

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on 16 July 2007

There were 14 members present under the Chairmanship of Alan Hodges.

Apologies: Daphne Berry, Shirley Scarlett, Trish Hall, Mark Stephens-Row, Lorraine Brooks.

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Mrs Pat Fuller as representative of the Parish Council.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May — There were no issues of accuracy and nothing arising not dealt with on the Agenda.

Village Hall Gardens: Andrew Gowen reported good response by Societies for the tidy-up prior to Open Gardens. Well supported and a good effort. The last tidying up of 2007 morning to be on 6 October.

Correspondence: A letter had been received from Babergh District Council inviting a representative of the Community Council to attend a meeting on Monday, 23 July 2007 to discuss how to centralise grant applications which at present have no single point of reference. Chairman to attend and report back to September meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The annual update on the Trustees of the Community Council had been completed and returned to the Charity Commissioners.

The treasurer reported a healthy balance after several large outgoings previously agreed by the Community Council. One thousand, two hundred and twelve pounds (£1,212) had been placed in the deposit account on behalf of Nayland Emergency First Response and the interest would be apportioned. Congratulations were offered to the EFR on the financial results of its launch. Andrew Gowen thanked the Community Council for allowing the EFR money to be held in its account rather than in that of the East Anglian Ambulance Trust.

Community Times: The Chairman said he would write a letter of thanks to Anna Boon, the retiring Advertising Co-ordinator for the Community Times wishing her good luck in her final studies for a History of Arts degree. He said it seemed highly likely that her replacement could be announced at the September meeting.

The reviewer for the next issue of the Community Times would be Pat Bray.

Feedback on:

- (i) **PA System** -The system was now operational and had cost £1,300. It was simple to use and comprised a radio and a lapel mike and 4 speakers fixed into the hall. It was agreed that the VHMC to whom it had been handed over be responsible for its use. Iain Wright, Chairman of the VHMC, had given verbal thanks — a formal letter would follow.
- (ii) **DigitalCinema** -Ninety people had attended 'The History Boys' and the Chairman considered Digital Cinema to be a superb community event. It was proposed to have an Hawaiian Evening on 28 July showing "South Pacific"(song sheets provided) and it was hoped that the audience would enter into the spirit. Hawaiian cocktails would be on sale. The cost of £4 per ticket to these film evenings, which included coffee/tea and biscuits, was considered excellent value.

REPORTS FROM VILLAGE SOCIETIES (a brief outline of coming events and issues)

Royal British Legion — Dave George: Two members were covering prescription deliveries. There had been one emergency call and the patient had been taken to hospital for treatment and returned home.

Playgroup: There was no representative from the Playgroup, but it was understood that the planning application has been submitted and some refinement required. Bryan Smith said he would like the Community Council to have early sight of the plans even if subject to change since it had made a major contribution to the scheme.

Village Players — Jenny Smith: The Village Players were providing an evening of light entertainment in the form of a Music Hall on Saturday, 22 September. Tickets would be on sale at the end of August. All money raised from the production would go to the VHMC.

Although audiences were smaller for “Wildest Dreams”, the play was deemed a success. Claire Prescott queried whether the advertising posters for this play had been a “put-off”.

Conservation Society — John Dowding: Future events and speakers were outlined. On 9 October, a Day School including lunch would be held in Nayland prior to the launch of Lee Alston’s book on Timber Framed Buildings — many of which were in Nayland. The published book would not be available on this occasion, but books could be ordered prior to the launch at this event. (The Community Council awarded a grant of £500 towards publication last May and all money taken at Open Gardens this year had been donated to this end.)

A parish hedgerow survey was currently being carried out by Terry Bannister, Jeanette Finch and others.

Emergency First Response — Andrew Gowen: Andrew reported that currently there were 15 trained members and two awaiting training. He expressed gratitude for overwhelming financial support they had received from the community. There was enough money in hand to cover training needs. Coverage of 24 hours, 7 days a week was rather difficult on account of the small number of volunteers. Andrew stressed that the amount of time given by volunteers was entirely flexible. The number of call-outs had fallen in recent weeks.

It was enquired whether young people of sixth-form age could volunteer. The reply was in the affirmative providing they could drive.

Horticultural Society — Joan Moore: The annual Flower Show would take place on Saturday, 4 August. No reply had been received to date from the new parish clerk concerning the invitation to her to present the cups.

WI: The Secretary read a letter to the meeting from the President outlining the proposed programme stretching into the autumn.

Choir — Barry Wakefield: Rehearsals for the Christmas concert would commence on 13 September. The concert planned for 9 December would consist of Christmas music and readings.

Village Hall — Andrew Gowen: The need for extra savings for major repairs and future development was endorsed by Andrew. Recently the Royal British Legion had made a contribution of and Andrew himself was congratulated on raising £900 from his plant stall for village hall funds. However a fund was necessary for donations and bequests which could only be accessed with agreement by both the Parish and Community Councils. It was pointed out that many charities relied on legacies for their funding. A gift day was suggested or an event sponsored by the CC placing the village hall in the forefront of people’s minds. This would be reviewed by the Executive prior to the next meeting

Grant Applications: There were none submitted.

Chairman’s Report: The Chairman remarked on an observation made by a speaker for SAAFA recently that amazing things were done each week by the small endeavours of organisations which in turn effected large rewards. This definitely applied to the many organisations in Nayland. He said outsiders were amazed at the vibrancy displayed through the village’s impressively numerous activities. Touching on the Street Fayre, Alan said there had been four very successful events raising around £2,000 on each occasion, but, as Andrew had pointed out, most of the benefit was to outside stall holders while many of the village’s organisations struggled to aspire to yet another fundraiser. A hog roast and barn dance had been suggested, children, choir, VPs etc, to be invited to participate; an event for the people of Nayland, even though the profit margin would be less. Societies were asked to reflect and report back to the September meeting.

Regarding **Bonfire Night**, 5 November — the fireworks had been ordered and paid for and this to be further discussed at the September meeting.

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: 17 September in the Church Hall at 8.00 pm preceded by an Executive Committee Meeting at 7.30 pm.