

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held on 12 March 2007
Chaired by Alan Hodges

Apologies: Margaret Moore, Diana Whiting, Eva Rolfe, Sylvia Bond, Daphne Berry, Lorraine Brooks, Chris Hunt

The minutes of AGM 2006 were adopted as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Community Council once again has had a successful year and grown with new initiatives.

April saw the Village Societies coming together to restore the Village Hall garden after the winter. On a warm July morning as we keenly set off on route to Anglia in Bloom which ended in a blooming Silver Award. We were also judged best new entry. Congratulations and thanks to Joan Moore for her hard work. Unfortunately the impetus will be lost as we are not participating this year.

In July, the weather was excellent for the Street Fayre which had once again been superbly planned by Andrew Gowen and was rewarded with real success.

September brought the second of our new initiatives. Again, led by Andrew and under the Chairmanship of his Honour Judge Watling, a First Response Group finally got underway. Training followed in the autumn and, although still short of the required number, but those participating can feel proud they are making a real contribution to the village.

As usual, November started ablaze as our Bonfire Night, again blessed with good weather. The fireworks were a superb standard and we are grateful to Iain Wright and Andrew for organising the fireworks, the Bugg family for managing the bonfire, and Bryan and Jenny Smith for providing the hot dogs.

No sooner had Bonfire Night lost its sparkle, than the Christmas Bazaar was upon us. We are grateful to Mark Stephens-Row and Trish Hall for organising the event and to Father Christmas and his elf who provided the entertainment.

Finally we have come full square to the Quiz, which this year was won by the 4 Square Team. Once again, a big thank you to all those who supported in organising the evening, marking the questions and putting away at the end.

The Community Council has continued to support the Youth Club and will continue to fund the Club's use of the Hall. We also made a major donation to the Playgroup. We also made donations to Nayland Primary School and Stoke by Nayland Middle School as a gesture of appreciation for their performance during the Street Fayre.

A growing success continues to be the Community Times. Thanks to Lorraine Brooks, the editions are as strong as ever and another new initiative has been to incorporate the magazine onto the Nayland and Wiston website. Our thanks go to Graham Griffiths for his help in achieving this. Thanks also to Anna Boon who has successfully developed the advertising revenue, Brenda Smith's team at the Sixth Form College and the distribution team led by Roy Evans who get the magazine onto our doorsteps so quickly.

We should also express our appreciation to Bryan Smith who took over the role of Treasurer at short notice.

Finally I would like to thank all the Committee members, members of the Village Societies, and also an often forgotten team which are the partners who are also 'persuaded' to help out. Although there are some indications to the contrary, I hope that this level of commitment and support can be carried through to the coming year. I would like to thank our President, Ken Willingale, whose quiet word I have often taken and followed.

The Community Council continues to grow in terms of its scope and its fundraising.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported a healthy balance of £15,759 in the account.

Grants totalling £3,250 had been allocated during the year. He thanked Richard Cave who had signed off the accounts.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Andrew Gowen and seconded by Joan Moore.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Ken Willingale, Vice President Roy Evans, Chairman Alan Hodges, Vice Chairman Jenny Smith, Secretary Hazel Gardiner, Treasurer Bryan Smith,

Individual Members: Lorraine Brooks, Barry Wakefield and Iain Wright.

Executive Committee: The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are ex-officio members. The following were elected as members: Roy Evans, David George, Tricia Hall, Jenny Smith, Claire Prescott, Mark Stephens-Row, Barry Wakefield, Lorraine Brooks, Joan Moore, Andrew Gowen and Ken Willingale.

Society Representatives: David George, Royal British Legion; Tricia Hall, Teresa Moriarty, Playgroup; Jo Eldridge, Choir; Deborah Hodges, Village Players; John Dowding, Conservation Society; Joan Moore, Sylvia Bond, Horticultural Society; Andrew Gowen, Village Hall, First Response; Roy Evans, St James; Shirley Scarlett, Nayland WI; Daphne Berry, Art Group; Eva Rolfe, Over 60's; Margaret Moore, Bowls Club.

The Legal Advisor is Suffolk Acre and the Parish Council Representative Bryan Smith

The meeting congratulated David George on being nominated Citizen of the Year.

FUTURE MEETINGS

All to be held on Mondays – 14 May, 16 July, 17 September, 19 November, 27 January 2008, AGM 10 March 2008

A GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWED THE AGM:

PA System: it was agreed to spend £1,000 on installing a new PA system in the village hall to include speakers round the hall, a link to the hearing loop and two microphones.

Digital Cinema: Alan Hodges said the first digital cinema performance would be held on April 13 when it was hoped to show *The Queen*.

Quiz Night: Jenny Smith reported another successful Quiz Night which raised £199.68.

Anglia in Bloom: Joan Moore said that no one could be found to lead and follow up last years success when Nayland had secured two awards, therefore, the initiative would lapse this year.

Emergency First Response: Andrew Gowen said the team would be operational from 1st April and would be alerted via 999 emergency calls through the Communicator on duty.

Community Times: Andrew Gowen appealed for an additional proof reader for the rota and Barry Wakefield kindly offered his services. Andrew reminded members that the Community Times could now be viewed/downloaded from www.naylandandwiston.net.

Village Hall: The Chairman reported that a business plan was being drawn up for long term maintenance. The Village Hall Committee are embarking on their first fund raising event in July. Offers of help have been received from the Village Players and profits from Village Lunches. Future Film Evenings will benefit the Village Hall.

Playgroup: Tricia Hall reported that fund raising is ongoing. Teresa Moriarty thanked the Community Council for its valued support. She outlined how the new playgroup would expand; this included an Early Birds Club, Lunch Club, Ducklings Class, and an After School Club. The Community Council unanimously agreed a further pledge of £2,000 to the Playgroup.

Village Hall Garden: The next gardening morning will be Saturday 14th April.

The meeting closed with a glass of wine and photograph to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Nayland with Wissington Community Council.