

# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes from the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the Church Hall

David George welcomed members to the meeting.

- ◆ **There were 16 members present:** David George, Lorraine Brooks, Hazel Gardiner, Will Hitchcock, Colin Ramsell, Tricia Hall, Claire Buller, Alex Badman, Trevor Smy, Jill Badman, Wendy Sparrow, Sylvia Bond, Adrian Mason, Maria Mason, Karen Elliott and Iain Wright.
- ◆ **Apologies were received from:** Jenny Smith, Bryan Smith, Andrew Gowen, Dawn Kendall
- ◆ **Minutes of the last meeting** on 14<sup>th</sup> November were approved.
- ◆ **CC Notice Board:** Alex Badman said cork backing was being obtained which he would insert to enable drawing pins to be used easily.
- ◆ **Youth Club:** Maria and Adrian Mason reported that a whole new committee had taken over running the club with the employed youth worker. The CC explained that there had been numerous reports of damage to the village hall by Youth Club members. A grant of £700 has been made annually by the CC but members would like to see a structured programme of activities in place to keep members occupied and more discipline exerted by an adequate number of adult supervisors if this is to continue.
- ◆ **Christmas Family Fayre:** Alex Badman was thanked for leading – it had been a successful event. Alex raised concern at the number of raffles and tombolas and that the CC could make more profit. It was pointed out the Fayre wasn't a primary money-maker for the CC, its purpose was to facilitate fundraising for village organisations. To better achieve this they have discontinued charging entry at the door and asking a percentage of stallholder's takings. Raffles have traditionally been included by the CC, HortSoc and RBL plus a tombola by playgroup (now Woodland Corner). In future the form for tables will ask for information on what will be sold and include something to restrict raffles/tombolas to the existing four. It was felt the cost of tables for those who weren't village organisations could be increased.
- ◆ **Village Christmas Tree:** Thanks to those who helped put the tree up, only for the strong winds to blow it down! Claire Buller thanked Bryan, Andrew, David and Chapmans for putting it back up again. It was agreed to purchase new lights and some additional decorations as they had been damaged (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Lorraine Brooks*). The possibility of having a permanent sunken fixing and protective cover would be explored which may involve contacting Chapmans, Parish Council and Highways.
- ◆ **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.
- ◆ **Grants:**
  - **Nayland House:** David said an application to give the residents a Christmas present to the value £50 had been received between meetings and initially approved by Executive members at the Christmas Fayre. The grant was approved retrospectively at the meeting (*proposed Hazel Gardiner, seconded Trevor Smy*) although some members were not in agreement. A letter of thanks has been received from Hazel Gardiner, and from Sara Stover a thank you to include in the CT, for soft play equipment for the residents.
  - **Grant request procedure:** While the constitution does empower the Executive to act on emergency grant applications wherever possible they should be discussed and agreed at meetings. It is necessary to record approval of all grants in the minutes. David George said it has been suggested that a procedure be put in place whereby the Chairman should have the discretion to make small payments of £50 if he feels a decision can't wait for the next meeting. We will discuss this when the Treasurer is present.
- ◆ **Treasurer's Report**

Bryan Smith's report stated unencumbered total assets stood at £17,135.50 and gave what was effectively a year end report but will have to await year end bank statements and Auditor before they can be confirmed.

Main profit centres:	Bonfire	£1238.67
	Christmas Fayre	£141.39
	Community Times	£1837.65
	Quiz	£156.82
	Village Festival	£890.22
	Calendars	£1087.70
	Grants :	Youth Club
	Nayland School Choir	£250.00
	Village Hall	£1000.00
	Nayland House	£51.06

Assests:	Petty Cash	£100.58		
	Current Account	£7123.92		
	Deposit Account	£11,138.13	Total Receipts / year	£25,169.26
	Held for First Response	(£1327.71)	Total Expenses / year	£22,634.58
	Total Assets	<u>£18,463.21</u>	Surplus for year	<u>£2,534.68</u>

- ♦ **Community Times:** Lorraine stressed space was even tighter than usual and asked for contributions as soon as possible.
- ♦ **Village Calendar:** To date 293 calendars have been sold. They are still available to buy. The calendar team have met to organise this year's photographic competition which will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, deadline for entries on 28<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of printing for the 2013 calendar has risen a little but the project will be profitable.
- ♦ **Jubilee 2012 Celebrations:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Jill Badman reported on progress of the Jubilee committee. Celebrations would be around a lunchtime street party in the High Street (if wet in the Village Hall). It would be 'bring your own' food but there would be some food and refreshments available. The theme will be red, white and blue and people will be invited to wear something to match of they wish. There will be children's entertainment; Punch and Judy, magic, face painting, a treasure map, etc. The Fire Service will be presented with their official Jubilee medals. A children's art competition is being planned. During the afternoon the Thames Pageant will be screened in the Village Hall. This will be the day before the Fete so we are avoiding duplicating activities they provide. Rachel Hitchcock has agreed to do some face painting but more volunteers are needed.
 

Duck Olympics in Fen Street's Mill Stream have been suggested and members agreed this would be a good idea. Tricia Hall is willing to help and said we would be able to borrow Woodland Corner's ducks. Steve Maguire, who usually helps will be away - helpers will be needed on the day and to clear the reeds in advance.

A sample of the proposed commemorative mug and graphic of customisation was passed round. The plan is that all children living in the parish who will be 16 or under on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 will receive a mug as a gift. This will be part funded by the Parish Council who will contribute £500. It is thought that there are 200-250 eligible children. Mugs will also be available for anyone to purchase, priced £5. Their cost for an order of 500 will be £3.45 (on 400 it rises to £3.60) plus VAT plus £10.95 delivery. Mugs will only be available as gifts or to buy by pre-ordering - deadline 28<sup>th</sup> February – this will be promoted, forms will be in the CT. The number of mugs ordered will be determined by the number of applications received plus there will be a small number for contingency. As the order needs to be placed before the next CC meeting - it was agreed that the Treasurer could approve the order of mugs prior to the next meeting (*proposed by Alex Badman, seconded Claire Buller*).
- ♦ **FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES:**
  - **Fun Quiz:** Volunteers to lead on this are needed. The Village Hall is provisionally booked for **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October** (6pm-11pm).
  - **Bonfire Night - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November:** Tom Gardiner has volunteered to train for a Pyrotechnic ticket. Alex Badman said he would enquire about dates of courses – the cost would be in the region of £50-60 plus VAT which was agreed (*proposed by Claire Buller, seconded Iain Wright*). Fred Bugg received his malt as thanks for doing bonfire (*cost £20*). The bonfire debris has been cleared.
  - **Christmas Family Fayre - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012:** It was suggested holding it on a Sunday, as it was this year, to mixed reaction; several people thought it was a good idea, it would be difficult for the Church, HortSoc would be short of helpers, they wouldn't have anyone free to sell CC's calendar, this year the School Choir had thought they would have problems but got over them. It was felt groups who contributed or had stalls should be contacted to confirm their views. In the meantime the Village Hall is provisionally booked for **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** as well the previous booking for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> (9am-3pm).
- ♦ **SOCIETY REPORTS**
  - **RBL:** David George said there are currently 34 widows, plus widowers, in Nayland who receive a Christmas present from the Legion. They continue the hospital and medicine runs. They are planning some outings.
  - **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said their first meeting this term will be a late Christmas lunch at The Lion, then normal classes will resume.
  - **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said the stall at the Christmas Fayre had been successful. On 20<sup>th</sup> March Terry Illesley would talk about '*The Victorian Garden: the golden age of gardening*', the Spring Show is on 24<sup>th</sup> March and the AGM and Fun Quiz on 17<sup>th</sup> April. The coach outing on 13<sup>th</sup> June is to East Rushton Old Vicarage Gardens and Blacksmiths Cottage Nursery - details on [www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk)
  - **Bowls:** Sylvia Bond said they are currently top of the bottom division and 12pts ahead, if they can keep it up they may go up a division. Their annual charity day will be on 10<sup>th</sup> June.
  - **Firefighters:** Karen Elliott said their last car wash made £209 for the Firefighters Charity and there would be another in March. A new firefighter was going through training but another is required.

- **Village Hall:** Iain Wright said their AGM was on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Their finances were stable and they would have some maintenance to do.
  - **W.I.:** Wendy Sparrow said their stall at the Christmas Fayre sold out. They will be helping at the Fete but would help at the Jubilee party the day before if they could.
  - **Transition Nayland:** Will Hitchcock said they had a successful soup kitchen at the Christmas Fayre and an interesting Winter Solstice Walk led by Chris Hunt.
  - **Conservation Society:** Jill Badman said the Wiston telephone kiosk will soon be moved to the site of the original in Bear Street. It will be empty but they are open to ideas for uses. Anna Kettle will speak on 'Pargeting' at the AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Jubilee (red, white & blue) tea towels and a new colour footpath map will be on sale. Three disease resistant Elm trees have been planted in the village.
- ♦ **AOB:**
- **Babergh Achievement Award:** Claire's proposal on behalf of the CC for Kathy Hunt to receive an award has been successful. The presentation will be on 7<sup>th</sup> March.
  - **Outside Fitness Equipment:** Andrew Gowen had advised on progress on the proposal for fitness equipment on the Village Hall playing field. It is hoped a questionnaire in the Community Times will help evaluate whether there is interest in the equipment.
  - **AGM:** Members of the Executive will be contacted before the AGM to confirm whether they are willing to continue. David George is willing to stand as Chairman again if required.
- ♦ **Date of next meeting:** will be the **AGM on Wednesday 7 March 2012**, Church Hall, 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm. Meetings for rest of year: 9<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and AGM 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
- The next meeting of the Diamond Jubilee sub-committee will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Sargeants, 70 Bear Street.