

**Minutes of Nedging with Naughton Parish Council
Meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024**

Present: Cllr Harding (Chairman), Lynn Allum (Clerk), Cllr Witham, Cllr Goodman, Cllr Pratt, Cllr London, District Cllr Leigh Jamieson, County Cllr Robert Lindsay, 4 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Welcome & Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
No Apologies were received.

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23/10/24

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23/10/24 were approved, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. A copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 10/09/24, that were agreed on 23/10/24 were also signed.

4. Matters arising directly from the minutes

The Village Welcome Gate in Ipswich Road, has been inspected by Suffolk Highways, after a visibility complaint had been received. It was confirmed that it needs to be relocated to preserve visibility for vehicles exiting Underwood Grange. Brooks & Wood have been made aware.

5. Reports from Visiting Councillors

Cllr Lindsay read the County Report out to the meeting.

- Cllr Lindsay confirmed that the 20 week road closure in Bildeston will not begin until after April 2025.

Cllr Jamieson read the District Report out to the meeting.

- It was confirmed that car parking charges in Hadleigh will take effect in January 2025.

6. Enforcement of Planning Conditions

There are at least 3 planning applications that have not complied with the conditions regarding hedging at the front of the properties. Cllr Harding has previously chased this up with the enforcement team and no further action has been taken. District Councillor Jamieson will now take this forward.

7. Report from Village Hall & Community Council

Cllr Goodman read the VH&CC Report out to the meeting.

8. Finance Report

General Fund

Balance b/fwd from previous meeting on 23/10/24 £6,835.06

Income

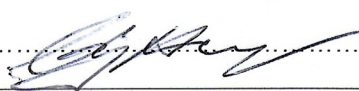
Date	Item	Amount
11/11/24	Bank Interest	£11.37

Expenditure

Date	Item	Amount	VAT	Power
28/10/2024	Sky Broadband (October)	£44.50	£0.00	S111 LGA 72

General Fund Balance £6,801.93

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Chairman  Date 14/11/25

CIL Fund

There has been no CIL Income or Expenditure since the last meeting and the balance remains at **£5,848.00**
The Invoice from Brooks & Wood for installing the Village Welcome Signs has not yet been received.

Total Balance as at 12/11/24 £12,649.93
(Lloyds Treasurers Account £100.00 Lloyds Savings Account £12,549.93

Reconciliations and bank statements for July – October 2024 have been sent to Cllrs and the balances were agreed as being a true record.

Treasurer's Bank Account

As from 14/01/25 Lloyds are changing the 'Treasurers Account' to a 'Community Account' for non-profit organisations. There will now be an 'Account Maintenance Fee' of £4.25 a month. There will also be charges for some day-to-day banking services, although with 100 free electronic payments a month there will be no charges on this account for that service.

Budget Update

An up-to-date budget has been sent to Cllrs.

Expenditure to date is **£5,701.52**

Estimated further expenditure to the end of the financial year **£2,669.38**

Estimated Total Expenditure to the end of the financial year **£8,370.90**

Precept received was £7,745.00

Based on these figures we would be taking **£625.90** from reserves, which is approximately the cost of the new laptop and Microsoft office package.

9. Clerk's Report

Action Plan - It was agreed that all recommendations arising from the Internal Audit 2023/24 by SALC have been actioned and the action plan has now been completed.

Review CIL/S106 Policy - It was agreed that no changes need to be made to the policy.

Review General Reserve Policy - It was agreed that no changes need to be made to the policy.

NJC Pay Award - The NJC for Local Government Services has reached agreement on rates of pay applicable from 01/04/24 – 31/03/25. It was agreed that the Clerk's pay increase should be awarded to stay in line with the NJC Agreement. This will be backdated to April 2024 in the Quarter 3 payroll.

10. Budget Setting

A Draft Budget had been sent out to Councillors prior to the meeting, with a total of expected Identified Allowances for 2025/26. The draft budget was discussed and it was agreed that to bring the reserve back in line to comply with the General Reserve Policy, a 3 or 4 year incremental increase was required. The budget will be reviewed again, along with the Precept request and both will be agreed at the January Meeting when further information on tax base levels have been received.

11. Any Questions

The meeting closed at 20:10

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Chairman



Date

14/01/25