

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 16 June 2004

Apologies: Lindsay Nieuwenhuis, Abbi Knight, Margaret Morse, Eva Rolfe. There were 22 Members present under the Chairmanship of Andrew Gowen.

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 23 February 2004.** These were approved by members and signed by the chairman. There were no matters arising not covered by the Agenda.

2. **Report from the Street Fayre Committee.** A programme of entertainment was circulated to members and details of Village Society and Commercial stall holders was read out and discussed. The planning party was a success and more volunteers recruited but there is still a requirement for more. A final meeting of the Street Fayre Planning Team to finalise arrangements was to take place the following evening.

3. **Community Times.** Members complimented Lorraine Brooks on the standard and quality of the Community Times and Andrew Gowen urged members to get their contributions in for the August edition as soon as possible and not wait for the deadline. Lorraine is planning to feature recipes and other useful hints in future editions and was looking for contributions.

4. **Reports from Village Societies.**

Bowls. Their recent charity day raised £500 for breast cancer; they were entering a lot of competitions and would welcome new members.

Youth club. The Youth Club is in danger of losing support from Suffolk County Council through lack of members which are down to less than 10. They need to have 20 to qualify. The Parish Council is trying in consultation with the Council review this as the numbers are unrealistic for the village which also includes members from Leavenheath. The club is trying to access grants and needs to raise about £1000 per year to keep a Youth worker. The consensus of the meeting was to increase the existing grant of £300 if necessary to keep the club open but it expects the Parish Council make a contribution and to take the lead.

Conservation. Open Gardens made £1600 which was down on last year mainly because there were 6 other village gardens open on the same day. Lea Alston gave an interesting talk about the local middle age woollen industry at their AGM the previous night and their next meeting was a joint one with the hortsoc.

Royal British Legion. They had a very well attended joint meeting with the women's section on Monday night and were planning an outing to either Chatham Dockyard, Dover Castle or Greenwich Maritime Museum in September. The trip will be open to all comers. Their prescription delivery service to people at home was now working and they are making regular deliveries to people in Polstead and Stoke. A member of the Service Committee is also a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

Village Players. Auditions for the Christmas Pantomime 'The 3 musketeers' are taking place on Wed 21 and Sun 25 July and they are looking for more members. They a busy rehearsing their contribution to the Street Fayre.

Women's Institute. They have recruited 3 new members and would like to recruit younger members. They were organising trips to Bury St Edmunds, Tiptree jam factory and Peckover National Trust which were open to non members including men!

Village Hall. Although not represented, it was raised that the hall had been left insecure after last night; the playing field doors had been left open. Members were urged to ensure everything is secure when they leave.

Comments were made that we must try to ensure more societies attend these meeting as there are some notable absences. Our village only prospers if we have an active and supportive community.

5. **Treasurer's Report and Grant Applications.** Alan Machin reported a health balance sheet even after the recent grant allocations. The following Grants were discussed and agreed by the General Committee unanimously as follows:

- a. An allocation of £300 was agreed to Freya Boardman-Pretty for a transworld trip to Thailand in 2005. She has to raise a considerable sum herself and had taken a stall at the Street Fayre. She also helps with the Community Times.
- b. An allocation of £200 was agreed for Tom Everett to attend a Golf training. He has to raise a considerable sum himself, is a fine golfer and has aspirations to become a golf professional.
- c. A request from the Village Hall Committee for £647 to purchase 10 small tables this year and a similar sum for next year was debated. Concern was expressed that the Community Council was becoming a fundraiser for the village hall which is not its purpose and that the village hall committee should also consider its own fundraising activities. It was therefore agreed to match any funding the village hall raises for the tables up to a maximum of £500.

6. **Chairman's Report.** There was nothing to report as everything had been covered.

7. **AOB.** There was none.

8. **Next meetings.** The next meetings are as follows:

Monday 20 September
Tuesday 14 December
Monday 7 February
Tuesday 15 March – the AGM.

Late entry.

We received late apologies from Joan Moore of the Hortsoc and Sylvia Bond who has given the following dates:

- 29.06.04 Gardeners' Question Time
- 09.07.04 Hortsoc Fun Quiz for members only
- 07.08.04 Annual Flower Show
- 21.09.04 Karen Kenny talk on The Magic And Mystery of Herbs
- 09.11.04 Joint meeting with Conservation Society and Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Dr Tim Sparks Is Spring Getting Earlier?