

## NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

held on Monday 10 November 2008 in the Church Hall at 8pm (preceded by Executive Meeting at 7.30)

**There were 20 persons present at the meeting.** All were welcomed by the Chairman Alan Hodges who reminded members that his stint of 3 years as Chairman would end in March.

**Apologies:** Sylvia Bond.

**Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2008:** There were 110 issues of accuracy.

### Matters arising not on the Agenda

**Feedback on Bonfire Night:** A hugely successful evening with a larger than ever crowd; sell out of hamburgers, beefburgers, mulled wine, etc. The Treasurer reported a profit of £81. Suggested a rethink would be necessary before next year on best serving methods, additional barbecue and separate stall for sparklers. Claire Prescott suggested extra fireworks in the form of a Grand Finale box would be good. Appreciation was recorded to Ivan Kerridge who provided the sausages at a generous price.

Brian Smith said he had been stoking up the bonfire daily and only a small pile of ash remained. However, bricks and glass has been thrown on the heap, some glass very close to the goal post. Dayid George and Andrew Gowen volunteered to clear.

**Community Times** - Lorraine Brooks: Articles intended for the new edition to be in by the twentieth of the month. The November Co-ordinator to be Andrew Gowen and for the January edition, Ken Willingale.

Lorraine reported that three advertisements had been dropped and one gained. In reply to a question by Steve McGuire that a special offer might tempt would be advertisers, Lorraine thought it best to plod on at present and thought the threat from other magazines was slight since it was N ayland news people liked to read. Continued loyalty therefore from Societies was extremely important.

As the January edition of the CT was likely to be quiet with extra space Lorraine appealed for articles.

It was agreed that the Village Players write a review in advance of their forthcoming pantomime, 'Beauty and the Deep' to meet the CT deadline.

### Correspondence:

The Chairman read a letter from Joan Moore tendering her resignation on health grounds. Appreciation of her unflinching support and participation was recorded by the meeting.

A letter had been received from Geoff Meadowcroft confirming his involvement in the photographic competition for the proposed village calendar for 2010.

### Treasurer's Report:

As recorded above a handsome profit had been realised resulting from Bonfire Night. (A detailed copy of the report is attached to these minutes on file). In regard to the deposit held for Nayland First Response the figure now stands at £2080.91 resulting from a coffee morning and collection/donations from Stuart Pickup's funeral service.

**Proposed Village Calendar for 2010:** The Secretary brought the meeting up to speed on progress so far. She introduced Wendy Sparrow, who had already offered valuable advice regarding production of a calendar, as a co-opted member of a small committee comprising Jenny Smith, Hazel Gardiner, Chris Hunt and Alan Hodges. First meeting to take place on 2nd December 2008.

**Woodland Corner:** Teresa Moriarty: Opening Day on 20th September had been a real success with many people attending. The outside area still had to be dealt with and it had been decided to let the children decide for themselves what they wanted. Fund raising continued with good success for the sponsored cycle ride on 1st November. The Salon Morning recorded a slightly lower profit but would be repeated because it was so enjoyed.

On the 5th December a Wine Tasting evening with Lay and Wheeler was planned. This would include a light supper and transport home could be provided on request. The cost of tickets for this evening was £20.

The Breakfast Club was going well with the children loving it and Trish Hall told the meeting that Playgroup would be very full n\_xt term.

### Grant Applications:

The Village Hall Committee had written requesting a grant of £1,000 to be placed in the Endowment Fund which provided for the long term development of the Hall. Some discussion followed. The Treasurer confirmed sufficient funds to provide for the grant. It was PROPOSED by the President, SECONDED by the Vice-Chairman and AGREED that the grant application be approved.

### Report from Village Societies

**Royal British Legion** - Dave George: The British Legion had celebrated Remembrance Day with a service in the church, which was well, supported and welcomed the attendance of the Fire Service. Two minutes silence would be observed at the War Memorial on Armistice Day, Tuesday 11 November.

Membership of the Legion had recently been affected by deaths and by two ladies moving into a residential home. A speaker formerly serving with the RAF in Cyprus had given a talk at the AGM. There had been one new member. Preparations were in hand for the annual Christmas get-together.

**Conservation Society** - Gill Badman: Gill reminded the meeting of the Joint Meeting the following evening in the Village Hall when the subject of the talk would be butterflies and confirmed that the Society would have a stall at the bazaar.

**Village Players - Jenny Smith:** So many children were involved in this years pantomime that it had been necessary to form a costume team with a fantastic result. Tickets for the performances were on sale at the PO for 21/22 November and the following weekend 28/29 November.

**Choir - Teresa Moriarty:** The Christmas Concert would be performed in St. James' Church at 7.30pm on 6 December and would include singing by The Children's Choir. Tickets, costing £8 each (children under 16 free) were available at the Post Office or from choir members, to include mince pies and mulled wine.

**WI - Mary Bull:** There would be an evening of country dancing in the Village Hall on Monday 15 December, mulled wine would be available and an invitation was extended to all ladies.

**Bowls Club - Lorraine Brooks for Sylvia Bond,** reported that currently the Bowls Club was positioned in the middle of the league.

**Hort Soc: Lorraine Brooks on behalf of Sylvia Bond:** Andrew Tokely had proved an informative and humourous speaker on growing and showing vegetables. The Society would have the usual stall at the Christmas Bazaar. Any suitable item for sale to be taken to the VH on morning of bazaar or contact Anne Spencer at 60 Bear Street.

**Fund Raising Committee - Gill Badman:** Informed the meeting that they were arranging a Christmas Fayre and Flower Arranging event on Wednesday 12 November. A few tickets were still available at a cost of £16, including a light lunch. Claire Prescott commented that weekday events, (particularly in term time) were sadly a no-no for working people.

#### **Future Events:**

**Christmas Bazaar** - To date there had been seven applications for tables. Trish Hall appealed for more volunteers - names to Trish, please. Father Christmas will be in his grotto. A request was made for Raffle Prizes Christmas Tree - Christmas Tree to be erected on Sunday 14 December at 9.00 am, volunteers welcome. Tree to be decorated with white lights only. Bollards to be in position for Carol Singing with the Boxted Silver Band on Wednesday 14 December.

#### **AOB:**

William Hitchcock spoke about the transition movement and referred to Lavenham, which had become a transition village following the example of Lewis, Bristol, Totness and Nottingham. The transition movement was based round sustainability and he cited Woodland Comer as a sustainability initiative. The meeting considered that Jules Pretty, at present on annual sabbatical, would be an ideal speaker on this topic and the possibility of forming a new society to promote this important subject.

A proposal was made to nominate a person for a Community Award under Category II. Approval given to pursue by meeting.

It was noted that 2009 would see the two-hundredth anniversary of John Constable, artist and the PCC were considering ways of celebrating this event.

**Date of next meeting:** 12 January 2009 in the Church Hall at 8pm (preceded by an Executive meeting at 7.30pm)