

NACTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 31st March 2010 at 7.00pm in Nacton Village Hall

Those present; Councillors R Giles (Chairman), P Dyson, G Bence-Jones, D Longden, A Slater, P Warner and T Wellesley-Wesley,
District Councillor Mrs V Falconer,
Parish Clerk: Mrs J Wyndham
Parishioners: Mr M Hall, Mr M Norris, Mr and Mrs A Ellis

1. Police report

Councillors noted a short list of recent local crimes. The Chairman said the Mobile Police Station would call next on 6th April and 4th May at 1.30pm. The Clerk would put up a notice.
(Action JW)

2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Councillor V Ludbrook, County and District Councillor Mrs P O'Brien, Tree Warden W Cook, and CPSO A Clarke.
There were Declarations of Interest from Councillor Slater (12.2) and Councillor Warner (5.3)

3. Invitation to Public for comments on Agenda items

None.

4. Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 27th January 2010 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

5.1 Councillor Warner said the issue of the Pavilion windows had been resolved as they were existing window spaces rather than new ones.

5.2 The Chairman noted that work to remove the flooding outside Model Cottages had very recently been carried out. Drains had been cleaned or renewed and the soak-away enlarged.

5.3 The Chairman said that Nacton Community Council had been told that it was granted £630 towards the cost of protective bollards around the children's play area on the Sports Field from the Locality fund. Councillor O'Brien was to be thanked for her assistance.

5.4 Councillor Dyson said that the damage to verges continued. The Chairman said some had been repaired by the Estate and Councillor Warner said one recently renovated area had promptly been parked on by a resident. After discussion it was agreed to;

- Put an item in the next Newsletter asking car drivers to give way to larger vehicles to protect verges
- Approach Highways for advice on schemes to prevent verge erosion in other parishes
- Approach highways to highlight concerns about the verge on Shollond Hill where the drop is considerable

5.5 The Chairman said the Litter Pick had taken place and thanked those involved.

6. Co-option of new Member

The Chairman introduced Mike Norris to Councillors. His co-option was agreed and he joined Councillors at table.

7. County and District Councillor Report*

Mrs O'Brien's Report was circulated to Councillors and copies made available to the public.

8. County and District Councillor Report*

Mrs Falconer's Report was circulated to Councillors and copies made available to the public. Councillor Slater asked if any progress had been made on changes to Operation Stack and was pointed to the notes from Mrs O'Brien.

9. Tree Warden Report

None available

10. Financial Matters

10.1 Councillors approved payment of Meeting expenses (Hall rental, £18) **(Action JW)**

10.2 Councillors approved payment of the Clerk's salary (£400) **(Action JW)**

10.3 Councillors approved payment of the Clerk's expenses (£33.59) **(Action JW)**

10.4 Councillors noted payment for the Christmas tree (£60)

10.5 Councillors noted payment of the extra insurance for the Assets. (£67.20)

10.6 Councillors accepted the Internal Financial Review document. The Chairman noted that SALC said depreciation of assets was not necessary at Parish Council level.

10.7 Councillors accepted the Financial Risk Assessment statement, and it was agreed that the Clerk would also document the cheque-signing procedure. **(Action JW)**

10.8 Councillors approved payment of the Suffolk ACRE membership for 10/11 (£25) **(Action JW)**

10.9 Councillors approved payment of the SALC membership for 10/11 (£254) **(Action JW)**

10.10 Councillors noted payment for a printer cartridge (£58.69).

10.11 The Clerk told Councillors she had received notification that the Precept would be paid, as usual, on the 30th April and September, £3500 each time.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Councillors agreed to a request from Cirque Idyllic to use Victoria Field for "Monster Magic" activities between 7th and 11th June. **(Action JW)**

11.2 The Chairman noted that a letter from a Woodbridge building company, sent to every Parish Council in SCDC, had been received expressing concern over the Suffolk LDF and the manner of its execution. The letter will be circulated to Councillors, with a proposed response for comment. **(Action JW)**

11.3 The Chairman said the Clerk had been approached by a Parent Governor of Nacton CEVC Primary School about speeding and poor driving on the A1189 Ipswich / Nacton Road. Contact information for the SCC Road Safety Officer had been given and the Felixstowe SNT informed.

12. Planning

New Applications (Plans on display from 6.15pm)

12.1 Councillors considered the Application to extend the time limit for dualling the Felixstowe railway line, originally approved in September 08, and decided not to comment. **(Action JW)**

12.2 Application No; C10/0688

St Martin's Church, Nacton. Erection of extension to north-west corner

Councillors discussed the plans and agreed to support the application, whilst saying that the roofing should be sympathetic to the existing building. **(Action JW)**

Previous Applications

Application No: C/10/0065

Proposal: Erection of Warden's Hut, to include a kitchen, day office, toilet, store, & meeting room at the Scout Camp site, Alnesbourne Priory. **No decision received yet**

13. Parish Meeting

This will be on 28th April at 7pm and report requests would be sent out at the start of April.

(Action JW)

14. Matters raised by and reports from Councillors

14.1.1 Councillor Warner asked if the old Minute Books could be provided for display for a Community Council Nostalgia Weekend on April 17th/18th in the Village Hall. The Clerk would organise this.

(Action JW)

14.1.2 Councillor Warner and the Chairman said the Parish notice board outside Orwell Stores is rotten at its base. Mr J Heffer had been approached to carry out repairs and polishing but he had advised it needed removal and drying out fully first. The process could take several months and temporary arrangements for notices would be undertaken.

(Action JW/RG)

14.2.4 Councillor Wellesley-Wesley asked if Hastoe had given details yet of the house allocations. After discussion on the allocation procedure it was agreed that the Clerk would follow up this information. It was generally agreed that the houses looked very satisfactory.

(Action JW)

14.3 Councillor Norris said that Priory Court area still had many problems with the access road, which came under Ipswich Borough Council. The Clerk would check her past papers on this.

(Action JW)

14.4 Councillor Dyson said better publicity was needed for the Litter Pick and the events should occur more often, at least two times a year, perhaps involving the schools. This could be a topic to raise at the Parish Meeting

15. Public Question Time

15.1.1 Mrs Ellis said the Estate had said some years back that they would use their back tracks for large vehicles. The Chairman said this was often used for farm vehicles but that the cost was too prohibitive to lay a surface suitable for heavy lorries and trailers.

15.1.2 Mrs Ellis asked what was to be done about the derelict buildings in the field by the Amberfield entrance. The Chairman said this would be looked into but he believed the Estate would be leasing the field again soon.

15.1.3 Mrs Ellis asked if there were any graves in the area of churchyard to be used for the extension. Councillor Slater said there were none known, but that a standard archaeological survey would have to be undertaken before work commenced.

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm.