

CC AGM MEETING NOTES – 9TH MARCH 2008

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE AGM by ALAN HODGES

The first event was the Nayland Quiz with questions set by the previous year's winners. Again a full house enjoyed an excellent evening and the winning team was called "special cuddles".

Although not the first event, planning had already started on the Village Festival. The Community Council made the right decision to postpone the Street Fayre and to have a weekend event made up of the Village Societies for the enjoyment of the whole village. Started off by Dr Ronald Blythe with the showing of Akenfield and ending with a Music Hall, it lived up to expectations thanks to the efforts of all the organising committee. Who could forget a full Fen Street for a duck race that lasted less than five minutes, but created such excitement.

At the same time, many members of the Community Council attended the opening of Woodland Corner, a marvellous achievement by the committee that took a vision to reality. The Village should be really proud of the success of that facility, and the Community Council is also proud in the part it played in facilitating financially how the Woodland Corner was funded.

July was a busy month for another reason – a rather unwelcome guest arrived. On our doorsteps was slapped the LSPN in direct competition to the Community Times. It is a tribute to the Community Times that it was able to withstand the challenge of the paper and the Council is grateful to the contributors and advertisers who kept pace with the Times.

November saw for the fifth time a lovely evening for a bonfire. The fireworks were better than ever, the hotdogs just lasted and everyone went home safe.

The Christmas Bazaar was different this year – held in the morning, it lacked the noise and verve of previous years, although stallholders, apart from Father Christmas, reported reasonable business. The Council has reverted to the afternoon, but we need to rethink the format and entertainment. Firstly, we need to know that the village would like the event, and would be interested to hear from members here.

In no time at all one Sunday morning, Court Street was transformed by the usual Christmas tree, but with white lights on account of the blue ones were confusing Police cars. Carols round the tree once again discovered previous unheard voices that needed to be unheard again. But fortunately the Silver Band and our choir built the Christmas spirit in the run up to the special day.

During the year, we gave birth to three initiatives – the Village Festival already discussed; the Nayland Calendar has had to put up with the usual jokes of naked postman, but is being progressed and the 500 copies will sell out quickly; the Transition movement is also coming to Nayland – discussed in the Autumn, the organising committee has really moved forward with a meeting planned in the Village Hall to launch and inform.

The Community Council was delighted in the past year to support many Societies and an individual with grants to the Over 60's Club, the Village Hall, and the Youth Club, in addition to Woodland Corner.

Throughout the year, the Executive of the Community Council has always been in place to support the activities of the Council. Too numerous and weighty to mention individually, I would like to thank them all for their unstinting contribution and support in delivering brilliant events for the village. However a couple of individuals need special mention:- Lorraine Brooks has again this year produced a quality Community Times that has repelled other marauding publications, not only being editor, but doing half the Advertising Manager's job. Bryan Smith does the other half, but as Treasurer, he has produced accounts so much on time, he can tell the profit almost before he's counted the money! I thank him for his attention to detail and timeliness. Hazel Gardiner retires as Secretary after three years of trying to work with her computer and a Chairman who takes last minute to an art form! We thank her for her contribution and patience. If anyone would like to become Secretary, please get in contact; it really is fun. Finally, I again would like to thank our President, Ken Willingale, whose words of friendly advice have always been so to the mark.

And so the Council looks forward to a new programme of activity, calendarised and with new thinking; it could be an interesting year of transition.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Community Council accounts, shown on page 8 (of the CT), were adopted at the meeting. Bryan Smith expressed thanks for Richard Cave's diligence in examining the accounts.

The President, Ken Willingale, on behalf of all members, expressed gratitude to Alan Hodges for his enthusiastic chairmanship.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Alan Hodges thanked Hazel Gardiner, who was standing down as Secretary, for her immense enthusiasm and support. Alan said he would be unable to continue as Chairman for a full term but if required was willing to continue until the autumn.

The following Officers were re-elected: **President** Ken Willingale; **Vice-President** Roy Evans; **Chairman** Alan Hodges; **Vice-Chairman** Jenny Smith; **Treasurer** Bryan Smith; **Executive:** David George, Tricia Hall, Claire Prescott, Barry Wakefield, Hazel Gardiner, Lorraine Brooks, Andrew Gowen; Steve McGuire, Will Hitchcock **Individual:** Iain Wright

MEETING DATES 2009/10

Community Council meetings will be held on 11 May, 15 July, 14 September, 9 November, 11 January 2010 and the AGM on 8 March. They will be held in the Church Hall at 8pm, with the Executive Committee meeting at 7.30pm.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:.**VILLAGE CALENDAR**

The printers have said they are able to offer smaller print-runs at no additional cost. They will also include any dates that are of village interest, such as the Church Fete, Open Gardens, Flower Show and School term dates. If societies have dates they wish to be included please let a committee member know, or email: naylandcc@yahoo.com.

It is hoped there will be a good number of entries for the photographic competition to provide an interesting exhibition in the Church Hall on 4th May from 2pm-4.30pm. Calendars will be on sale at the Flower Show on 1st August and at other events.

COMMUNITY TIMES

As suggested a 'small ad' section has been introduced this issue. Items valued at under £50 may be advertised free – valued £50 and over would cost £5. Copy to be sent to naylandcc@yahoo.com or left in the Community Times box in the Post Office.

TRANSITION INITIATIVE

Will Hitchcock said the website www.transitionnayland.co.uk has been built and a film evening to introduce and raise awareness of the Transition Movement was being organised which would be held on 15th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Community Council agreed to support the event by paying for the hire of the hall and the cost of pens.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Following disappointing attendance at the last Bazaar it was felt that the Community Council should continue with the tradition of a Christmas Bazaar which gave village societies the opportunity of generating income. It was agreed that Steve Mcguire would lead a team to regenerate the event, which may also involve giving it a new name. The Village Hall has been booked for 5th December and efforts would be made to liaise with the School and other groups to gain their support.

VILLAGE QUIZ

After discussion on the Annual Village Quiz members agreed it may be worth changing the date, to avoid the local 'quiz season' in spring. A themed event was also suggested and comment made that the questions were a little too difficult and should be more fun. The Village Hall has been booked to hold the quiz on Friday 2nd October.