

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting: 11th May 2009 Chairman: Alan Hodges 263982

Concern was expressed over poor attendance at Community Council meetings by village societies at recent meetings, except when grants were being requested, and Mr Hodges said he would mention this in the Community Times. A new secretary was still needed as well as a new chairman because he would be moving away. The duties were not onerous as he had a fantastic committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bryan Smith reported unencumbered assets currently stood at £13,947.

COMMUNITY TIMES

Lorraine Brooks said a few free small ads had come in but more would be welcome. She reported the loss of two annual advertisers. Andrew Gowen offered to co-ordinate the August issue.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

As the first mock-ups of the calendar were passed round, Mr Hodges said it was a tremendous piece of work and congratulated Lorraine Brooks and Hazel Gardiner who put it together. Lorraine said there were 89 entries for the photographic competition from 37 entrants and 13 images were chosen.

Historic photographs would now be matched and copy added by Wendy Sparrow. She urged societies to send in details of next year's events so dates could be inserted each month. The calendar will be priced at around £5 and the initial print-run will probably be 200. Mr Hodges thanked everyone involved and a letter of thanks will be sent to the sponsors.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Hazel Gardiner agreed to establish meeting dates for 2010 for inclusion. Other dates include: 5th March Village Quiz, 9th/10th/11th July Village Festival, 5th November Bonfire Night, 4th December Christmas Bazaar.

AUTUMN QUIZ

It was agreed that the autumn quiz on Friday 2nd October should be a themed fun event and that questions should be easier than those in recent quizzes. It was suggested that as the winners have compiled recent quizzes the standard of questions has become too high and the event has lost some of its 'fun'. Andrew Gowen and Bryan Smith kindly agreed to compile a general knowledge quiz. Further details and preparations would be discussed at the next meeting.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Andrew confirmed he would soon be ordering the fireworks. It was agreed more helpers were required, particularly for cooking the sausages.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Steve Maguire, who is leading on this, sent a report that progress had been made with planning the revamped event for 5th December. He would have more news by the next meeting once he had liaised with village societies.

Lorraine added that the School Christmas Fayre is scheduled 11th December.

VILLAGE FESTIVAL

It was agreed that a Village Festival should be held in 2010 and it was hoped societies would participate in the event. A repeat of the successful Duck Race and a Barn Dance were suggested. The date was set for the weekend of 9th, 10th and 11th July.

SOCIETY REPORTS

Royal British Legion: David George said they continued hospital runs; to Colchester, Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Chelmsford and Harley Street.

Andrew Gowen said Stoke by Nayland branch was closing. Their members were welcome to attend the Nayland Branch but if an amalgamation took place it would mean taking on their jobs.

Playgroup: Tricia Hall said the playgroup was still trying to sort out the outside play area and money was available from the county. The area needed skimming and relaying and she hoped work would start as soon as possible.

The new chairman of Woodland Corner was Amanda Simpson. Their next fundraiser, on 5th June was a wine tasting and barbecue.

Conservation Society: Jill Badman said over 20 people had taken part in the May Day footpath walk. Open Gardens will be on 14th June and Darren Tansley will be talking about 'Wildlife on the River Stour' on 23rd June.

Horticultural Society: Sylvia Bond said that they had gained a new secretary, Lorraine Brooks, but were now looking for a volunteer to be Treasurer. The task is not onerous as record keeping was only required for three events per year and receipt of membership subscriptions.

The Morning Market would be on 16th May, the members Garden Party on 17th July would be at 43 Bear Street and the Flower Show in 1st August.

Bowls Club: Sylvia Bond reported the bowls club was fifth in its division in the winter league and won its first match in the summer league 10-0. Their Charity Bowls Tournament on 7th June will be in aid of SEESAW.

First Response: Andrew Gowen reported two more recruits to train as First Responders. He added there were now only five or six call-outs a month but the present team could not achieve 24-hour cover and more volunteers were needed.

Nayland Fundraising Committee: Jill Badman said the Coffee Morning had been very successful raising £600 for the Parkinson's Disease Society.

Village Players: Alan Hodges reported on the success of 'Party Piece'. Their new chairman was John McCarroll. Their next production would be 'Oliver' with auditions on 8th and 19th July.

Village Hall: The gardening morning had been very successful. The lottery fundraising scheme had raised £200. The next fundraising event was 'Class Acts' on 18th July.

Choir: Their next concert would be Mikado on 27th June.

Women's Institute: They have a few spare seats for their trip to Leeds Castle in Kent on 3rd July, anyone interested in going should contact Jeanette Finch.

Transition Nayland: Their film night and talk with Professor Jules Pretty would be on Friday 15th May.

MEETING DATES

The next Community Council meeting will be held on 15 July. Other meeting dates are: 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.