parish

Agenda Item	Context/Discussion	Actions and Decisions
46. Apologies for absence	All parish councillors present. Apologies received from District Councillor Mick Richardson Apologies not received from County Councillor Patti Mulcahy	
47. Declarations of Interest	None ascertaining to the agenda items	
48. Invitation to public to comment on agenda items	None	
49. Minutes and actions of meeting held on 27.09.21	There was some confusion highlighted by Cllr. Warner who thought previous minutes (item 37) referred to George Court receiving a free bench rather than Priory Court. The clerk went through the minutes to confirm the minutes were correct and stated Priory Court. The confusion came about as a bench to be sited next to George Court was actually an agenda item for discussion for this meeting (24 th November 2021)	

	The minutes were subsequently agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting held on 27th September 2021.	
50. Chairman's update	Cllr. Hunt and Cllr. Cook recently attended an EDF meeting regarding Sizewell C. Cllr. Leeder and Cllr. Hunt will attend the next meeting. The VAR brackets have been put on the posts. There is only one slight issue of a branch in the way of one of them which Cllr. Cook said he will remove it. The Parish Litter picking event was a success with approx. 14-15 people in attendance including both adults and children. The Chairman explained to councillors that due to the pandemic a holiday of his has been re-scheduled which means that he will not be here for the meeting on March 30th, 2022. All agreed to move this meeting to the previous Wednesday which is Wednesday 23rd March. The Chairman asked for everyone in attendance to agree on a date for the Christmas Tree to be put up at the village hall. It was mentioned that leaf clearing is due to take place on 5th December so it would be a good idea to put the tree up in the afternoon. The Chairman told councillors that he had responded to the email received from Mr. P regarding putting a path all the way around Victoria Field.	Action: Clerk to confirm new meeting date with village hall

	Cllr. Hunt thanked Cllr. Cook for all the work he has done recently on the trees. Cllr. Hunt explained the clerk had recently received an email from CP regarding a food parcel and/or money and that an offer of collecting a food parcel and delivering it had been made.											
51.Reports	East Suffolk Council Reports were distributed to all Parish Councillors. Cllr. Kerry offered some funding to the parish and Cllr. Eaton requested a new noticeboard at Priory Court. This was agreed upon by all in attendance. Clerk to obtain a quote and liaise with Cllr. Kerry. Cllr. Kerry discussed the new Felixstowe leisure centre project to be based at the Deben High School site. There are proposals to make the former Brackenbury site into residential housing but the future of the swimming pool at Felixstowe seafront is currently unclear at this stage. No report was received from SCC although the Chairman has recently received some correspondence regarding some funding that Nacton Parish could have for a project, although it is not known at this stage how much. Cllr. Hunt to make contact with Cllr. Mulcahy. No report was received from the village hall. The Tree Warden (Cllr. Cook) attended a tree forum recently which was very useful as 98% of the time was dedicated to hedges.	Action: Clerk to get a quote for the noticeboard and liaise with Cllr. Kerry										
52.Finances	<u>The following payments were all agreed:</u> <table><tr><td>Clerk's salary (October and November)</td><td>£639.60</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk's expenses (mileage)</td><td>£23.55</td></tr><tr><td>Cllr Hunt (zoom and purchases)</td><td>£40.18</td></tr><tr><td>Village hall invoices – Sep and Nov</td><td>£54</td></tr><tr><td>Attendance at the Tree Warden Forum</td><td>£42.90</td></tr></table>	Clerk's salary (October and November)	£639.60	Clerk's expenses (mileage)	£23.55	Cllr Hunt (zoom and purchases)	£40.18	Village hall invoices – Sep and Nov	£54	Attendance at the Tree Warden Forum	£42.90	
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	It is to be noted that the tree warden forum payment was not included in the agenda but agreed to be paid by all councillors. <u>Total £800.23</u> The precept was discussed and planning is underway. Finalised figures to be presented to councillors at the beginning of January to make final decisions at the meeting on 11th January 2022 ahead of the precept being submitted. A finance meeting was agreed to take place on 31st December at 10am to be held online on zoom.	Action: Cllr. Hunt to send out a zoom invitation for the finance meeting
53. Correspondence	Sizewell C – Cllr. Cook told councillors that as/when/if Sizewell C gets granted planning permission the Southern Transport Forum will be the place to raise any concerns. Discovering Suffolk Project – Cllr Leeder is taking the lead on this.	
54. Planning	Planning – no new planning applications have been received for Nacton parish since the last meeting <u>Nacton decided planning applications</u> <u>Following a review of all trees on the site with tree surgeon, permission for the tree work is requested as follows (numbers correspond to plan below): 1. Trim and shape 2 yew trees by 30%, reduce crowding. 2. Oak. Reduce crown by 30% to balance tree 3. Sycamore height reduction of approx 6m, due to proximity to house and located on steep bank. 4.</u>	

	Remove sycamore due to decay around the root system (photo attached). Tree located on steep bank and leaning towards road 5. Remove 4 smaller low limbs on large sycamore, interfering with hollies 6. Remove low bough on yew tree 7. Trim and shape yew tree to rebalance the tree. - Shollond Hill Levington Road Nacton Ipswich Suffolk IP10 0EW Ref. No: DC/21/3825/TPO Received date: Wed 11 Aug 2021 Status: Application Permitted Case Type: Planning Application <u>Appeal</u> Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Appeal Under Section 78 Appeal by: Mr Simon Abbott Site at: Orwell Park Gardens , Church Road, Nacton, Ipswich Planning application reference: DC/21/0352/FUL If you wish to make any additional comments or modify or withdraw your previous comments you can do so online at https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate or by e-mail to: West3@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the internet you can send three copies of letters to: Tina Gozra, Team West 3, The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 3rd Floor, 2 The Square , Bristol, BS1 6PN <u>All comments must be received by 21 December 2021</u> and must quote the appeal reference: PP/X3540/W/21/3282800. The appeal was discussed at the meeting but as the appeal statement could not be read on the website prior to the meeting (it was not on the portal with ESDC) it was felt that comments and decisions could not be made at this	<u>Action:</u> Clerk to notify all parish councillors once the appeal statement is online.
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	stage. Once councillors have been able to read the appeal statement a zoom meeting will be arranged with parish councillors to make a decision and comments. Cllr. Wilson states that any objection must be based on planning policy.	Action: Cllr. Hunt to arrange a zoom meeting to discuss planning application ref: DC/21/0352/FUL
55. Parish documents	Emergency Plan – Cllr. Cook stated that the emergency plan updates have been started and a draft version will be available for discussion at the meeting in January.	
56. Parish Matters	Victoria Field funding is now at £16,382.38 2 free benches have been ordered and will arrive next year. Cllr. Wilson suggested that one bench be sited on the verge next to George Court. The reasons for this are because there are quite a few elderly people who walk to the post van but would like somewhere to sit and have a rest before walking home again. This idea was welcomed by parish councillors and now conversations need to take place with Home Farm Estate and possibly Suffolk Highways. Therefore (as previously agreed) 1 bench will go to Priory Court and 1 is proposed for the verge next to George Court. Another quote has now been obtained by Cllr. Hunt for the purchase of the trim trail equipment for Victoria Field. There will be a minimum of 2 months before equipment can be delivered. 2 aerial plans will be drawn up showing the 8 connecting items to be installed	

	in two ways: either option a) a horseshoe or option b) one long line. Cllr Cook commented that a straight line would make grass cutting easier. At the January meeting decisions need to be made on where the trim trail will go and whether it's net traverse or jigsaw traverse. It is agreed that once all the equipment is in situ that there will be an opening ceremony and those that have contributed towards the funding will be invited. Cllr. Cook has got more hedging funded the parish just needs to source and finance a contractor to remove the remainder of the old hedge. The new hedging comes with biodegradable tree protectors. The hedgerow project has to be completed this winter and as part of the project, local children must engage. Cllr. Cook has spoken to Nacton Primary School and will have some children to help at the beginning of January. Cllr. Hunt said there will be bulbs purchased (bluebells, snowdrops, and primroses) for the wildlife area, and children will be invited to help plant them. It is anticipated that there will be around £3,500 left to spend on other Victoria Field projects. Cllr. Hunt and Cllr. Leeder recently went to the Record Office to start putting information together for a possible Information Board, however, currently, you	
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	can only attend the Record Office by appointment. There are no appointments available for the rest of this year. Therefore, currently the Information Board has come to a halt. A new Nacton sign is still on the table for discussion and will be run as a competition with possibly the District Councillors acting as the judges for their favourite design. In order to get a price for the sign, the company requires some photographs of the site. VAR – the latest report shows that 85% of people travel less than 31.8mph. More than 95% were recorded traveling under 34mph. The 50% percentile is 27 mph. 15% of cars were recorded traveling above 32 mph and 5% above 34 mph. Flooding under the bridge update – Cllr. Wilson has confirmed that a design brief and investigations are underway for the flooding under the railway bridge. Cllr. Hunt to email Cllr. Mulcahy and ask for an update at the beginning of next year. Cllr. Leeder put forward a proposal. Currently if there is severe flooding under the railway bridge the farm pump out the water and charge Highways £35 per hour. A discussion takes place around whether we pay the farm to do the water pumping and then we as a Parish Council reclaim that money from Suffolk Highways. A formal agreement would need to be put in place. Cllr. Hunt to email Highways (David Chenery) to ask whether this would be possible and then a formalised plan would need to be put in place.	<u>Action:</u> Cllr. Hunt to take some photos of the proposed Nacton Village sign site. <u>Carried over action:</u> for Cllr. Garrett to invite the police along for speed checks. <u>Action:</u> Cllr. Hunt to email David Chenery
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	Cllr. Eaton asked Cllr. Leeder if the Community Council were still planning on holding a picnic for the Queen's Jubilee, to which he replied yes and that we are still planning to plant one tree in Victoria Field.	
57. Matters raised by and reports by Councillors	Cllr. Garrett asks if anybody knows why the road in the village has been closed again for 2 weeks by British Gas with them seemingly doing nothing? Cllr. Warner said her understanding is that they were working on the connection to Lady Wood Lodge but when they went to turn it on, they found several leaks.	
58. Public question time	None	