

# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes from the meeting held on 30th October 2013 in the Church Hall

Jenny Smith welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 14 members present:** Jenny Smith, Bryan Smith, Lorraine Brooks, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, Tricia Hall, Mark Burbidge, Vicki Sargent, Neil Barbrook, Alex Badman, John Parsonson, Wendy Sparrow, Jill Badman, Ian McKay.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Pat Bray, Trevor Smy.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last general meeting:** held on 28th August 2013 were approved (*proposed Colin Ramsell, seconded Tricia Hall*)

### ♦ **Matters Arising:**

- ♦ **Village Christmas Tree:** The new fixing has been installed. Alex will show Bryan and Claire how it works and how the electricity supply is connected. Claire has ordered the tree and has bought some new decorations. The tree will be erected on Sunday 8th December at 8.30am and taken down on Sunday 5th January at 9am. (*Claire will not be here but Tony & Anna Boon will help*) Helpers are required.

**Action by:**

**Alex, Bryan  
& Claire  
& volunteers**

- ♦ **Notice Board:** The new notice board on the doors of the Old Forge has been fixed in place.

### ♦ **Executive Committee Vacancies/Responsibilities:**

John Parsonson was welcomed to the meeting' He was voted onto the CC executive committee (*proposed Colin Ramsell, seconded Bryan Smith*).

Further volunteers to join the CC executive would be welcome and there is a vacancy for Chairman. Jenny Smith, the Vice Chairman, is filling in temporarily.

### ♦ **Recent Activities:**

- ♦ **Fundraising:** Selling raffle tickets at the monthly Farmers Markets has been quite successful. The next market is 9th November (the draw to take place at the Fayre). Wendy Sparrow kindly volunteered and Lorraine will sell calendars. First prize will be £50, donations of further prizes are needed. Details and volunteers for raffles from February will be decided next meeting
- ♦ **Village Quiz - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** Thanks go to Rachel Hitchcock and the Woodland Corner team for leading the quiz which was very successful, raising £273 for CC funds. Nineteen teams took part, up on last year.

**Wendy  
Lorraine**

### ♦ **Correspondence:**

- ♦ **Royal British Legion:** Following a request from the RBL, members agreed that the CC would be custodians of an account for them that currently stands at £100 (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Vicki Sargent*).

### ♦ **Grants & Donations:**

- ♦ **St Mary's Church Gate:** A letter of thanks had been received from Suki Cohen, secretary of St Mary's PCC, for the £500 towards the "handsome main church gate and side gate".
- ♦ **Nayland Test Pit Dig:** A letter of thanks had been received from Andora Carver, secretary of the Conservation Society, for the £500 grant towards the cost of holding another dig.
- ♦ **Community Display Boards:** The new display boards requested by the CC Calendar Team are ready for collection.
- ♦ **Parkers Way:** A grant request was received from James Finch on behalf of the Parkers Way residents for a dart board for their community room. This was agreed (*proposed Alex Badman, seconded Claire Buller*).

- ♦ **Treasurer's Report:** Bryan Smith's report was as follows:

#### **Main Profits includes**

Quiz	273.05
Community Times currently	1,338.00
Calendar currently	190.00

#### **Main Expenditure includes**

Grants: Wiston Church Gate	500.00
Parkers Way Community Centre	47.99
Fireworks	900.00
Village Christmas Tree Base	248.00
Christmas Tree Lights	59.97
Community Times & Poster Print	265.00
Community Times Expenses	257.00
Village Picnic Loss	214.00

<b>Assets:</b> Cash	299.97
Current Account	1,557.78
CCLA Deposit Account	15,341.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,374.51</b>

We hold £1,092.67 for First Response, £100 for RBL, and have agreed grants outstanding therefore **unencumbered assets are £14,867.78**

- ♦ **Community Times:** Lorraine Brooks gave the usual plea for contributions. The CT will be 25 years old in 2014 and suggestions for ways this could be celebrated were requested. So far ideas include including some colour in a birthday issue, including a reprint of the first issue, including a CT/village quiz. Please let Lorraine know your suggestions.

- ♦ **Village Calendar:** 2014 Calendars are now on sale from local shops and events. Profit so far is £190. It was agreed that estimates and proposals for a 2015 calendar should be sought and presented to the CC at the January meeting.

♦ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- **Bonfire Night - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November:** Bryan Smith reported incidents of dumping on the bonfire, including a dangerous canister, despite notices prohibiting anyone from putting any rubbish on the bonfire. As a consequence this may be the last bonfire.
  - **Bonfire/fireworks:** Iain Wright leading with Alex Badman and Jonathan Prescott-Smith. Fireworks are being collected on Friday and Iain will store them. The Youth Club and Woodland Corner have said they will have Guys to put on the bonfire. Tony Boon has offered to help and volunteered for pyrotechnic training next year.
  - **Setting up:** Helpers are needed from 3pm. If the ground is not too wet provision will be made for overflow parking
  - **Gate:** Colin Ramsell is co-ordinating. More helpers are required at 6pm. Rachel Hitchcock and Vicki Sargent agreed to help.
  - **Drinks, Sparklers, etc:** More helpers are required at 6pm
  - **BBQ:** Claire Buller is leading.
  - **Mulled Wine:** Jenny Smith will get the wine, Tricia Hall will get all other ingredients.
  - **Clearing up:** Bryan and Neil. More helpers are required at 9am the following morning to collect rubbish including spent sparklers.
- **Christmas Fayre - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12-2pm:** Jenny Smith and Neil will liaise on organising. There have been eight bookings for tables so far.
  - **Setting up:** is from 9am, John Parsonson will help.
  - **Decorations:** Claire will put up the bunting and Christmas tree. Clare will liaise with Pam Baker about preparing Santa's grotto at the front of the hall using the new display boards if needed. Lorraine will prepare the raffle table.
  - **Raffle:** Jenny, Claire and Neil will sell tickets. Ken has kindly said he will donate a meat voucher, more prizes are needed.
  - **Father Christmas:** Catherine Burbidge has kindly offered to organise Santa's presents (*about 50, costing up to £2 each, for ages up to 11-12, boys and girls*)
  - **Entertainment:** Jayne Kennedy has confirmed the School will provide some musical entertainment at approx 1.20pm.
  - **Background Music:** Bryan will ask the Village Players
- **Valentines Night - Saturday 15th February:** Karen Elliott leading. Village Hall is provisionally booked 3pm-midnight. Karen was not at the meeting but she had given Bryan preliminary details and costs. The meeting felt that based on these figures the event would not raise sufficient funds and agreed it should only go ahead if it can be organised with costs reduced by 50%. Promotion will be required in the December CT if it is going ahead. Jenny Smith would liaise with Karen.
- **Dates for 2014 Events:** It was agreed to hold the Fun Village Quiz on Friday 3rd October, Firework Night on Wednesday 5th November and the Christmas Fayre on Sunday 7th December. The Village Hall has been provisionally booked for these dates.

**Action by:**

Lorraine

Calendar Team

Iain Wright  
Jenny Smith  
Colin Ramsell  
Claire Buller  
Tricia Hall  
&  
volunteers

Jenny Smith  
Neil Barbrook  
Claire Buller  
Lorraine  
Catherine  
Burbidge  
&  
volunteers

Karen Elliott  
Jenny Smith

## SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said at recent meetings Judith Blatch gave a talk about the *History of Winch & Blatch* and Mike Hunter spoke about *Trekking in the Himalayas*. At November's meeting Dawn Dale will be the speaker on *Beauty Therapy* and in December Paul George from the Mercury Theatre will talk about *Theatre and Pantomime*.
- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said they have booked visiting tutors Keith Whitlock and Vernon Lever and they are hoping to organise some outings using community transport.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** Jill Badman said at their next meeting with HortSoc on 11th November Dennis Dungey will talk about *Badgers*, which is currently a topical subject. They are planning a busy year for 2014, which is the Society's 40th Anniversary, including publishing Leigh Alston's book.
- ◆ **Nayland Fundraising Committee:** Jill Badman said the Cabaret Evening on 5th October raised about £6,000 in aid of MND Suffolk (Motor Neuron Disease) and the new radio therapy centre at Colchester general hospital.
- ◆ **Woodland Corner:** Tricia Hall said they had a successful cake stall making £240 and are holding a shopping evening fundraiser on 14th November.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Lorraine Brooks said they had an enjoyable outing to RHS Wisley Autumn Show in September and an interesting talk on *A Bulb For Every Season* in October. At the joint meeting with the Con. Soc. on 11th November Dennis Dungey, president of the NE Essex Badger Group, will talk about *Badgers*. They will have a stall at the Christmas Fayre, then go into hibernation until March when they will emerge with a busy 2014 schedule.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Jenny Smith said their the next production is *Murdered to Death* by Peter Gordon, and performances will be on 5th, 6th & 7th December.
- ◆ **Table Tennis Goup:** Neil Barbrook said he needs a few more people interested to come forward to make the group viable. They hope to play regularly in the village hall.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Mark Burbidge said the sub-committee hoping to organise new play equipment for Fairfield recreation ground were trying to establish what is required by residents and are looking for funding for the project.
- ◆ **Choir:** Ian McKay said they are rehearsing for a concert on 16th November called *The Circling Year*. 2014 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> year of a choir in Nayland and they are planning to celebrate with three concerts; a spring concert *A Song for Europe*, in summer a concert performance of *Trial by Jury* by Gilbert and Sullivan and a mixture of popular songs and spirituals with a barbecue afterwards, and an autumn concert accompanied by a small orchestra. The Choir will be applying for a grant to help fund these events.
- ◆ **AOB:**
  - **Parish Council Chairman:** Although Gerry Battye is continuing as a Parish Councillor he has retired as PC chairman. The CC will write a letter of thanks to Gerry for his 25 year contribution to the village. The letter will be published in the CT.
- ◆ **Date of next meeting:** will be on **Monday 13th January 2014**, Church Hall, 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm.

Meetings for 2014/15: Wednesday 5th March 2014 the AGM (*in the Village Hall with the VHMC AGM*), Wednesday 7 May, Wednesday 2 July, Wednesday 3 September, Wednesday 29 October, Monday 12 January 2015.

*The meeting ended at 9.05 pm*