

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 30 January 2006

Apologies: Ken Willingale, Tricia Hall, Chris Hunt, Barry and Elizabeth Wakefield, Iain Wright
There were 19 Members present under the Chairmanship of Andrew Gowen.

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 14 November 2005.** These were approved by members and signed by the Chairman. The following matters arising were discussed.

- The Christmas bazaar made £246.00.
- The Suffolk digital cinema network proposal had been referred to the Village hall Management Committee
- It was agreed to spend more on Christmas tree decorations and a reliable timer.

2. **Village Quiz 3 March 2006.** Last Year's successful team from the Conservation Society were setting the questions and providing markers. Jenny Smith agreed to buy the prizes; Ken Willingale had agreed to run the raffle; Andrew Gowen to put up the Posters; Bryan Smith agreed to arrange for the PA Equipment to be available. It was agreed to start setting up the Hall at 7pm. Members were reminded that participants should register their interest as soon as possible and that they must bring their own refreshments.

3. **Street Fayre.** It will take place on Sunday 16 July 2006 and the theme will be Storming of the Basille/ French Revolution. The Community Council Executive with other volunteers is planning the event and a meeting was taking place immediately after this meeting. The following was discussed:

- Involve the White Hart and Josephine.
- Village Players and Village Choir are planning to participate
- Boules was suggested.
- Ferrets
- No fancy dress show but the participants should dress up appropriately.
- The Clog Dances had agreed to participate

4. **Community Times.** Articles by members of the village were appreciated particularly the one on the Nayland Railway plans. It was agreed to ask the Post office to hold spare copies for interested people from Leavenheath and other local villages. Shirley Scarlett from the WI asked if she could have 3 spare copies to give to her members from Leavenheath.

5. **Nayland First Response Team.** Andrew Gowen explained that 'First Response' consists of volunteers who are trained to operate oxygen equipment and defibrators to help people suffering heart attacks. They are called out by the ambulance in an emergency and go to the incident to give immediate assistance until the ambulance arrives. The scheme is run by East Anglian Ambulance who provide the training. They advise that there needs to be a co-ordinator and at least 5 volunteers for the scheme to work although the more volunteers the better. The majority of schemes have 10 – 15 members. Training takes place over three weekends and there is occasional follow up training. Volunteers over 70 years are not covered by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust insurance but they are not excluded as long as they undergo a medical and accept their lack of insurance cover.

There was a very positive discussion and a unanimous view that the Village should organise such a service. Members were asked to go back to their societies and discuss the idea and report back. Before the scheme can be taken further we need to ensure there are sufficient potential volunteers.

6. **Society Reports.**

- a. **Village Players.** *An Inspector Calls* is the next production 6-8 April. Casting was complete but help is required backstage. Contact Bryan Smith if there is interest. They are preparing to participate in the Street Fayre.

- b. **Youth Club.** This has lost one of the paid staff and parents are working hard to raise money for a second member of staff. The Community Council confirmed its commitment to continue to pay for the village hall hire.
 - c. **Choir.** Is preparing for an evening of music with Beethoven at Nayland Church on 30 April and they will be participating in the Street Fayre.
 - d. **Conservation Soc.** Reported that the path on the meadow project was being regraded to encourage people to stay on it and avoid walking on the parts seeded with wild flowers. At its AGM on the 14 March Lucy Archer will be talking about local architecture. Open gardens is on 11 June 2-6pm and Alston Court will be participating.
 - e. **Over 60's.** Nothing to report as there was no meeting in January. They had a very successful Christmas party.
 - f. **Royal British Legion.** Reported a very successful joint Christmas party with the Women's section. Some 40 widows of ex servicemen were visited and received Christmas boxes from the Branch. The prescription delivery service continues.
 - g. **Horticultural Society.** Its AGM is on 18 April and a programme has been organised as follows:
 - 22 February "A Place For Plants" at East Bergholt (£10 bus and £ 4.50 lunch)
 - 26 April Sandringham (Bus £12; £8 entrance)
 - 20 May Morning Market
 - 5 August Flower Show
- Contact Joan Moore on 262721 if you are interested.

The Society expressed an interest in participating in the **Anglia in Bloom Competition** in 2007 and was seeking more information about it. If it enters, it will need support from other societies, Community Council and the Parish Council. It could be a great boost for the Village.

- h. **Play Group.** Members noted its plans for a new building and the Community Council agreed to provide at least £2000 to help equip the new building and would await a grant application in due course.
- i. **School/HAS.** Is planning a fun morning on 6 May; Fete on 17 June and Summer Ball on 30 June.
- k. **WI.** Mary Fairhead was giving a talk on 'A Year in the Life of Mayor of Colchester' at an open meeting on 20 February. The birthday party is on 20 March at which there will be Country dancing and it plans to produce baguettes and tea at the Street Fayre.
- l. **Bowls Club.** Was top of the winter League so far and was organising its charity event on the 4 June.

7. **Treasurer's Report.** The accounts were in for audit but the end of year results show a total worth of some £14,000 of which £830 was in the form of a loan to the parish. A surplus of £1100 was made on the year after all the grants had been paid.

8. **Grants.** £2000 was earmarked for the Playgroup new building in due course. The Youth Club would continue to have help in the costs of hiring the Village hall and it was noted that the Village hall will be applying for a grant to support the subsidy being given to Village societies in the form of a reduced hiring fee. It cost the Hall £10.61 for every hour the Hall was hired out last year and the societies were paying £5/£6 per hour.

9. **Village Hall Gardens.** It was agreed that Saturday 8 April from 9am is nominated as the day societies would work on their gardens at the village hall.

10. **Date of next Meetings.**

AGM 8pm 13 March 2006 at the Church hall. There would be an executive meeting at 7.30pm

PLEASE NOTE WE NEED A SECRETARY FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL. VOLUNTEERS SHOULD CONTACT ANDREW GOWEN 262534.