

NAVESTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 17th September 2024 - 19.00 START

Present: Councillors Chrissy Gelderbloem (CG), Rowena Bere-Brown (RBB), Adrian Enkel (AE), John Parrish known as Mike (MP), Roy Tyzack (RT), David Williams (DW)

Also Present: Clerk Victor Simmons (VS), + 37 members of the public (MOP)

24/57) Chair's welcome & announcements: CG welcomed everybody present and stated that public participation would be extended due to the number of people present. She also read out a generic statement regarding the recording of meetings (NPC now audio record all meetings)

24/58) Apologies and reasons for absence: Lucy Gelderbloem (LG) - Working (*accepted*)

24/59) Declaration of interests with regards to items on the agenda: CG (64.12), RBB (64.06), RT (64.07) - All non-pecuniary

24/60) To approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 23rd July 2024:
Minutes *agreed* as correct and to be signed by CG

24/61) Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

19.05 Meeting suspended for public participation

Due to the number of MOP wishing to speak about item 24/64.17, the relevant bullet points raised are listed below (individual speakers therefore not named):

Site will involve 41 acres of concrete equivalent to building 600 houses; Whole site is greenbelt which contradicts its stated aim of openness and would set a dangerous precedent; The proposed Lower Thames Crossing is still undecided, which would influence if upgrading Thurrock Services is a viable alternative; No evidence that the proposed site is required with a lack of understanding / awareness by the PR company; Local roads are completely unsuitable, causing congestion in both Navestock and Noak Hill / Harold Hill as vehicles seek access to the proposed rear site access roads; Will change Navestock and the surrounding areas forever plus cause untold damage to local wildlife; Serious concerns over public and environmental health issues, also no public drainage in the area;

19.40: MP arrived at the meeting

Potential light and noise pollution plus fire hazard with 100 electric charging points; Strangely, London Borough of Havering have been silent on the matter; The presented facts from MOTO are based on National Highways information, not Government policies; MOTO have been lacking in their response to questions raised; Objections need to be lawful ones plus are section 106 monies applicable to the proposed development? Will NPC make a commitment to object to the proposal?

CG - This be discussed by Councillors later in the agenda (24/64.17). Also, clarification that NPC were not aware of the proposal before flyers were distributed by MOTO in late May.

19.50 End of public participation

24/62) Action on matters arising from public participation session: None, all items were on the agenda

24/63) Reports: To receive brief reports from Borough and County Councillors present: None present

24/64) Matters arising from previous meetings:

64.01) Village Hall Sports Pavilion (build) and parish field issues: MP - Now that the Village Show skip has gone, work can continue on moving the containers and laying the car park membrane/stone top surface. **AE** - Youths had been seen on the Sports Pavilion corridor roof. **MP & Clerk dealing**

64.02) Flooding & effluent Horseman Side / Goatswood Lane: CG - A list of Navestock issues had been sent to our MP (Alex Burghart) which included this long-standing problem. The Environment Agency have repeatably failed to take action and deflected the matter back to BBC. **Carried forward**

64.03) Health and Wellbeing: CG - Navestock WI had an enjoyable day visit to Anglesey Abbey. The parish lunches continue to be well attended, with over 30 people each month. **Carried forward**

64.04) Spring Farm & Skip-A-Hoy (environmental issues): CG - Still little improvement although Alex Burghart is trying to assist. Once again, the EA has deflected this matter back to BBC. The current planning issues at the site are solely under the remit of BBC, NPC has no authority. **Carried forward**

64.05) Neighbourhood Watch including CCTV: CG - There had been a meeting involving BBC Enforcement, the Police and some residents, where the consensus was the mobile cameras were proving effective. There was apparently extra funding available for cameras which would be applied for. The main issue was a lack of BBC prosecutions to back up the data. There had been 100 fly tips across Brentwood in May, of which only 6 were in Navestock, with a similar pattern up to mid-June. **MP** - This was not a public meeting, but for Councillors to debate agenda items. **Carried forward**

64.06) Shonks Mill Flood Storage Area (River Roding Project): RBB - Had attended a site ceremony in August where some local residents and farmers hadn't been invited. Questions about this and benefits to Navestock including funding a camera drew no response. Despite the huge project cost, it seems Shonks Mill Road may still flood. **MP** - The borrow pit works are imminent. **Carried forward**

64.07) Navestock Side - sewage discharge: AE - Due to a change in land agents, a new meeting was required to restart the process although the drain was currently empty. **Clerk** - Had confirmed that the new Church Commissionaires agents were Savills who were based in Sevenoaks. **Carried forward**

64.08) Common Land issues within Navestock Parish: CG - Nothing new to report whilst awaiting documentation. **MP** - Navestock Heath had been cut with thanks to Mark Pryor. **Carried forward**

64.09) Security of Navestock Parish Council assets: CG - A new gate has been installed at the parish field, plus locks and fencing in the car park. The car park potholes have been levelled off, however, the entrance was still outstanding due to its very poor state of repair. **CG & Clerk dealing**

64.10) Navestock rubbish and litter issues: CG - Already covered earlier in the meeting although there had been a Community Police event last week. It was reported there had been 52 calls last month within the ward, 10 being in Navestock covering a variety of different issues. **Carried forward**

64.11) Boundary issues - Navestock Heath: CG - Is now in possession of the relevant documentation and maps and will be drafting a letter for Councillors to approve before sending. **CG & Clerk dealing**

64.12) Church Road - ongoing sewage issues: CG - The new system is still proving problematical with regular resets required. The outflow pipe problems are ongoing involving BBC. **CG dealing**

64.13) Parish roads signage: CG - Some street signs have been replaced with others still outstanding. The NATS team have also been involved with cleaning signs. A list of 5 faulty highway signposts had been forwarded to Lesley Wagland to try and expediate matters. **Carried forward**

64.14) Village Gateways: CG - It had been agreed at the last meeting that simple Navestock entrance signage was the solution, with locations to be determined in due course. **Carried forward**

64.15) Dudbrook Road / Does Hill memorial: MP - Everything now seems quiet. **item resolved**

64.16) Locality Fund and Local Community Fund 2024-25: Clerk - Current thinking was an application to the Locality Fund for a salt bin and associated equipment for the Village Hall car park. **AE** - Several years ago there had been a claim for a fall in the car park. After discussion it was felt this was needed due to the level of usage of the hall in the potentially icy winter months. **Clerk dealing**

64.17) Proposed development of a new dual site motorway service area (M25): RBB - Thanked the **MOP** for attending and said that **CG** would not be participating or voting as she sat on the BBC Planning Committee. CIL monies were not applicable as for housing only. Solar panel fields not currently under discussion. Objections need to be lawful and factual. Perhaps a new WhatsApp group for interested parties would be useful moving forward? The rear access service roads were a major issue of concern. The remaining Councillors then discussed the outline planning application whilst referencing points made in public participation and voted unanimously to object. **Carried forward**

64.18) Village Show 2024: RT - The show had gone well with lots of compliments from stall holders. **CG** - Also praised the event and floated the idea of a thankyou gathering with a 2025 pre-meet in the New Year. **MP** - Suggested combining these events into one, perhaps in March. **Carried forward**

64.19) NPC Insurance renewal (August / September 2024): Clerk - Insurance renewed. **Item resolved**

64.20) Murthering Lane construction traffic issues: CG - The Tysea Hill Stores parking issues were a police matter, which they were aware of. The owner of the site where the bund was being built had said that it was reducing motorway noise for local residents. NPC were in contact with Stapleford Abbots Parish Council and were sharing relevant information when available. **Carried forward**

24/65) Current Matters:

65.01) Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters: Clerk - NPC had received email communication asking for support re a motion in Parliament. After discussion Councillors **agreed** to support the motion, **Clerk to reply accordingly. Item resolved**

65.02) Royal British Legion Remembrance Day donation: CG - Suggested a £50 donation to the RBL which was **agreed**. She also invited Councillors to attend the service at St. Thomas'. **Item resolved**

65.03) Woodland Trust - Free Tree Packs initiative: CG - Did NPC wish to engage with the free tree initiative? After discussion it was **agreed** not to participate. **Item resolved**

20.45: The majority of the MOP left the meeting

24/66) Reports: To receive brief reports from NPC Working Parties: RBB & MP - A music event in Kelvedon Hall last month had resulted in traffic chaos in the local area. **Clerk to email KHPC to ask what**

they were doing before NPC take any further action. **CG** - Thanks to Mark Pryor for cutting The Heath. **AE** - Nothing to report. **DW** - There were still problems on Curtis Mill Green with rubbish collection, although there had been a slight improvement since the EFDC and BBC site meeting. Quad bike activity had been limited of late. **RT** - The road markings in Horseman Side had now been completed following the recent resurfacing. The effluent smell at the junction of Horseman Side / Goatswood Lane was minimal and potentially dangerous parking still continues opposite Wattons Farm. The hedge at the Old Road / Horseman Side junction was still causing site line concerns, plus there appeared to be some sort of car dealing in operation in Horseman Side near the Alma Arms.

24/67) Correspondence and Clerks Report: **Clerk** - NPC were receiving regular enquiries regarding potential hiring of the parish field for football / cricket. The Deal Tree car park initiative was moving forward and NPC had signed the joint Parishes letter to BBC. The Clerk was attending an online FOI course on 20/9 and CG a PROW one on 13/11. The electoral register check (pink card) was being sent out to all BBC residents. There was a BBPCA meeting on 19/9 (CG attending on behalf of NPC). Due to workload tranche 2 of the NPC documentation review / update had been deferred to hopefully November. The Essex Highways PROW team were requesting reports of finger post defects by the end of September as they were collating their winter programme. An offer to help with maintenance of the library in Navestock Side by a **MOP** had been accepted, although it had been made clear there was no budget for this work. The 2024/25 Essex Community Initiative Fund (CIF) was still open until 18/10, with up to £10K available to successful applicants. There was also a National Garden Scheme Community Grant open until 28/10, details of both had been forwarded to the Village Hall committee Secretary. **MP** - Suggested a joint CIF application in 2025/26 for heating involving NPC and the VH committee might be the best way forward (Village Hall and Sports Pavilion).

24/68) Planning: **CG** - All new applications had been emailed out on receipt for consideration / comment. Following agenda item 64.17, NPC will now be objecting to BBC Planning as a consultee regarding the outline planning application for a new dual M25 motorway service area (24/00874/OUT).

24/69) Finance: **CG** has checked the accounts / records & everything is in order. Cheques to be signed were approved for Payroll (September), MVG Electrical Ltd (Sports Pavilion electrics), JAM Parrish (Sports Pavilion - drainage works and parish field car park membrane), Clerk (Village Hall car park security - locks and gate post collars), Marsh Limited (NPC insurance renewal 2024), M. Davis (Village Hall car park fencing, new parish field gate and posts).

Clerk - The one year fixed business plan with E.ON Next for the sports pavilion electricity had been renewed on 31/7. The AGAR was passed with two action points raised for attention prior to next year's audit. The relevant statutory documentation will be posted on the website by 30/9.

24/70) Discussion Items and date of next meeting: **AE** - Can we request that BBC complete the roadside safety cut inside the M25 this year. **Clerk to email the Depot Operations Manager**

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th November, 2024

Meeting closed at 21.18

Victor Simmons
Clerk & RFO to Navestock Parish Council
4th November 2024