

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 September 2005

Apologies: Jenny and Bryan Smith, Mark Stevens Row, Eva Rolfe.

There were 23 Members present under the Chairmanship of Andrew Gowen.

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 7 June 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.. **Bonfire Night.** Arrangements were finalised with:
 - Andrew Gowen organising posters and publicity
 - David George organising the gate and lighting
 - Alan Hodges leading on the barbecue; getting ingredients and Tricia Hall, Mandy Cook and others to help out on the night
 - Iain Wright to lead on the bonfire and setting off fireworks
 - Andrew Gowen to collect fireworks; liaise with Fred Bugg; provide the wine and soft drinks to be sold.
 - b. **Christmas Bazaar.** This is planned for 3 December. The next Community Council meeting is being brought forward to 14 November to enable planning for this event to be finalised. The aim is:
 - To have fewer raffles and Tombolas
 - More children activities including games
 - Societies to forward ideas to Andrew Gowen soonest.
 - Children's Christmas card competition and possibly fancy dress
 - Andrew Gowen to organise posters and publicity
 - c. **Village Quiz – Friday 3 March 2006.** The winning team from last year from the Conservation Society had agreed to set the questions.
3. **Street Fayre.** The meeting unanimously supported a Street Fayre in 2006. It was agreed to hold it on Sunday 16 July. It would be run by the Community Council Executive with support from Society members. The first meeting of the Fayre Committee would take place immediately after the next Community Council General Meeting on 14 November. The theme had yet to be decided but Bastille Day was suggested but other ideas should be passed to Andrew Gowen.
4. **Community Times.** The Treasurer reported an increase in advertising revenue and it is because of the Community Times success that the Community Council accounts will break even this year even after payments of grants. He felt that much credit should go to Lorraine Brooks and Anna Boon for this great achievement.
5. **New Licence Arrangements for Village and Church Halls.** (shown as a separate item because of its importance).
 - a. Iain Wright explained that the Village Hall had applied for the new Licence under the new laws which required him to be noted as the premises supervisor as responsible for the Village hall and there was a requirement to have a licence holder present at all functions where alcohol was being supplied. He as premises supervisor did not have to be present at such functions but would be the first person approached by the Police if things go wrong.. He felt that those Village Societies that regularly had functions involving alcohol should provide their own Licence Holder. This will require training that will cost £150 each. The Village Players and Conservation Society were two such societies that need their own licence holder. It was agreed that the Community Council could provide the cost of the training for the licence holders. For other societies who want occasional use of the serving of alcohol; they could apply to Babergh for a Temporary Event Notice(TEN) costing £21. The Village hall was limited to 12 TENs a year.
 - b. Andrew Gowen said that the Church Hall had never been Licensed and on advice from Babergh it was unlikely that licensing was necessary although this needs to be confirmed by the Church Hall Committee when it meets later this month. The Temporary Events Notice system would cover the few occasions that alcohol was involved in functions held there, although the cost might put societies off!
6. **Village Society reports.**
 - a. **Royal British Legion.** Reported that the prescription delivery service was continuing. It is hoped that members of the village would attend the planting of an oak tree to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the defeat of the French and Spanish fleets off Cape Trafalgar on 21 October 1805 on Sunday 23 October after the

morning service. It would take place on the recreational ground close to the Anchor Bridge and the tree would be planted by the Revd. Brian Watling a former Naval Officer.

Please note that the Poppy Appeal Coffee morning in the Church Hall was on 29 October.

b. **Conservation Society.** Asked if people could stay on the footpaths when walking round the meadow project – they had now been cleared. The meeting on the 10 October was on British War Artists by Michael Cope and should be very interesting.

c. **Horticultural Society.** Had a very successful Flower show which was enhanced by the contribution made by local children. They were grateful for the support from the village.

d. **Nayland Choir.** The rehearsals for the concert version of Gilbert and Sullivan's Iolanthe had gone well which augers well for the production which will take place on 4 December. The Choir would welcome new members at any time.

e. **Village Players.** The Jane Eyre production had been cast and rehearsals were in full swing for the play to be held on 24, 25, 26 November with a matinee performance on the Saturday. They had won 3 awards at the 'local Oscar' (Local Theatre Guild) award ceremony; David Knight best Actor; Mary Moriati best production and 3 Musketeers best costume. The meeting congratulated them.

f. **Youth Club.** It will survive on present resources until March but there was still a lack of support from children(averaging 6 per session) and parents. A number of events in the Summer Holidays had been cancelled through lack of support. A salsa evening was planned on 21 October and they were actively applying for grants to keep the show on the road. Andrew Gowen said the Community Council would continue to support the club financially but it really was up to the parents. It was suggested the Club might like to get involved with Carpet Bowls particularly as the local team were Suffolk Champions!

g. **Women's Institute.** Strongly supported the Street Fayre and wanted to provide Baguettes and drinks. Thanked the Gowens for the use of their garden for their summer garden meeting. Elizabeth Ellis was speaking on 'House Plant Style' at their October meeting and they were organising a 'Blue Water' shopping trip on 1 November and there may be seats available for non WI members. They wanted to book a table for the Christmas Bazaar.

h. **Over 60's Luncheon Club.** Ken Willingale sounded the praises of the monthly lunches provided at very small cost to elders of the village and said how much it was appreciated.

i. **Bowls Club.** Reported that they had won their League and then won the match with all the other league winners and were now Suffolk champions. The meeting congratulated them on a fantastic performance.

7. **Treasurer's Report.** Paul Watson projected a break even at the end of the year helped by the increased revenue from the Community Times but it depended on a successful bonfire night and Christmas bazaar. If we were to continue to provide grants at the present level we needed to increase income next year. Although the council funds stood at £12000 approximately this itself provided an income and a comfortable level of security and it was available for a big village project in the future.

8. **Grant Applications.** There were none

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

10. **Next Meetings.** Meetings were agreed (all start at 8pm with the Executive meeting at 7.30pm)

Monday 14 November 2005	General meeting
Monday 6 February 2006	General meeting
Monday 13 March 2006	AGM.