

Nacton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 27 July 2022 starting at 7 pm

Present:

Parish Councillors: Cllr. B Hunt (Chairman), Cllr. P Warner (Vice Chair), Cllr. J Leeder, Cllr. R Eaton, Cllr. I Hatfield, Cllr. E Wilson, Cllr. W Cook

District Councillor Michael Richardson

Mrs C Lucas (Clerk)

Agenda Item	Context/Discussion	Actions and Decisions
20. Apologies for absence	Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. D Garrett. Apologies received from District Councillor Richard Kerry and County Councillor Patti Mulcahy	
21. Declarations of Interest	None	
22. Invitation to public to comment on agenda items	None	
23. Minutes and actions of APM and AGM held on 11.05.22 and extraordinary meeting held on 29.06.22	The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the meetings held on 11 th May and 29 th June.	

24. Chairman's update	The bicycle racks have arrived. Nacton Parish Council ordered two, and got invoiced for two but three turned up. The company said it would cost them more to collect the spare bike rack so agreed that Nacton Parish Council could keep it. Cllr. Mulcahy funded the 'road furniture' licence to enable the bike racks to be used. They will be situated on the playing field and at the bus stop. The clerk has purchased a new printer which is working well. The old printer was disposed of. A bench in Victoria Field was upended which looked like the work of vandalism as the concrete had been pulled out of the ground. Cllr Hunt and Cllr Cook put this back in its place. A parishioner had sent an email to the clerk regarding organising a fundraising event for Ukraine. Cllr Hunt and Cllr Leeder have been in communication with her but no decisions have been made as yet. A parishioner that previously asked to plant a memorial tree in Victoria Field has been responded to by Cllr Hunt suggesting Paupers Wood instead. No further correspondence has been received. Cllr. Hunt contacted ESDC regarding a bylaw for Victoria Field to stop dogs going on there now that there is children's play equipment and dogs are fouling the area– ESDC suggested putting a fence around Victoria Field which isn't a feasible solution. Cllr. Richardson asked how the bylaw would be enforced as this would need to be done by either local police or ESDC which isn't practicable. A public space protection order may be a more effective and efficient way of dealing with keeping dogs off of Victoria	<u>Action:</u> Cllr Hunt to make enquiries about getting a public protection order for Victoria Field.
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	Field – fixed penalty notices can be issued.																					
25. Reports	Suffolk County Council – report emailed to councillors. East Suffolk Council – report emailed to councillors. Cllr Richardson apologised for not attending more meetings over the last year due to clashes with other meetings. Tree Warden report – The new hedge that was planted is surviving despite the draught. New trees are being watered regularly by Cllr. Hunt and Cllr. Leeder and are doing well. Village Hall report – Cllr Leeder said that an architect has drawn up three different design ideas for the village hall which will be discussed. The costs are astronomical and funding will need to be sought if the works are to go ahead in the future.																					
26. Finances	<u>The following payments were all agreed:</u> <table><tr><td>Clerk’s salary (June and July)</td><td>£647.40</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk’s expenses (£27.45 mileage)</td><td>£27.45</td></tr><tr><td>Printer (already purchased and paid for by clerk, and clerk reimbursed by Cllr. Leeder)</td><td>£242.21</td></tr><tr><td>Fuel for mowing (Councillor Cook)</td><td>£26.93</td></tr><tr><td>ICO Data Protection</td><td>£40</td></tr><tr><td>Auditor</td><td>£170</td></tr><tr><td>Support and hosting of website from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023</td><td>£120</td></tr><tr><td>Bolts and Postcrete (Councillor Hunt)</td><td>£19.95</td></tr><tr><td>Village Hall May and July</td><td>£56</td></tr><tr><td><u>Total</u></td><td><u>£1349.94</u></td></tr></table> <u>The online bank account statements were reviewed and signed at the meeting</u>	Clerk’s salary (June and July)	£647.40	Clerk’s expenses (£27.45 mileage)	£27.45	Printer (already purchased and paid for by clerk, and clerk reimbursed by Cllr. Leeder)	£242.21	Fuel for mowing (Councillor Cook)	£26.93	ICO Data Protection	£40	Auditor	£170	Support and hosting of website from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023	£120	Bolts and Postcrete (Councillor Hunt)	£19.95	Village Hall May and July	£56	<u>Total</u>	<u>£1349.94</u>	
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	Annual Audit Report Cllrs thanked the clerk for completing the annual audit. Changes to how clerk gets paid a salary Cllrs agreed that going forward the clerk will be paid by bank transfer on the 28th of every month (£323.70)	<u>Action:</u> Cllr Leeder to set up monthly salary payments for clerk
27. Recruitment to RFO	The RFO position was advertised on Facebook and three people contacted the Chairman. The clerk has arranged to speak to all three and the next stage will be to send them the job description and salary and then move to formal interviews. There may be a possibility of gaining a new councillor from either candidate who doesn't get the RFO position.	<u>Action:</u> Clerk and Cllr Hunt to initiate recruitment process for RFO
28. Correspondence	National Grid Consultation Cllr. Cook gave the following update: This project is about getting the watts from the windmills of the North Sea to the Thames estuary – there will be overhead pylons (huge) and each pylon will need its individual access road. Although the pylons shouldn't be visible from Nacton parish there will be damage to the treescape. In Dedham Vale AONB – they will need to fell more than 1000 ancient trees – big mature 1-200 year old trees. National grid has acknowledged putting it offshore would be much less damaging to the environment but this is much more expensive. Cllr. Cook has responded (through the tree council) and has said that this is unacceptable. Work is due to start soon. Public footpath consultation A change of route to a public footpath has been announced due to new warehouse	

	buildings. All agreed that this doesn't fall within the parish SALC planning process survey Cllr. Hunt to complete. ESDC Consultation on small-scale housing in the countryside – deadline 5th August If any councillor has comments to make, please send them around to all councillors by email. Short-term holidays lets policy consultation briefing Cllr. Cook commented that Air b n b should be included under the same terms of reference. Sizewell C decision Cllr. Cook gave an update. The consent order was granted last week and letters from EDF arrived with Nacton residents very soon after. Cllr. Cook attended a meeting on zoom with Anglia Energy Planning Alliance prior to the decision. It is time to accept that Sizewell C is going to get built but now it's about putting efforts into mitigating the effect both in the construction and operating phase – Cllr. Cook to represent Nacton Parish Council at meetings. The freight management facility will form the first part of the construction.	Action: Cllr Hunt to complete the SALC survey
29. Planning Applications	Reference DC/22/1865/FUL Application Received Thu 05 May 2022 Application Validated Thu 05 May 2022 Address Under Sholland Levington Road Nacton Suffolk Proposal Single storey side extension, alterations and new dormer	

	to existing front roof slope Status Awaiting decision Reference DC/22/1001/FUL Application Received Mon 14 Mar 2022 Application Validated Mon 14 Mar 2022 Address Mulberry Lodge The Street Nacton Ipswich Suffolk Proposal Erection of a detached annexe including office and storage over. Status Refused Appeal Status Unknown Appeal Decision Not Available	
30. Parish documents	Emergency Plan – Cllr. Cook is still working on this document.	
31. Parish Matters	Complaints for parishioners regarding litter on the foreshore – The clerk has received a significant amount of complaints regarding litter problems on Nacton foreshore and the concern over fires breaking out due to disposable BBQ's being used on the grassed area. Cllr Hunt has been in contact with ESDC who have said they don't have enough staff to empty the bins more frequently. A parishioner in attendance at the meeting explained that he had been down to the foreshores to clear up a vast amount of rubbish and it's now becoming increasingly concerning. Cllr. Eaton asked Cllr Richardson what ESDC will be doing about the situation when they take over from Norse next year? Cllr. Richardson said he was unsure but would ask the question. The proposal to ESDC is to have bigger bins with lids so that rubbish is not left beside overflowing and full bins. There are concerns that the barrier is no longer being shut at 8 pm and therefore more undesirables are hanging around late at night. There used to be volunteer wardens patrolling but this has stopped. Cllr Wilson asked if it would be a good idea to contact the local community policing team to see if they can patrol down there. Cllr Warner asked if issues are being reported to police? If they are not being	Action: Cllrs Hunt and Richardson to pursue with ESDC (bigger bins at Nacton foreshores)

	There is still some CIL money left so it was suggested that residents could be asked on Facebook, the website and through an e-newsletter what they would like the money spent on. It has been raised that the trim trail could do with a sign saying 'use this equipment at your own risk'. The equipment is meant for children under 13 years old. Is there any benefit for insurance purposes to having such a sign?	Action: Cllr. Leeder – create some text to ask parishioners how they would like the remaining money to be spent. Action: Clerk to speak to the insurance company regarding whether a sign would be advisable in terms of insurance purposes.
32. Matters raised by and reports by Councillors	Cllr. Leeder - Footpaths are very overgrown can a working group be organised to cut down the overgrowth? Yes – to organise. Cllr Wilson raised the question of councillors having their photos on the website so that residents know who they all are. The clerk said that everybody would need to agree to this as it looks better to either have everybody's pictures or none. Councillor Eaton announced that she would be standing down as a councillor with immediate effect. Cllr Hunt thanked her for her work over the past few years.	Action: Cllr Leeder to organise a working group to cut down path overgrowth Action: Clerk to complete relevant paperwork for Cllr. Eaton's resignation.
33. Public question time	A resident in attendance asked if he could move a memorial bench from Levington marina to Nacton Parish – it was agreed it could be situated in Pauper's Wood. Another resident asked if a car had been dumped on the street – an '03' registration plate vehicle had not moved for over a week?	Action: Cllr Hunt to get details of the vehicle and notify authorities.

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 28th September

