

**Nayland-with-Wissington Community Council Meeting  
Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January at the Church Hall at 8pm  
(Preceded by an Executive Meeting at 7.30pm)**

There were 15 persons present at the meeting Chaired by Alan Hodges.

**Apologies:** Jenny and Bryan Smith; Tricia Hall; David George

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January.** These were approved and the following matters arising discussed:

**a. Bonfire.** It was reported that David George had cleared up the glass from the vicinity of the lower goalpost. The small heap would remain until the next bonfire.

**b. Report on Christmas events.**

1. **Christmas bazaar.** There was disappointment that so few people attended and concern that other village events detracted from it. The meeting was reminded that it was established to allow societies to avoid clashing mutual fundraising events at this busy time. **Societies were asked to go back to their members and ask if they wanted this to continue in future years and to report back at the AGM on 9 March.** The meeting was very grateful to Tricia Hall for organising the event.

2. **Christmas Tree.** This was deemed a great success and the meeting expressed its appreciation to Claire Prescott and her team for organising it.

**c. Community Achievement Award.** The meeting expressed its delight that Olive Noakes had been given this award for managing the church flowers for so many years. She would receive a presentation at the Stoke Golf Club on 4 March.

**d. Celebrating Constable's Picture.** The 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary was in 2010 and it was felt it was more appropriate for the PCC to lead.

2. **Community Times.** Lorraine asked for contributions to arrive promptly by 20 January- the earlier the better. There was plenty of space and she would welcome more articles. There was no concern at the loss of advertising caused by two rival magazines and she was pleased that the village was giving full support to its own newsletter and rejecting the interlopers. Lorraine agreed to set up a free small advertisements column for residents for items under £50.

3. **Correspondence.** There was none.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** In the absence of Bryan Smith, the Chairman read a written report which reported the following position:

Petty Cash	£34.28
Current account	£3,165.50
CCLA Deposit	£11,047.24

In addition there is a loan to Woodlands corner of £3000; but a grant of £500 is reserved for the Conservation Soc; £1617.61 is held for 1<sup>st</sup> Response.

The Community Council has unencumbered assets of £12129.41

5. **Village 2010 Calendar Project Update.** The subgroup consisting of Alan Hodges, Hazel Gardiner, Wendy Sparrow, Chris Hunt, Jenny Smith and Lorraine Brooks reported on the project. The following decisions were made by the meeting.

**a. Deadlines.** Closing date for the competition 25 April; judging to take place on 4 May; production in July to be ready for sale from August.

**b. Finance.** It was agreed that the CC will underwrite the cost of the project and pay for the incidentals such as hire of the CH for the judging. Sponsors were being sought. A print run of 500 copies may cost £692 but this was not firm and may not include envelopes and VAT.

**c. Prints for Submission.** 7"x5" in colour with name, address and scene details on the back. The Committee would mount them for display and judging. The problem of getting the permission of people in the scenes would be investigated and the Sub-committee was delegated the task of making a final decision, Steve Maguire would look at the legal aspects and Hazel would seek advice from the printers.

Old prints if appropriate would be added later under the supervision of Wendy Sparrow who would get any necessary permissions.

**d. Judges.** Geoff Meadowcroft would lead the team with two people he would nominate and Lorraine Brooks was nominated as the CC representative.

**e. Number of Entries.** Maximum of 5 from any household but they had to be from parish residents only.

6. **Transition Village Movement.** Will Hitchcock put forward his ideas of a Village Transition Movement with the aim of making the Parish greener. There was already a movement in Lavenham and in many other places in UK. It gave people who were concerned about what is happening to the planet an opportunity to make a contribution to changing things. He was sure that Professor Jules Pretty would support it with advice. The aim was to improve sustainability, reduce energy consumption, increase clean energy production, encourage consumption of locally produced foods, use cleaner transport, increase re-cycling, increase biodiversity. It was recognised that many different groups were already touching on this and there were already projects within the School. But there was a need for a small group to monitor what is happening, publicise and develop ideas and promote projects and report on success. The Meeting agreed to support the idea and help with incidental costs such as paying for meeting venues. Will agreed to recruit and set up a group and report back.

7. **Report from Village Societies.** Representatives from some societies reported that:

- Conservation Soc were having their AGM at 8pm on 10 March
- Hort Soc's AGM is in April.
- Bowls Club reported that they were in the bottom half of division 1 but were hoping to improve.
- WI reported on a presentation of the World of Interiors by Josephine.
- Village players reported on the huge success of their Pantomime with over 700 attending and most performances sold out. 'Party Piece', a farce at a barbecue by Richard Harris, was the play 26-28 March and they were planning an 'Oliver' in November.
- Everybody was invited to the Village hall AGM at 7pm on 2 February where they could all have their say about what they want from the hall. Generous donations had been received from the Country & Western Club and Bowls Club without the like of which the Hall cannot survive. The hall cannot exist on hirings alone and does need donations such as this and other fundraising events to survive.
- The Choir was rendering 'Rutter's Magnificate' in the church on 23 March
- The RBL had a fantastic joint Christmas party.

8. **Village Quiz.** Takes place on 6 March organised by Alan Hodges – so get your teams sorted out .

9. **AOB.**

a. We need volunteers to join the Executive at the AGM on 9 March; also a new chairman as Alan's 3 year's is up.

b. The Village website is not being used and we shall lose it if we don't use it. In particular the diary of events and news pages are not being used and information about the different societies needs to be updated.

10. **Dates of Future meetings**

**AGM – 9 March at 8pm in Church hall**

11 May; 15 July; 14 September 9 November; 11 January 2010; 8 March 2010