

**BRIEF NOTES FROM THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2007.**

18 Members were present under the Chairmanship of Alan Hodges.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November were agreed.

First Response. Andrew Gowen reported that 13 members of the village had successfully completed First Response training at the primary school over the last 2 weekends and it was hoped the team would become operational in the next few weeks. More volunteers were still required if it is to achieve 24 hour coverage over 7 days and another course was planned in April. People interested should contact him without delay. The meeting agreed to allocate the First Response team £400 to purchase basic equipment and it was agreed the Team should come under the auspices of the Community Council who would manage its finances.

Nayland in Bloom. The meeting still has to find an organiser if the village is to participate in 2007. A person needs to be identified by 12 March and members were asked to go out and recruit potential volunteers. Any volunteer interested should contact Joan Moore.

PA system. A decision on the PA System for the Village Hall still needs to be made.

Treasurer's Report. Accounts for 2006 still have to be finalised and Bryan Smith reported that some £3250 had been allocated in Grants; income was some £5000 and there had been a surplus of some £2000 on the year. Assets for the fund were some £15000. He felt that there needs to be more publicity about the ability of the Community Council to provide grants to village people and organisations.

Community Council. Lorraine Brooks asked that future meetings should be linked to the publication deadlines for the Community Times to ensure its activities are properly reported. She was still investigating with Graham Griffiths the feasibility of publishing the Community Times on the Nayland and Wissington Web site

Christmas Bazaar. Every body involved were thanked for their contribution. It was agreed that in future participating village societies should only pay £5 for the table and would not have to pay a contribution of their profits. The event was a money raising opportunity for the village societies.

Christmas Tree. This was considered to be very successful and the lights worked well. The meeting expressed thanks to the organisers and to Chapman's for providing the power.

Village Quiz. This is taking place on Friday 2 March and it is important that it gets support from societies and individuals. It was agreed to provide a clearing for people who want to participate but cannot make a team.

Suffolk Digital Cinema. The Village Hall hopes to organise its first film show in the middle of March and the meeting felt that this was a very worthwhile initiative which needs to be supported.

Chairman's Report. In winding up the meeting Alan Hodges:

- Hoped that we could have more representation at future meetings. It was important for the Village to have a strong Community Council.
- There were still vacancies for those interested to join the Executive Committee.
- Congratulated David George on his good citizen award from Babergh District Council and his comments were strongly supported by the meeting.