

# NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the General Meeting held on 7 June 2005

**Apologies:** Ken Willingale, Jenny and Bryan Smith, Tricia Hall, Claire Prescott, Paul Watson, Mandy Cook, Kate Bunting, Graham White, Graham Griffiths.

There were 14 Members present under the Chairmanship of Andrew Gowen.

Andrew Gowen welcomed Alan Hodges to his first meeting. Alan had agreed to be co-opted onto the executive and was the Village Hall representative.

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 7 February 2005.** These were approved by members and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.
2. **Activities for rest of Year.**
  - a. **Hog Roast.** It was agreed not hold a Hog roast and the provisional bid for the Village hall was cancelled
  - b. **Bonfire Night.** It was agreed to spend £530 on fireworks. There would be a 20% discount in the form of extra fireworks for early payment.
  - c. **Christmas Bazaar.** This is planned for 3 December. Suggestions for children's fancy dress and other entertainment would be discussed at the September meeting
3. **Community Times.** The Parish Council had decided to enter the Community Times into the annual newsletter competition run by Suffolk Association of Local Councils. Roy Evans reported that he had had 4 volunteers to distribute the Newsletter to Wiston and was grateful for the response.
4. **Village Society reports.**
  - a. **Royal British Legion.** Reported that the prescription delivery service was continuing. £230 was raised at the Coffee Morning.
  - b. **Conservation Society.** Reported that there were 21 gardens open for Open Gardens and proceeds would go to the Meadow Project. The subject for the meeting on 14 June was the River Stour Flood protection arrangements.
  - c. **Horticultural Society.** Reported that it had a good turnout at its AGM thanks to the publicity in the Community Times. £233 was made at the market. The Society has joined up with Polstead and Leavenheath Societies to jointly organise speakers and visits. A number of talks and visits had been organised – 14 June visit to Rosemary's Garden, East Bergholt; 15 June visit to Wisley; 21 June talk on Bonsai at Leavenheath; 19 July a guided walk from Leavenheath starting at 7pm; 6 August the Village Flower Show.
  - d. **Nayland Choir.** Reported a successful quiz in the Anchor and the start of rehearsals on 15 September for the concert version of Gilbert and Sullivan's Iolanthe which will take place on 4 December. The Choir would welcome new members at any time.
  - e. **Village Players.** Reported that auditions for Jane Eyre are on 13 and 17 July in the Church hall and rehearsals start on Thursday evenings from mid September.
  - f. **Youth Club.** Although there was no representative present members complimented the club on the Youth Club's village hall garden which was much appreciated. A late report is at the end of the minutes.
  - g. **Women's Institute.** Some members had set themselves a challenge to walk 90 miles each over a period. 3 walks had already taken place. Outings had been arranged to Southwold and Peckover House

near Wisbeach. A mini-market was taking place on 25 June from 10-12 and a garden party is being organised at Parkers in August

h. **Over 60's.** Reported that £196 was raised at their Coffee Morning which took place on a Thursday and they were considering moving future events to Saturday. An outing to Great Yarmouth is to take place on 16 June and there were seats at £10 still available. Although not part of the Club, the over 60's lunch was a great success and they have been planned every month for the rest of the year.

i. **Bowls club.** Reported that 140 were competing at their Bowls Day on Sunday and the £482 raised was to go to the Lymphoma Association. The outside competitors were very appreciative and impressed by the Village Hall. The team participates in a weekly competition with local teams and is currently lying second.

j. **Village hall.** Reported that the Jean Jones legacy had been spent on a better cooker in the kitchen and a tea urn. Problems over the hot water system were being solved.

k. **Church hall.** A table top sale was to be held on 16 July to raise money for crockery for the over 60's lunch. Some £350 had been spent on extra crockery to provide for up to 40 diners.

l. **Nayland and Wiston Website.** In his letter of apology for not attending, Graham asked the members to note that the web site had received 27,000 hits in 2 years which was very good for a village site. The Chairman invited members and societies to make much more use of the web site as a means of publicising events and passing on information.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** In the absence of Paul Watson there was no report.

6. **Grant Applications.**

a. A grant of £300 to Michael Hewes towards the cost of participating in an expedition to the Himalayas and Rajasthan as part of the World Challenge in 2006 was approved.

b. A grant of £150 to the Primary School towards the cost of material to make a Father Christmas outfit was agreed. The costume would be available for use by all village Societies.

c. A grant request to support two people running in the Edinburgh marathon to raise money for Amnesty International was not agreed.

d. A grant of up to £200 to the Church hall to help purchase extra crockery for the Over 60's Lunches was agreed.

7. **Chairman's Report .** There was no report.

8. **AOB.** It was agreed to use the Community Council report in the Community Times to publicise longer term events and plans.

9. **Next Meetings.** Meetings for the coming year were provisionally agreed ( all start at 8pm with the Executive meeting at 7.30pm)

Monday 19 September	General meeting
Monday 5 December	General meeting
Monday 6 February 2006	General meeting
Monday 13 March 2006	AGM.

## Report for Nayland with Wissington Community Council 7<sup>th</sup> June 2005

### Activities

In order to capitalise on the warmer weather, longer sunlight hours and the change in policy to holding youth club during the holidays the theme for the term is "The countryside / outdoor pursuits". So far the planned activities have worked well apart from the planned meadows visit, which was called off due to heavy rain. The youth club garden is slowly taking shape with excellent input mainly from the girls, this has been helped by input from Hazel a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable Gardner who when asked offered her services.

The plan for later in the year is to camp locally for one night and the activities will start to reflect the preparation for this, the idea is to link with Boxford youth club for the camping activity, however there are concerns that the level of red tape planning in order to execute an activity like this for one night may swamp the resources we have.

### Numbers

Numbers of young people have remained stable around an average of 12.

### Staff

Staff remains at Lenka and Mark but have had fairly regular input from Hazel Carpenter, mainly in relation to the garden, but she has offered her help in other ways.

Staff moral has improved now that the future of the youth club has been mapped out. New input into the management committee, improvements in communication have contributed to this, but there are still some issues around communication, which are being addressed.

### General

The plan to open the youth club during school holidays has been put in to practice and needs to be reviewed at some point as to its success.

There are concerns about the continued lack of support of parents for the youth club. However if the lottery bid for a consultation day is successful we expect to raise awareness and the profile of the youth club leading to more people and young people being involved.

### Funding

We have joined Suffolk Young People's Club with the objective of linking in for fundraising and support.

We have put in a bid for "Award for All" which is a small lottery grant which if successful will fund a consultation day on 23<sup>rd</sup> July (provisionally booked subject to funding). The consultation day is aimed at young people in the district and will essentially be a fun day that will gain views on how the young people in the district would like to shape the youth club. The information gained will allow us then to apply for a Lottery Grant which would fund the youth club over the next three years.

We have a number of events planned for fundraising for this year including a car boot sale and a salsa evening. The young people suggested an afternoon tea for the bowls club and these ideas are being explored.