

Draft Minutes of the Nacton Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 28th April 2010 in Nacton Village Hall at 7.00pm

Those present: Parish Council Chairman R Giles, Mr W Cook, Mr M Norris, Mrs D Longden, Mr M Hall, Mrs E Ditton, Mrs B Sharman, Mr P Dyson, Mrs V Ludbrook, Mrs D Giles, Mrs J Lord, Mrs P Warner, District Councillor Mrs V Falconer, County and District Councillor P O'Brien, Mrs J Wyndham (Clerk).

When organisations were invited to the Parish Meeting they were asked to submit their full reports two days prior to the Meeting and then present a short summary to the Meeting in person. The full reports were bound and complete sets, including the Chairman's, County and District Councillors' reports, were available to everyone present at the Meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr J Leeder, Mr J Jordan, Mr A Slater, Mrs E Wellesley-Wesley, Mrs S Hood, Mr R Gosling.

2. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd April 2009 were agreed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising:

There were no Matters Arising.

4. The Chairman's Report was given by Mr Giles. He spoke of the resignation of John Hartill in the Autumn of 2009 and noted his thanks for his past work, especially with developing Health and Safety policies and Risk Analysis. Mike Norris had been co-opted to the Parish Council at the March Meeting and would be representing Priory Court parishioners along with Mrs Longden. In 2009 the Chairman had asked for volunteers to fill the roles of Tree Warden and Village Recorder; these roles had been admirably taken on by Mr Cook and Mr and Mrs Warner respectively.

Other topics covered included:

- Work by the Community Payback team in the Paupers Graveyard and St Martin's churchyard, and the many volunteers who work throughout the parish
- Eleven planning applications, including the two large developments at Shollond Hill and Rockstead
- The start and completion of six affordable houses, Field View at the North-Eastern end of The Street, and the start of work on the Crematorium
- Work to reduce flooding in The Street
- Signs of progress towards main sewerage systems in 2012
- Operation Stack and possible future options
- The progress of the LDF despite much opposition
- The inability of the Boundary Committee to decide on any unitary status councils in Suffolk.

He concluded with thanks to everyone who worked unseen through the year for the village and parish, and for the support of the Parish Clerk.

Mr Cook noted that the letter residents had received recently from Anglia Water sought to confirm property ownership rather than any commitment to having a mains connection.

5. County and District Councillors' Reports

5.1 Suffolk County Council

Mrs P O'Brien spoke on the Boundary Committee Review, on the direction of funding towards roads and vulnerable children, on Operation Stack, which may become a permanent arrangement on the old A45, and on her duties with the Police Authority.

5.2 Suffolk Coastal District Council

5.2.1 Mrs O'Brien spoke on the LDF, on work by the "No Adastral New Town" group and several other topics including waste recycling.

5.2.2 Mrs V Falconer also spoke on the LDF, on the Boundary Committee, the BT planning application for 2000 homes, and on many other topics. Mrs Falconer will assume the Chair of Suffolk Coastal District Council in May 2010. She will respond separately to Mrs Giles' request for grant information for bathroom upgrades to the Sir Robert Hitcham Almshouses.

6. Reports from Parish Organisations

Amberfield School: report received and attached to in the Reports file.

Sir Robert Hitcham Almshouses, Levington: presented by Mrs D Giles.

Nacton Community Council: received from Mr J Leeder attached to the Reports file

Nacton Cricket Club: presented by Mrs P Warner on behalf of Mr J Warner.

Nacton Flower Show Committee: presented by Mrs J Wyndham.

Orwell Old People's (George Court) Trust: received from Mr R Gosling, attached to the Reports file.

Orwell Settlement Trustees: report received from Mr R Gosling, attached to the Reports file.

Nacton CEVC Primary School: presented by the Headmistress, Mrs E Ditton, who highlighted a few of the School's many activities and successes. Mrs Sharman suggested the possibility of an OAP lunch and Mrs Ditton said this would be an excellent event for consideration, especially as the School celebrates its centenary next year.

Priory Court Residents Group: presented by Mr M Norris.

The Poores' Land Trust: presented by Mrs P Warner

St Martin's Church: report received from Mr J Jordan and attached to the Reports file.

Tree Warden: presented by Mr Cook.

Nacton and Bucklesham Under 5s: report received from Mrs S Hood, attached to the Reports file.

Nacton Village Hall: presented by Mr Cook. He highlighted the repair work needed on the exterior.

Mrs Sharman asked if there would be any redress from the builders; Mr Cook said this was unlikely.

Nacton Village Recorder: presented by Mrs P Warner.

1st Orwell Sea Scouts: Mrs J Lord had only recently taken over as GSL. She gave a brief overview of a thriving Group, based at the Village Hall and Amberfield School. New helpers always needed.

Nacton Women's Institute: presented by Mrs P Warner.

No reports were received from Broke Hall Park Residents Association, Nacton Carpet Bowls Club, nor Orwell Park School.

7. Matters raised by Parishioners:

7.1 Mr Dyson spoke of the need to increase and formalise the litter picking activities in the village and to improve the publicity. Suffolk Coastal Services was praised for its quick responses in removing large dumps of rubbish when notified, but Mr Dyson said clearance of the A14 in Mid-Suffolk was excellent, compared to other District Councils.

7.2 Mrs Warner said the notices about dog waste produced by Orwell Estate were confusing as to the areas to which they referred. The Chairman said he would attend to the concerns.

Mrs Sharman then gave thanks from all Parishioners to the Chairman and Parish Councillors for their work in the past year.

There being no more business the Meeting was closed at 8.12pm.