

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 29 March 2004

1. Apologies: Pat Bray, Annette and Graham White, Andora Carver, Margaret Moore, Gill Boardman and Mark Stephens-Row. There were 8 members present – please refer to the attendance book for names. There were also 4 members of the public in attendance.
2. The minutes of the A.G.M. 2003 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, Andrew Gowen. There were no matters arising.
3. Chairman's report: The first year of my chairmanship has gone very quickly. It has been a quiet year without a major summer event. The **Community Times** has made a profit of £800. The **quiz** was very successful bringing in £300 in 2003 and the most recent one £400 and my thanks go to the quizmasters. We had another successful **Bonfire Night** making almost £500 and the **Christmas Bazaar** made £350. My plant sales made £145. All these activities require to be set up and I am very grateful to the Committee and others for the work that has taken place. Overall our fundraising has gone well but we have been less successful in our grant giving; just £600 given away this year compared with £4000 the year before. However, under AOB we have a number of grant applications. I need to mention the **Community Times** which we have all tended to take for granted. It comes out like clockwork every other month but it does involve a bit a slog for those involved. Sarah Fogarty has been editing it for the last 2 years and has asked to be relieved. We are all very grateful for the effort she has put in to keeping it going. I am delighted to announce that we have a new editor; Lorraine Brooks has agreed to take it on as long as she gets some help. Your Executive Committee will have a closer involvement and one member will take it in turns to be responsible for chasing articles; solving problems; writing articles if required; proof reading; getting it to and from the printers and passing it to the distribution team. Actually the editing is only part of the task; we are very grateful to Roy Evans and his team of distributors; Anna Boon who manages the advertising; and of course those people and organisations that pay for advertisements to go in it which ensures we cover our costs and provides a contribution to our Council funds. During this past year we have seen the development of the **Nayland and Wiston website**. It is very good and is yet another way of passing information and I hope the Community Council and its Societies will begin to use it more. I would like to thank Graham Griffiths for all the work he does on the Web site that he set up. It has become an important an asset to the village and we are very fortunate. It has also been a sad year with the loss of **Jean Jones** who did so much for the village and particularly our enviable Village Hall. Also, recently Charlie Warner who was an intrepid fundraiser for our different organisations. They will both be sadly missed. I am very grateful to the few stalwarts who have worked throughout the year on the Community Council corner plot in the **Village Hall garden**. It has improved the general environment around the Hall; but it needs another more work if we are to host the BBC Garden Question Time team on 29 June - the programme has yet to be confirmed. It will result in many gardening enthusiasts visiting us and they will be expecting a high standard of gardens. The Community Council Executive has nominated Saturday morning 1 May as a Village Hall gardening day and we would welcome the societies who also have plots to join us on that day so that we can help each other. Meanwhile any redundant plants from your gardens will be welcome. A few days ago I received a letter and cheque from Ian Harris about the winding up of the **White Hart Snooker Club** and its predecessor the **Working Men's Club** in Fen Street. The last surviving members have decided to transfer its assets to the Community Council for the benefit of the community. The cheque was for £1875.35 and on your behalf I intend writing to Ian thanking him and the other members of the club. For the Community Council to be successful we do need to ensure that we have a strong **Executive Committee** to develop ideas and manage joint village activities. I am pleased to announce that **Claire Prescott** and **Mandy Cook** have agreed to rejoin the Executive after a break, and that **Barry Wakefield** has also agreed to join us. Sadly we shall be losing Abbi as our Secretary who after 4 years has asked for a break. We are very grateful to her for the work she has done and we now have a vacancy for secretary. A plea – please could one member of each society with a computer provide me with their e-mail address. The new secretary's life will be easier if deliveries don't need to be made. I will also use the website to display the minutes. Finally I want to thank everybody in the **Community Council Team** and **Society representatives** for the support they

have given the Council over the past year; preparing and running activities; Quiz; bonfire; Christmas Bazaar; Christmas Tree; attending meetings. Without this support we could not function and I think that Nayland would be a poorer place without its Community Council. Bryan Smith thanked Andrew for all his efforts as Chairman during the last year.

4. Treasurer's report: Deposit A/C - £8,354.28; Bank - £3,000.07; Cash - £23.09; Loan to Parish Council - £910.00. Allan reported that our total assets were £12,287.44. The accounts were agreed as a true record proposed by Bryan Smith and seconded by Roy Evans. Allan was duly thanked for his work over the last year.

5. Election of Officers:

President	Ken Willingale	Proposed by David George Seconded by Jenny Smith
Vice-President	Roy Evans	Proposed by Ken Willingale Seconded by Claire Prescott
Chairman	Andrew Gowen	Proposed by Ken Willingale Seconded by Eva Rolfe

Ken Willingale thanked Andrew for all his hard work over the last year, and stated the Chairman should not be expected to serve more than three years.

Vice-Chairman	Jenny Smith	Proposed by Andrew Gowen Seconded by Roy Evans
Secretary	to be decided at a later date, but Andrew will stand in.	
Treasurer	Allan Machin	Proposed by Andrew Gowen Seconded by Jeanette Finch

6. Election of Individual Members:

The following people were duly elected as Individual Members - Mandy Cook, Mark Stephens-Row, Barry Wakefield and Iain Wright. Proposed by Andrew Gowen and seconded by Roy Evans.

7. Election of Executive Committee:

The following people were duly elected as members of the Executive committee - Roy Evans, David George, Tricia Hall, Claire Prescott, Jenny Smith, Mark Stephens-Row and Ken Willingale. Within the rules of the constitution two more people were co-opted onto the committee – Mandy Cook and Barry Wakefield. This election was done en-bloc, proposed by Andrew Gowen and seconded by Sylvia Bond.

8. Any Other Business:

Grant Applications

Village Players – the society has been given the opportunity to buy some costumes at auction and would like a grant of £500 to pay for them. Andrew thought this was an excellent use of community funds and everyone agreed. The grant was proposed by Andrew and seconded by Joan Moore.

Over 60s – unfortunately their outings are not paying as much as they have in the past so their finances are slipping. They have requested a grant of £500. All agreed so it was proposed by Andrew Gowen and seconded by Jeanette Finch.

Nayland Art Group – they would like £200 to assist with the hire charge of the tutors. All agreed so it was proposed by Andrew Gowen and seconded by Tricia Hall.

Expeditions – there are young people in Nayland who like to go on expeditions abroad for educational purposes for which they need money. As yet there have been no grant requests, but it was agreed to support any future requests.

Youth Club – Claire Prescott said that the Youth Club may well be asking for a grant in the near future as their numbers are down and they are threatened with closure. It was agreed to discuss this at the time.

Dates of Meetings – Wednesday 16 June, Monday 20 September, Tuesday 14 December and Monday 7 February 2005. The A.G.M. will be on Tuesday 15 March 2005.