

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
held on 12th May 2008 in the Church Hall at 8pm (preceded by Executive Meeting at 7.30)

Minutes of the previous meeting: There were no issues of accuracy.

Bonfire Site

Alan Hodges said clearing the site of the Bonfire was required prior to the Church Fete. He agreed to pursue this.

Grants

Letters had been received from Daphne Berry on behalf of the Over 60s and Daisy Warren thanking the CC for grants.

Andrew Gowen said that First Response require a pulse oximeter. They will need further training to use this. The will be fundraising towards this but if they may need to approach the CC for funding.

Tricia Hall and Claire Prescott reported on progress of the new building but added construction costs had increased and ere eating into the equipment budget. They may also need to approach the CC for a grant.

Treasurer

Bryan Smith provided a financial statement for this year. Unencumbered assets for the CC mounted to £14,279.60.

Community Times

Lorraine Brooks reported that although the objective of changing the advertising costs had been to gain additional space the reality was an increase in revenue with little space gained.

Roy Evans said that he would be away from 1st June. Lorraine, Pat and Andrew would do their utmost to get the completed magazines to him for distribution prior to the 29th May.

Village Festival 11th – 13th July

Alan Hodges outlined the plans for the Village Festival to be held on 11th - 13th July. The majority of village societies were involved in some way.

The itinerary was discussed. On display over the whole weekend will be an Exhibition by the Art Group in the Village Hall and Floral Decorations by the Horticultural Society in St James Church.

Other activities currently begin in the Village Hall on the Friday evening with a performance by Nayland Junior Choir. This will be followed by a cinema evening. Ronald Blythe, author of Akenfield will be giving a talk prior to the showing of the film adapted from his book.

On the Saturday morning Chris Hunt will be the guide on a footpath walk around the village and there will be a Treasure Hunt. In the afternoon the Conservation Society will be holding an 'antiques valuation' and have a display of village artefacts. There will also be a Duck Race on the river. In the evening a Barn Dance was planned.

The Village Hall playing field will be the venue for 'a bring your own' Picnic (although other goodies will be available) with sports and entertainment during the afternoon. In the evening the Choir will perform and the Village Players will be presenting an Olde Tyme Music Hall.

The aim was to cover costs rather than make income. The VHMC and CC Treasurers had discussed costings and expected income and expenditure to be in balance. There would be some additional profit from the bar.

There would be another Festival meeting on Monday 9th June, 730 in the Church Hall, to finalise details. Anyone who wishes to be involved is welcome.

Playgroup

Building work is progressing well and the building is looking impressive with the roof now going on. During the summer break staff will be preparing for a September opening. The winning entrant, who submitted Woodland Corner, in the competition for a new name for the Playgroup will officially open the building. A promotional brochure is being prepared and they have a website: www.woodlandcornerbtik.com.

Village Hall

Andrew Gowen reported that the roof has been repaired. Quotes and options for some new lighting are being investigated. Quotes and insurance aspects for the damaged flooring are being looked into. Alan Hodges congratulated the Treasurer on a successful year for the Village Hall.

Societies

David George reported on the activities of the Royal British Legion. They have asked for road markings to provide a drop-off/pick-up point outside the doctor's surgery. Representing the Parish Council Mr Fuller said that it was felt road marking would be ignored. The surgery was happy with suggestions for a permanent parking space allocated for this to one side of the front path but funds were not available. Mr George also said that some members had offered to be trained to use speed guns and were awaiting a response from the Parish Council. Mrs Fuller said that on investigation the Council found this would involve considerable expenditure. Both these items are to be further discussed by the Council.

Jenny Smith said the Village Players' next activity will be an Olde Tyme Music Hall as part of the Village Festival. Their next production is a new pantomime, Beauty and the deep, and auditions will be held in July.

Joan Moore said plans were well in hand for the Morning Market on 17th May and the Flower Show on 2nd August. Unfortunately there have been volunteers to take over the post of Secretary when Joan resigns this autumn. Andrew Tokely's talk on vegetable growing has been rescheduled to 31st October. On behalf of the Horticultural Society, Sylvia Bond presented Andrew Gowen with a £100 cheque for First Response.

The Conservation Society's Open Gardens will be on 8th June and includes some gardens that haven't been included before. On their Open Meeting on June 17th Richard Turner will be the speaker on The History of Boxted Airfield.

Sylvia Bond reported that members of the Bowls Club had decided not to participate in the Village Festival. They would be holding their Annual Charity Tournament on 1st June and the Village Hall Endowment Fund had been chosen to benefit this year. The club finished 4th in Division 1 of the Winter League. The Summer League begins in a fortnight.

Any Other Business

David George said that Langham had started taking advantage of the discounts of Bulk Purchase of Heating Oil and it was agreed that it should be considered for Nayland. Mrs Fuller suggested that Mr Hodges contacts the Parish Council regarding this scheme.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th July at 8pm (Exec at 7.30)