

**Nayland with Wissington Community Council**  
**AGM held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Nayland Village Hall**  
**Chaired by Vice Chairman: Jenny Smith**

**Apologies:** Andora Carver and Ken Willingdale

**Welcome:** Jenny Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Chairman's Report:** Jenny read out Barry Wakefield's report – I am sorry that I do not yet feel strong enough to be with you tonight. My strange debilitating illness that struck me last November is being overcome, but still requires more warmth and sunshine to build up my strength. You will recall that when Alan Hodges made it clear that his move from Nayland would take place in December 2009, I offered to chair the meeting of the Community Council, but emphasised any activities undertaken by the Council would have to fall to others, particularly the Executive. I judge the Community Council has had a most successful 2010. That is thus due to others, and my congratulations and appreciation goes to all those who worked so hard. I will mention here the production and sale of the 2011 Village Calendar, the yet again Bonfire Night and the Christmas Family Fayre, now so well timed. Congratulations also to the village societies that form the backbone of the Council. All seem to have had a successful year, bringing enjoyment and entertainment to their members. It was good that we were able to make a grant to the Art Group towards the purchase of a display board so that we can more readily enjoy their artistic abilities. The Community Times continues to be both our main form of outreach to the villages and through advertising income, our main source of revenue. The dedication to and the management of the production of each edition by Lorraine Brooks are enormous and without her, the Community Council would not be able to function so ably – many thanks, Lorraine. In my report last year, I suggested that the needs and well-being of the Village Hall might be of increased importance to the Community Council. Possibly not as I had in mind, as we have been able to address a matter of safety by covering the cost of new carpeting for the stage and by the purchase of a dishwasher to improve the Hall's facilities. Lastly, but far from least, 2010 marked the Community Council's mounting of a Village Festival based primarily on the playing field and in the Village Hall. It was an opportunity to provide over a weekend, entertainment for everyone. In no way a money-making event, but an occasion funded by the Council to bring pleasure to the whole village. Congratulations to all who planned, laboured or contributed in any other way. The Festival was a grand success, and many forms of appreciation were received. Also as might have been expected, many lessons were learnt, and constructive criticism was forthcoming. We look forward to the Village Festival 2011. Jenny added many thanks are due to Barry for being 'acting' Chairman for longer than expected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bryan Smith distributed a copy of the accounts. He mentioned the main income had come from the Community Times, £2,004, the Village Calendar, £1,129, Bonfire Night £797 and the Festival had made a loss of £2,400. Grants totalling £5,818 had been awarded to Transition Nayland, the Art Group, the Village Hall (carpet and dishwasher). Therefore the Council's assets were reduced by £4939.29 on last year. Bryan thanked Richard Cave for his diligence in examining the accounts. He said the assets totalling £16,527 were taken into 2011 but following grants of £700 to the Youth Club for hiring the Village Hall, a request from the Hall Committee for over £1,000 and £3,800 already committed to the Village Festival, the Council's current assets currently stood at £9,545.

**Election of Officers & Committee:** the following Officers were re-elected: **President** Ken Willingdale, **Vice President** Bryan Smith, **Chairman** vacancy, **Vice Chairman** Jenny Smith, **Treasurer** Bryan Smith, **Secretary** Sara Stover, **Community Times** Lorraine Brooks, **Executive** David George, Tricia Hall, Hazel Gardiner, Will Hitchcock, Colin Ramsell, Iain Wright, Chris Hunt. **Individuals:** Claire Prescott and Mandy Cook.

Two new individual members were elected Karen Elliott and Alex Badman.

Jenny Smith agreed to be acting Chairman for six months or until a new chairman was found before that, David George will step in after that as acting Vice Chairman.

Chris Hunt expressed thanks to all the officers of the Council.

**Grants:** Transition Nayland has made a request for investment into the Green Energy Project at the Primary School. Bryan was waiting for advice on whether the Council were permitted to use their funds for this before the matter was discussed.

**Community Times:** Andrew Gowen will be the coordinator for the June issue.

**Festival:** Iain Wright said the Festival was planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> July and would have the same Fun, Food and Music theme as last year to include more sports and children's contributions throughout the day. Local schools were taking part and a full musical programme would take place in the afternoon and evening. The Village Players were also organising an evening concert on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Village Calendar:** Lorraine passed around copies of the new page layout for 2012 which will be a wire-bound style calendar. Deadline for entries in the photograph competition is 23<sup>rd</sup> April and the exhibition of entries will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 13:30 in the Church Hall.

**Fun Quiz:** Chris Hunt and Hazel Gardiner said the Bell Ringers would be organising a fun quiz arranged for Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**Bonfire Night:** Andrew Gowen to organise the fireworks.

**Christmas Fayre:** As the Village Hall is not available on the traditional date for the Fayre, it was agreed to hold it on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November from 12-2pm. The normal slot of first Saturday in December is booked for 2012.

**Village Hall Garden:** A garden working party will be held on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April from 9am, please do come along.

### **Society Reports:**

**Hortsoc:** Trevor Smy said the additional daffodils planted in October on Caley Green and Parkers Way would be flowering soon. In March they have a photography talk by Geoff Meadowcroft on 15<sup>th</sup> and the Spring Flower Show on 26<sup>th</sup>. The coach outing to Great Dixter and Merriments gardens is nearly full for 7<sup>th</sup> June. The AGM and fun quiz will be on 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm in the Church Hall, all welcome. [www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk)

**Royal British Legion:** David George said exciting outings planned for this year, details to be announced and they were continuing their medicine run.

**Choir:** Teresa Moriarty said their concert was on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and their annual quiz is on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**Youth Club:** Teresa Moriarty reported increased numbers and said the club was developing well, they do need more adult helpers and a new youth worker to help Adam.

**Village Players:** Nick Moriarty said their "Trap for a Lonely Man" production is on 31<sup>st</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Chris Hawley will be producing "Fire and Ice" for November/December.

**First Response:** Andrew Gowen said their meetings now take place in the Fire Station, they urgently need more volunteers to provide the 24-hour service needed, commitment would be as much as the volunteer could help.

**Conservation Society:** Jill Badman said Hector Wykes-Sneyd would speak about the history and current organisation of the Tendering Estate at their AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> March. [www.naylandconservation.org.uk](http://www.naylandconservation.org.uk)

**Fundraising Committee:** Jill Badman said a coffee morning is organised for 18<sup>th</sup> June to benefit Suffolk Accident Rescue Service and Ian Gallagher would be returning in a Michael Bubl  Tribute on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said attendance was good and they were hoping to be outside more in the good weather.

**Cinema:** Christine Thompson said the next shows are Made in Dagenham on 8<sup>th</sup> April, evening of entertainment on 13<sup>th</sup> May called "At the Picture Palace a Century ago" and on 17<sup>th</sup> June, The King's Speech.

**Transition Nayland:** Will Hitchcock said they will repeat the Summer Solstice Walk, the Summer BBQ and organise the food stalls at the Village Festival. The Green Energy Nayland project has raised  32,000 from 36 investors providing the primary school with solar heating – planning permission was being sought.

**Woodland Corner:** Tricia Hall said a cake stall outside Kerridges would take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Fire Station:** Karen Elliott said the official opening was on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**Meeting Dates:** the next meeting dates are Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and the AGM on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in the Church Hall at 8pm with Executive Committee meeting at 7:30pm.