

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on 13 November 2006

There were 18 members present under the Chairmanship of Alan Hodges who extended welcome to those present.

Apologies: Mark Stephens-Rowe

Matters Arising - A correction pointed out by Iain Wright was made to the Minutes taken on 26 September last. He said it was not intended that the Community Council fund the current maintenance work necessary on the Village Hall, but was suggesting that a stream of funding should spread across the village. The Community Council and Parish Council should see how this should be apportioned. The Minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising not on the Agenda:

- (i) **Emergency First Response –Andrew Gowen:** Ten people had signed up for training but in reality this was not enough. However all were very enthusiastic. The process of applying to the Criminal Record Bureau was tedious but if photocopies of the necessary documents were given to Andrew he would forward to the Ambulance Trust. Funding had been identified for a defibrillator and support given by a local Rotary Club. Brian Watling is Chairman of the Emergency First Response in Nayland with, at present Andrew Gowen as Co-ordinator. Ken Willingale reported a collapse at the recent Village Lunch. Had a local team been available the waiting time for attention would have been halved.
- (ii) **ANGLIA IN BLOOM – Joan Moore:** In spite of winning two awards in this years competition, the initiative needed to be built on communally. To continue to be an entrant could enhance village life involving all organisations and young people. The school was a particularly enthusiastic participant. Litter picking would be better treated as ongoing rather than ‘on the day’ and dealt with through the organisations. A strong motivator was needed to lead the project forward and Chris Hunt had volunteered. As District Councillor and one in possession of a wealth of background knowledge of Nayland he would be an ideal candidate. Chris said he would seek out people with commitment willing to assist him.

Correspondence: The Chairman had received acknowledgement and thanks from both the Nayland County Primary School and Stoke Middle School for a donation of £100 each by the Community Council for their participation in the Street Fayre.

Community Times – Lorraine Brooks: The deadline for the next issue is Monday 20th November. The possibility of putting the Community Times on the website is still being pursued. Lorraine said that it would be a very large file; advertisements would be included and suggested that should this be the case, the Community Council considers an increase in tariff given the increased exposure advertisers would receive.

Feedback on Bonfire Night: Considered the best ever with plaudits by the village for a delightful display of fireworks. Good weather attracted a larger crowd and money taken on the gates was up; there had been good sales of hot dogs, wine and sparkling necklaces, etc. Grateful thanks to families of Committee Members who had given support. Letters of thanks had been sent to Mr Bugg who had built and lit the bonfire, also to Ivan Kerridge who had supplied the sausages for hotdogs with a very good discount. It was pointed out that after this year a local village was dropping their Bonfire Night event possibly suggesting more visitors to Nayland next year.

Treasurer's Report – Bryan Smith: As a result of Bonfire Night there was a surplus of £833.4p added to funds. There had been an increase in entry monies and sales profits had also risen. A grant of £2,000 had been given to the Playgroup. Claire Prescott enquired of the large sum of money in the current account and was informed that this was only temporary but that the Treasurer would maximise the Deposit Account interest.

SOCIETY NEWS

Playgroup – Tricia Hall: The fund set up for the new building to accommodate the Playgroup had reached £5,000. A successful visit to the group had been made by parliamentary candidate Tim Yeo who stated in a letter of thanks that he was much impressed by their attitude to fund raising. A Business Plan was currently being drawn up. Recently the County Primary School had hosted a meeting led by the Wrap Around Primary Care body who would ultimately be responsible for a grant. They were interested in the establishment of a Breakfast Club, After School Care, Adult Learning provision, the need and supervision of such activities and the response to this by the Community. The meeting had not been well attended possibly because of rather unsuitable timing.

The next fund raising event would be the second Salon Morning on Saturday 9 December.

British Legion – David George: The medicine run continued satisfactorily, and transport arranged at very short notice for a Nayland resident for an emergency blood test. About 40 people came to the two minutes silence and prayers at the War Memorial on Armistice Day. Each year the number grows because of the concern felt for our troops serving in Baghdad and in Afghanistan. It was good to see representation from the Cubs, Scouts and Brownies at the Remembrance Day Parade. The service was well attended and the vicar, Kit Gray gave an appreciated family address. The missing men's standard was at the Royal Albert Hall being presented at the Festival of Remembrance.

Choir – Elizabeth Wakefield: Accompanying the choir at their performance of The Messiah on 3 December would be a 16-piece orchestra. Rehearsals were well under way and the number attending rehearsals had been well maintained. It was hoped this level of commitment would be upheld for the spring concert. Performances at Nayland House and for the Group Meeting of the WI in October had been well received.

WI – Elizabeth Wakefield: The next planned event of the WI would be the AGM On Monday 20 November 2006.

Village Players – Jenny Smith: In spite of colds and other illnesses afflicting the cast, rehearsals forged ahead, tickets were selling well and it was thought the panto, Aladdin, would be performed well up to traditional standards and expectations.

Hort Soc – Joan Moore: The talk in September by Karen Kenny, who is an able and amusing speaker, was much enjoyed by all who attended. Gifts of a seasonal nature were requested for the Hort Soc stall at the Christmas Bazaar.

Carpet Bowls – Sylvia Bond: After being promoted the team were lying around the centre of the 1st Division and generally pleased with current performance. The Secretary was asked to ensure that Eva Rolfe and Margaret Moore received a copy of the Community Council's minutes. The Secretary undertook to update the record of those who needed a hard copy of minutes to ensure all societies were kept informed.

Conservation Society – John Dowding: No one had come forward at the last Committee Meeting for Anglia in Bloom. The Chairman requested that the Society look at this again. Professor Jules Pretty was the speaker at the Joint Meeting on 14 November. The AGM had been arranged for 13 March 2007, and dates for future events including the launch of Lee Alstone's book had been established.

Village Hall – Iain Wright: There had been a magnificent response by the Village Players to a recent flood in one of the WCs. Booking of the hall was at a reasonable level. Liaison with BT for a terminal for a portable PC to be used under supervision by the Youth Club was underway. There had been a nil response by Societies (including the Community Council) concerning a portable PA system for the village hall but all agreed one was needed. It would also be an attractive feature in hiring the hall. Proposed by Iain Wright, seconded by Barry Wakefield that the provision of a simple, solely internal system be investigated. Nick Moriaty and Bryan Smith

to do. Responsibility of the system to be discussed with the Village Hall Management Committee.

Youth Club – Andrew Gowen: Andrew informed the Committee that the cost for hall bookings by the Youth Club amounted to £525 annually.

Community Council – Ken Willingale: A reminder to the Committee that the Community Council had been set up 40 years ago and Ken had prepared an article on this for the Community Times. Was this occasion for a celebration? The Committee thought that the next AGM might be an appropriate time.

Christmas Bazaar: Mark Stephens-Rowe and Tricia Hall do bulk of organisation and Mark to supervise arrangements on morning of 2nd December. The entrance fee to be 50p and children free. Support was needed by family and friends. There was some discussion over the difficulty of finding suitable gifts over a range of ages for Father Christmas to hand out, and at a suitable price, BSI approved, etc. It was decided in any case to lower the price of a visit to Santa's grotto to £1. At this point Barry Wakefield was formally thanked for past services in this office and a welcome extended to David George his successor. Pam and John Baker to be asked to again arrange the grotto. There were to be the usual attractions Mulled wine – Alan Hodges, Raffle Ken Willingale and Roy Evans and the committee was asked to provide raffle prizes. The cost to societies per table remained at £25. It was proposed to ask Emma Hughes or Mandy Cook if they would provide some musical entertainment as this had been very much appreciated in the past.

Christmas Tree – Claire Prescott to deal. Date of setting up Sunday 10 December at 9am. Iain Wright to provide cherry picker. Jenny Smith requested the provision of new lights. It was considered a key would be made available by Chapmans for electricity supply. Bryan Smith to liaise.

Grants – There were no applications for grants this time.

Chairman's Report – The Chairman acknowledged the help given at events by people not serving on the Community Council. This assistance was much appreciated. The Chairman considered two more serving members were necessary on the Executive, one to replace Mandy Cook who had resigned. It was necessary to build a platform on an already sound base of help at events overburdening of responsibility for some members was already evident. Here was an opportunity for the Youth Club or other young representative to come forward.

The Village Hall was to become a venue for the Suffolk Digital Cinema Service. Two people would need training in managing equipment and the first trial film show was planned for February. Film evenings, he remarked, opened up a number of opportunities socially and he hoped for success in the venture. Membership of the Network was free.

There had been a poor response to the garden morning in October. This should perhaps be reviewed again on how best to deal but to ensure there is enough publicity.

The Chairman hoped the Christmas tree and the singing of carols would provoke and encourage a good Christmas atmosphere.

Future Events – The hall had been booked for the quiz on 2nd March 2007 – Chairman to liaise with booking secretary on AGM, Bonfire Night, etc for 2007. To discuss in spring s summer event for 2008.

AOB – There was no other business.

Date of next Meeting - Wednesday 24 January 2007, Church Hall.