

Minutes of Nedging with Naughton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2025

Present: Cllr Harding (Chairman), Lynn Allum (Clerk), Cllr Witham, Cllr London, 4 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Welcome & Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Pratt, Cllr Goodman, District Councillor Jamieson and County Cllr Lindsay.

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13/05/25

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13/05/25 were approved, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising directly from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Reports from Visiting Councillors

Cllr Harding read the County Council Report to the meeting.

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6. Neighbourhood Planning Update

It was confirmed that the Government has stopped all funding for Neighbourhood Plans. Preliminary work including meetings with experts have been started by a volunteer team led by Cllr London. Proposed options are:

1. Document all work that has been undertaken up to date and wait to see if any further funding becomes available in the future.
2. The Parish Council fund the project which is likely to cost £10,000 over 2 years.
3. Cllr London to continue working on the first stage of the plan (with no costs) by conducting a large village survey to gather community support and feedback which would then be analysed to gather a village view as a collective and then put this on pause until it is know if any further funding might become available.
4. Start the plan with minimal input from an expert (approx. cost £2,000) with the volunteer group undertaking the majority of the work.

After discussion it was agreed to document all work undertaken up to date and wait to see what the changes to Local Government might bring.

7. Report from Village Hall & Community Council

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

8. Finance Report

General Fund

Balance b/fwd from previous meeting on 13/05/25 **£7,677.01**

Income

Date	Item	Amount
09/06/2025	Bank Interest	£7.45
09/07/2025	Bank Interest	£6.07

Total Income £13.52

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Chairman

Date

9/07/25

Expenditure

Date	Item	Amount	VAT	Power
19/05/2025	Bank Service Charges	£4.25	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
27/05/2025	Sky Broadband	£48.50	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
17/06/2025	Bank Service Charges	£4.25	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
23/06/2025	CAS Domain name/Mailbox (1 year)	£49.00	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
27/06/2025	Sky Broadband	£48.50	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
27/06/2025	Clerk/RFO Salary Q1	£1,017.90	£0.00	S112 LGA 72
27/06/2025	De-Fib Shop - Electrode Pads	£95.94	£15.99	S111 LGA 72

Total Expenditure £1,268.34

General Fund Balance £6,422.19

CIL Fund

Balance b/fwd from previous meeting on 13/05/25 £3,806.82

There has been no CIL Income

CIL Expenditure

Date	Item	Amount	VAT	Power
14/05/2025	stamps for CIL Questionnaire	£178.50	£0.00	S111 LGA 72
21/05/2025	Envelopes/Stamps for CIL Questionnaire	£46.25	£0.00	S111 LGA 72

Total Expenditure £224.75

CIL Balance £3,582.07

Total Balance as at 15/07/25 £10,004.26

(Lloyds Treasurers Account £100 Lloyds Savings Account £9,904.26

Reconciliations and bank statements for April to June 2025 have been sent to Cllrs and the balances were agreed and signed as being a true record.

9. Clerk's Report

Decision Notices:

DC/25/00635 Red House Barn, Ipswich Rd, IP7 7BN - Raising and replacement of part of the roof and erection of two storey side and rear extension and single storey extension (following demolition of single storey rear extension and conservatory). Permission Granted.

SCC are no longer providing @suffolk.gov.uk email addresses. The new email address is now 'clerk@nedgingwithnaughton-pc.gov.uk'. The new domain name and mailbox has been set up by CAS and will hold an annual fee.

The Government has now backed a proposal to change the legislation to allow Councils to hold remote and hybrid meetings.

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10. SCC proposal for a single unitary Council for Suffolk

Suffolk County Council has launched a new survey giving residents the opportunity to shape the future of councils and public services in Suffolk. It's part of the Government's plan to reshape and streamline councils in Suffolk to save money, reduce confusion and improve public services for residents.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete, and can be done online at <https://onesuffolkcouncil.co.uk/residents-survey>, by emailing devolution@suffolk.gov.uk or by calling 0345 603 1842 where a member of Suffolk County Council's customer services team can help residents to complete the survey.

Cllr Harding urged members of the public to have their say and complete the survey.

11. Review of updated Financial Regulations 2025

NALC have updated the model financial regulations which were approved by the Council in 2024, the sections being 5.4, 5.7 & 5.11. The changes were relating to the supply of goods services and works. The changes were approved and agreed.

12. Review of updated Standing Orders 2025

NALC have updated Model Standing Order (England) section 18 to comply with new procurement legislation and ensure consistency with the Model Financial Regulations. The changes are to 18.a.v, 18.c, 18.d, and 18.f. NALC have also updated Model Standing Order (England) section 14 to better reflect Code of Conduct requirements. 14.a, 14.b, and 14.c have been removed. NALC have also changed the language in the document to gender-neutral terms to align with their policy and the Civility and Respect Project. The updates were approved and agreed.

13. Review of Risk Assessments

All Risk Assessments were reviewed and agreed that no changes are currently required.

14. Review of Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct has been reviewed and it was agreed that no changes are currently required.

15. Review the effectiveness of Internal Audit & Statement of Internal Control

The Internal Audit has been completed by SALC with no recommendations being made. It was unanimously agreed that standards are being met and the work of the Internal audit is effective. There is reliable assurance regarding the Internal Controls and the management of risk. There is always a comprehensive report given and comments/suggestions (if required) are put onto an action plan which is then completed by the end of the financial year and reviewed by the Internal Auditor the following year.

Internal Control Statement – This was reviewed and agreed that no changes are currently required. The statement was signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

16. Any Questions

Getting news out to the wider community – After discussion it was agreed that Nedging with Naughton hub, PC website, Notice Boards and the Roundabout Magazine are all ways of communicating with members of the public.

The meeting closed at 20:35

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