

# NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the General Meeting held on 23 February 2004

1. Apologies: David George, Roy Evans and Tricia Hall and Annette White.
2. Pat Bray requested that the sentence bearing her name in item 9 be deleted as she did not say it – this was duly crossed through. The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2003 were then agreed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman, Andrew Gowen.
3. Village Quiz: Jenny reported that although the arrangements are progressing, the forms are slow to come in, but this is usual. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 3 March, for catering purposes. The bell ringers are setting the questions this year, and there is also to be a bar. Set-up is from 6.30 pm, with the Quiz to start at 8.00 pm. Jenny needs volunteers for marking quiz sheets. Abbi, Eva and Sean Norfolk volunteered. Need more entrants!
4. E-mail Addresses: Abbi has received a few, but more will be needed to assist the new Secretary. Website is good and should be used more, but e-mail addresses will be needed for this.
5. Street Fayre Committee: The arrangements for this are progressing. Andrew reported that unfortunately the Red Arrows were not able to carry out a fly-past, so other attractions are currently being investigated. To date six commercial vendors have booked and paid their deposit. Bows and Bells will be making a return visit. The Planning Party will take place on Saturday 22 May at Andrew's from 7.00 – 10.00 pm. The next meeting is on Thursday 18 March at Andrew's from 7.30 pm.
6. A.G.M: Due to the Church Hall being double booked on Thursday 1 April, it was decided to provisionally re-arrange it to Monday 29 March. Eva confirmed that this date would be fine. More members are needed as we are currently one down and will need a new Secretary.
7. Community Times: Sarah has decided that due to work commitments she must step down after producing the April issue, so volunteers are needed to take over if it is to continue. It was agreed that it should continue, but be produced by volunteers and not commercially. It was agreed to reduce the number of publications from six to four a year and a sub-committee would be formed to staff it. Anna Boon will continue to do the administration for the adverts, and Lorraine Brooks would be prepared to assist with the general layout and the front cover. Volunteers on the Executive Committee are Ken, Andrew and Mark (provisional). An outside volunteer is Rosie Simmonds. All would assist with the April issue as a hand-over. Andrew has set up a Yahoo e-mail address for sub-committee members to use. This is; [naylandcc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:naylandcc@yahoo.co.uk). It was agreed that the Community Times is an important magazine which should not be lost. A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 23 March at Andrew's. Gill Boardman will ask her daughter Freya to attend the meeting as she has already been assisting with the magazine.
8. Reports from Village Societies:  
**Youth Club** - On 24 January we had a very successful and fun Salsa Party, which raised over £160 for the Youth Club. Thanks to everyone who helped with it, especially for Mark and Lenka putting it on, the parents who helped and everyone who came along on the evening and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Lots of plans are in the pipeline for activities in the next term, including a trip to Rollerworld, a snooker tournament, fast food

evening, five a side football competition, fashion designing.....New members always welcome - year 8 onwards. Meetings are on Tuesdays at 7.15 to 9.30 pm.

**WI** – Now on the website. Currently having a recruitment blitz as would like new and younger members. There is an open meeting on Monday 15 March at which there will be a speaker. The talk is entitled “I Have Nothing to Wear”.

**Village Players** – The next production is ‘Ladies in Retirement’ by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham, based on a real murder. Dates are Thursday 25 – Saturday 27 March, 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Tickets from the Post Office, afternoons only.

**Nayland Choir** – The Easter Concert is on Sunday 18 April at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall. Being performed is Handel’s Four Coronation Anthems and Bach’s Jesu, meine Freude.

**Conservation Society** – The AGM will be held on Tuesday 9 March, 7.40 – 8.00 pm. The speaker will be Gary Battell ‘Woods in Suffolk’, and there will be an update on the Field. Open Gardens is on Sunday 13 June. Tuesday 15 June sees the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a talk from Lee Austell.

**Cubs and Scouts** – The AGM is on Tuesday 30 March. A St George’s Day parade is being held on Sunday 25 April.

**Horticultural Society** – The AGM is on Tuesday 13 April. There will be a morning market on Saturday 22 May.

**Royal British Legion** – The normal Church service on Sunday 29 February will commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the American pilot Charles Gumm, who lost his life to save the village when his plane went down. A wreath will be laid on his seat next to the war memorial, and there will be a citation from Boxted Airfield Historical Society. The next meeting of the RBL is on Monday 22 March.

**Over 60s** – The AGM is on Thursday 11 March, and there are a few outings in the pipeline.

**Bowls** – This year’s charity bowls day is on Sunday 6 June. A charity is yet to be decided on, but last year the Guide Dogs for the Blind benefited.

**Village Hall Management Committee** – Bookings are looking good, and there are plans to improve the channels in the car park outside the Hall. The AGM is on Monday 5 April.

**Village Hall Garden** - It was decided at the Executive meeting that another working morning needed to be arranged for Spring. The agreed date is Saturday 1 May from 9.30 am.

9. Treasurer’s Report: We currently have a too healthy balance of £9,245 in the bank. Our charity status dictates that we should only have a nominal amount in the bank, so the Treasurer invited societies to apply for grants. The grants system will be advertised in the Community Times.

**Grant Application** - Nayland Choir has submitted an application for £300 to assist with costs. This was agreed unanimously.

10. Chairman’s Report: Andrew stressed that a sub-committee *must* be formed to ensure the continuation of the Community Times. There will be a meeting to discuss this on Tuesday 23 March at Andrew’s.