

NAYLAND-WITH-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2007

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bryan Smith reported little financial movement other than income and expenditure relating to the Community Times.

COMMUNITY TIMES: Lorraine Brooks said that a few people had made enquires regarding the vacancy for an Advertising Coordinator. Unfortunately there had been no takers so the advertisement would need to go in again. The job is not onerous, about 2 hours each issue; making a few phone calls and taking a small number of enquires, invoicing annual advertisers and a few casual advertisers. Ability to use Microsoft Word and email was required.

The Chairman said he would approach a possible candidate for the role. He once again expressed thanks to Anna Boon.

Lorraine reported that this issue was particularly full and asked the meeting to look at the magazine with a view to giving feedback at the next meeting on how space could be best used; for example should smaller sized advertisements be introduced. She felt research on other village magazines would be useful – please put any examples you come across in the Community Times Box in the Post Office.

PLAYGROUP: Teresa Moriarty came along to the meeting with the plans for the new Playgroup building and gave a comprehensive report on the progress made and future aims for the building.

Construction of the building in the corner of the Primary School's playing field was due to commence in the October half-term and be ready for occupation in April 2008. A local architect and building firm had been engaged to design and carry out the work. The accommodation included a 6.5 by 8 metre playroom with office, kitchen, toilets, etc. There would be a covered decking area off the playroom and a garden for playing.

Teresa outlined the expected use of the Playgroup building, to be known as Woodland Corner, which would include; early birds breakfast club, afternoon pre-school sessions and after school clubs. This will provide complete wrap-around affordable care for children in this community.

On financing Teresa was pleased to say that Suffolk County Council would provide a covering grant for three years but the Playgroup would be self financing and the building would be owned by them.

A public meeting had been arranged at the Primary School on 26th September when the plans would be on display.

The Chairman thanked Teresa for her presentation.

SOCIETY REPORTS

VILLAGE HALL: Alan Hodges said that fundraising events were bearing fruit and the Hall was improving financially. The endowment fund was beginning to take shape. Focus could now go to putting necessary maintenance work in hand.

The Hawaiian film evening had produced colourful costumes and an extremely happy atmosphere. Perhaps this could be followed up with a Brief Encounter evening. The next digital cinema evening on 5th October is Miss Potter.

CHOIR: A Christmas concert on 9th December would be in the form of readings by Sarah and David Knight and Christmas music.

VILLAGE PLAYERS: The Olde Time Music Hall Evening as proving hard work but they believe it is going to be a very successful evening on 22nd September.

Rehearsals for 'The Railway Children' are underway. This production continued the Players' aims to bring children forward who were interested in having an acting opportunity.

CONSERVATION SOCIETY: The Day School led by Leigh Alston on Timber Framed Buildings had been very successful. He would also be the speaker, prior to the launching of his book, at the next open meeting of the Society on 9th October.

HORTSOC: Their Annual Flower Show had been very successful. On 22nd October Graeme Proctor would be giving a talk on 'Caring for Trees and Shrubs' and the speaker at the Joint Meeting would be Karen Kenny who would amuse the audience with 'How To Save The Planet'.

BOWLS: A successful summer resulting in the Club finishing second in the League and a good start made in the Winter League.

COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB: These events, run on behalf of the Village Hall are a great success. The more the merrier – all are welcome.

PLAYGROUP: A Craft Fayre is to be held on 17th November, they would be involved in the Bazaar and an evening of musical entertainment was planned for February.

BONFIRE NIGHT: This is in hand and will be the same format as previous years.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: It was hoped that new decorations to enhance the Christmas atmosphere would be included. The cost of tables for Societies would be £5, no percentage of profit they make will be payable. Applications for tables should be sent to Tricia Hall or Andrew Gowen.

VILLAGE JOLLY: The provisional date would be 12th/13th July. A Barn Dance was proposed for Saturday evening and a Hog Roast Sunday midday, with events and displays by, societies, etc. We need feedback and ideas from village societies and organisations. A sub-committee would be needed.

VILLAGE HALL GARDENS: The last gardening session of 2007 will be on 6th October at 9am. Refreshments will be provided.

NEXT MEETING: 19th November in the Church Hall at 8pm preceded by an Executive Committee Meeting at 7.30.