

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the AGM held on 7th March 2012 in the Church Hall

David George welcomed members to the meeting.

- ◆ **There were 19 members present:** David George, Lorraine Brooks, Jenny Smith, Bryan Smith, Ken Willingale, Hazel Gardiner, Will Hitchcock, Colin Ramsell, Tricia Hall, Alex Badman, Trevor Smy, Jill Badman, Andrew Gowen, Wendy Sparrow, Karen Elliott, Iain Wright, Pat Bray, Richard Cave, Gerry Battye.
- ◆ **Apologies were received from:** Claire Buller, Julie Mansfield, Vicki Sargent, Sylvia Bond, Adrian Mason, Maria Mason, John Alexander, Mandy Cook.

- ◆ **Minutes of the last AGM** on 7th March 2011 were approved.

- ◆ **Presentation by the Freemasons:** Kirit Bedia, Worshipful Master of Court Knoll Lodge 9194 of the Suffolk Freemasons presented Nayland with Wissington Community Council with a £1044.56 cheque. Mr Bedia said the lodge, who met in Nayland, wanted to support local charities and asked for the money to be divided between Woodland Corner, the Youth Club, Nayland Over 60s and the Mother and Toddler Group.

- ◆ **Chairman's Report:** David George recapped on the activities over the past year which had been very successful. He thanked those who enable the Community Council's regular activities; the calendar team had done very well once again and he looked forward to next year's production; the Community Times team and Pat Bray for keeping the village aware of what was going on; the Christmas tree team for ensuring a festive display despite the weather!

The year's events began with the Village Festival which had been a superb display and a huge effort by so many. The Village Quiz, organised this year by the Bell Ringers, was a very enjoyable evening. The Christmas Fayre, this year led by Alex Badman, had once again been a fantastic afternoon. He said thanks were due to all those who help make these events so successful. Reminiscing on the history on Firework Night, he said it had grown from humble beginnings into a spectacular display drawing spectators from some distance under the leadership of Andrew Gowen and his band of helpers. David thanked Iain Wright for his valued contribution to various activities and to Jill Badman for taking the lead on the coming Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Grants totalling £2001 had been granted to the Village Hall, the Youth Club, the School Choir and residents of Nayland House.

The Community Council successfully nominated Kathy Hunt to receive a Babergh Achievement Award and David pointed out that three serving committee members had received awards; Ken Willingale, Hazel Gardiner and himself.

David thanked all the village societies and their representatives for their support. He thanked Mandy Cook and Chris Hunt who are resigning from the Executive Committee for their contributions, Bryan Smith for his dedication as Treasurer and Jenny Smith for taking the role of Chairman for the first half of the year. Jenny added she was very grateful to David for taking over the reins.

Finally he reminded the meeting that he was seventy eight years young and although still very active he felt it was time to resign from the Executive. He hoped young blood would come forward with fresh ideas.

- ◆ **Treasurer's Report:** Bryan Smith distributed a copy of the accounts. He reported a good year with income up by £2,000 - main contributors to the income were: Community Times nearly £2,000, Bonfire Night £1,200, Calendar just over £1,000, Village Festival £900. Grants totalled £2,001 to: Village Hall £1000, Youth Club £700, School Choir £250, Christmas gifts to residents at Nayland House £51. Unencumbered assets stand at £17,670.66. The accounts were audited by Richard Cave and we thank him for his diligence.

- ◆ **Election of Officers:** Alex Badman was elected as Chairman (*proposed Jenny Smith, seconded Claire Buller, agreed unanimously*). The following Officers were re-elected en bloc: **President** Ken Willingdale, **Vice President** Bryan Smith, **Vice Chairman** Jenny Smith, **Treasurer** Bryan Smith, **Secretary** Lorraine Brooks, **Executive** Tricia Hall, Hazel Gardiner, Colin Ramsell, Will Hitchcock, Vicki Sargent, Karen Elliott & Iain Wright, **Individuals** Claire Prescott (*proposed Iain Wright, seconded Alex Badman, agreed unanimously*). David George, Mandy Cook and Chris Hunt have resigned.

- ◆ **Any Other Business:**

- ◆ **CC Notice Board:** Alex Badman was thanked for inserting the cork backing. He will sort out the problem with the door. Key holders will be appointed by the new committee.

Action by:
Alex Badman

- ◆ **Village Christmas Tree:** The possibility of having a permanent sunken fixing and protective cover would be explored when new owners of The Estate Office were known. The land is owned by Highways but the Parish Council should be contacted in the first instance. **Action by:**
- ◆ **Correspondence:** None
- ◆ **Grants & Grant Request Procedure:** No grant applications had been received.
 Bryan Smith pointed out it is important to adhere to the grant procedure as defined in the Constitution: *“Requests for financial grants for projects for social or charitable purposes shall be considered by the Executive Committee who shall make recommendations to the General Council for decisions. Should urgent or emergency action be necessary, the Executive Committee is empowered to act”*. Wherever possible decisions should be made at meetings.
 Will Hitchcock said the CC are good at amassing funds but raised the point of whether people knew grants were available. Bryan said grants were available to village groups and individuals and there was no strict criteria as long as grants requested were for a good cause and they were approved by the Executive before being recommended to members.
- ◆ **Community Times:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all who support the CT; proof readers, Colin and the distribution team, those who contribute copy and the advertisers. She thanked Graham Griffiths for hosting the village website.
 It was agreed not to promote full page advertising as they are not in demand and space is always of a premium. Ed Oakes had asked to quote for printing the magazine and produce a sample copy but had not come back to us.
- ◆ **Village Calendar:** Plans were in hand for the next calendar competition – deadline for entries is 28th April. It is hope Executive members will enter and society members will enter photos of their activities. Photos of Wiston are also being encouraged. We are grateful to the 12 sponsors who are supporting the calendar. **Calendar Team**
- ◆ **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:** Jill Badman said 300 mugs will be ordered. Applications for free children’s mugs has been lower than anticipated at only 119. **Jubilee Committee**
 Volunteers are needed for short periods on the day for various tasks including face painting, help with teas in the afternoon, setting up and putting away.
 We hope having a free prize draw will give a guide to numbers planning to attend.
- ◆ **Village Quiz - Friday 5th October:** No group has volunteered to organise the quiz. Members felt Jill Badman’s suggestion of asking several societies to compile a section each should be followed up. **Action needed**
- ◆ **Christmas Fayre - Sunday 2nd December:** Alex said he has contacted most groups and stallholders and almost all are in favour of changing the Fayre from Saturday to Sunday. **Lorraine**
 Lorraine will inform Sara Stover.

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **RBL:** Andrew Gowen said there are a few seats left for their outing to the Maritime Museum at Greenwich and the Cutty Sark on 22nd March.
- ◆ **First Response:** Andrew Gowen reported the First Response team was desperately short of volunteers and currently unable to provide a 24-hour service. It is not onerous and is very rewarding. Training is given.
- ◆ **Choir:** Hazel Gardiner said they were performing a Jubilee concert on 17th March. There would be a summer concert.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Jenny Smith said performances of *Lady of Letters* and *The Real Inspector Hound* run from 29th to 31st March.
- ◆ **Transition Nayland:** Will Hitchcock said his house would be open on 24th March as part of the national Super Home project (energy efficiency retrofit). Transition Nayland are working with the School Eco Team on a project to replace the lighting with LED technology.
- ◆ **Village Hall:** Iain Wright expressed concern at the poor attendance at their AGM and asked for more support from village organisation, adding the hall belongs to everyone. The public can attend monthly meetings and volunteers from groups who use the hall would be welcome to join the committee.
 Andrew Gowen said the next Village Hall garden working party would be on 31st March from 9am.
- ◆ **Nayland Firefighters:** Karen Elliott said they have one new firefighter and have had two applications for the remaining vacancy.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said Terry Illsley was talking about *The Victorian Garden* on 20th March, the Spring Show was on 24th March and the AGM and Fun Quiz on the 17th April. Please contact Hazel Gardiner if you have anything you could include in the 1950s exhibition over the Jubilee weekend. There are a few seats left for the outing to East Ruston. The Summer Show Schedule will be available on 20th March.

- ◆ **Conservation Society:** Jill Badman said Anna Kettle was talking about *Pargetting* at their AGM on 13th March. They have produced a red, white and blue Jubilee tea towel. Opens Gardens will be on 17th June, more gardens are needed, contact Andora Carver on 262970 to include your garden.
- ◆ **Fundraising Committee:** Jill Badman said they are holding the NSPCC Toy Coffee Morning on 10th March. Since forming The Nayland Fundraising Committee about seven years ago they have raised £25,000.
- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said numbers attending are good. Unfortunately one of their regulars, Ginger, has broken his leg. They wish him well.
- ◆ **Bowls Club:** They are currently top of the winter league. They have had to cancel their Annual Charity Tournament this year.
- ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said their 55th Anniversary Party and Jubilee Quiz is on 19th March.
- ◆ **Woodland Corner:** Tricia Hall said they are holding a Cake Stall outside Kerridges on 17th March.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Gerry Battye said John Rix has resigned from the Council. Babergh will decide if an election to replace him is necessary. They have spent considerable time considering the upgrading of street lighting.
- ◆ **Date of next meeting:** will be on **Wednesday 9th May 2012**, Church Hall, 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm.
Meetings for rest of year: 4th July, 5th September, 12th November, 9th January 2013 and AGM 6th March 2013.

The next meeting of the **Diamond Jubilee sub-committee** will be held on **Wednesday 4th April**, 7.30pm at Sargeants, 70 Bear Street.