

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on 28th August 2013 in the Church Hall

Alex Badman welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 12 members present:** Alex Badman, Bryan Smith, Jenny Smith, Lorraine Brooks, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, Tricia Hall, Karen Elliott, Wendy Sparrow, Trevor Smy, Jill Badman, Ian McKay.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Ken Willingale, Mark Burbidge, Vicki Sargent, Neil Barbrook, Pat Bray, Emma Elkin and Iain Wright.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last general meeting:** held on 3rd July 2013 were approved (*proposed Colin Ramsell, seconded Karen Elliott*)

♦ Matters Arising:

- ♦ **Village Christmas Tree:** Alex Badman said the contractors will be installing the new fixing during the first week of September. **Action by:**
Alex

- ♦ **Notice Boards:** Roy Norfolk has now obtained the cork backing and will be fixing the replacement board on the Old Forge during the first week of September. Bryan

♦ **Executive Committee Vacancies/Responsibilities:**

An appeal for volunteers to join the CC exec would be made at the Quiz Night and included in the CT. Word of mouth was a good way to recruit new members so asked friends and neighbours.

Alex
Lorraine
All

Alex said his house was sold etc so a vacancy for Chairman is imminent. Jenny Smith, the Vice Chairman, agreed to fill in temporarily.

♦ **Correspondence:**

- There was no correspondence

♦ **Grants & Donations:**

- **Court Knoll Lodge:** They have been thanked for their recent kind donation of £500 towards worthwhile causes in the Parish.
- **Firework Donation:** Mrs Neighbour, a Fen Street resident, has very generously donated £50 towards the fireworks. She enjoys watching the display from her home. Bryan
- **St Mary's Church Gate:** Rosemary Knox requested a grant towards replacement of an oak entrance gate costing £1000. It was agreed to grant the £500 donation from the Court Knoll Lodge for this purpose. (*proposed Jenny Smith, seconded Tricia Hall*) Bryan
- **Nayland Test Pit Dig:** The Conservation Society have applied for a grant of £1500 towards the £8,000 cost of holding another two day dig involving 16 pits. It was agreed to award a grant of £500 towards the dig. (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Colin Ramsell*) Bryan
- **Community Display Boards:** The Calendar Team requested new display boards for the photographic competition and for use by other village groups. It was agreed to buy a set of six heavy duty boards at a cost of £239. (*proposed Jenny Smith, seconded Tricia Hall*)
- **Recent Activities: The Picnic in the Park** was a nice relaxing enjoyable afternoon on the Village Hall playing field. Starting with a duck race, followed by fabulous music, barbecue and Pimms stall. The event made a loss of just over £200 but stock to about this value is held over for Bonfire Night, therefore the afternoon broke about even. The work involved was not onerous and the format worked well. Thanks to Iain Wright for leading and Chris Hunt for commentating for the duck race.

- ♦ **Treasurer's Report:** Bryan Smith's said there had been little activity since his last report. Assets stood at:

Cash	186.11	
Current Account	1,861.49	
CCLA Deposit Account	15,326.91	We hold £1,092.67 for First Response,
Total	17,374.51	therefore unencumbered assets are £16,281.84

It has come to light that the amended Constitution adopted by the CC in 1992 was not lodged with the Charity Commission. The original Constitution, which was lodged with them, is dated 28th September 1966. However, year end accounts with details of grants have been registered with the Charity Commission, therefore approving our grants policy.

The 1966 version is fairly simplistic: "To provide adequate recreational facilities, playing fields, playgrounds, in the interests of social welfare. To encourage and develop all recreational activities in the interests of social welfare. Providing always that nothing in the foregoing shall authorise or empower the CC to participate directly or indirectly in activity which is not charitable according to the law". It is interesting to note it includes the neighbourhood to Nayland with Wissington and that the CC was originally created to raise funds for the building of the Village Hall and to obtain the lease on Webb's Meadow.

The amended version opened the Constitution up and also includes: "and with the objects of advancing education, furthering health, relieving poverty, distress or sickness or in pursuing any charitable activity to improve the condition of life for those persons the facilities are intended".

The Treasurer said this matter needs to be looked at with view to adoption at the next AGM and submission to the Charity Commission.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Community Times: Lorraine Brooks asked that groups requiring space for promotion or large articles in the coming issue let her know as soon as possible. | <p>Action by:</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Village Calendar: 2014 Calendars are now on sale from the Post Office, Hatten's Stores, Forget Me Not, the Dental & Cosmetics Surgery and via the community website - we are grateful for their support. If anyone can help selling by selling calendars at their events/venues, please let Lorraine know. Ideas for increasing sales are welcomed.
All the photos in this years competition are available to view in a digital album on the community website | <p><u>Calendar Team</u></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Forthcoming Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fundraising: Iain Wright has obtained permission from the organiser of the Farmers' Markets for the CC to hold a raffle each month. It was agreed to take advantage of this on 14th September (draw to take place at the Quiz), on 12th October and 9th November (draw to take place at the Fayre). First prizes would be £50, donations of further prizes are needed. Claire Buller (Sept), Jenny Smith (Oct) and Wendy Sparrow (Nov) kindly volunteered. Calendars would be sold alongside the raffle tickets. A sign is needed. ▪ Village Quiz - Friday 4th October: Rachel Hitchcock is leading. An email reminder will go to village groups asking them to submit 10 questions in a similar way to last year. Woodland Corner helpers will be setting up the hall and doing the scoring. The hall is booked. Promotion is in hand. Prizes are required for the raffle. ▪ Bonfire Night - Tuesday 5th November: The fireworks have been ordered. Neil Barbrook is co-ordinating the event and Iain Wright leading the bonfire/fireworks with Jonathan Prescott-Smith. Alex may be available to help. The hall/playing field are booked. An appeal for volunteers for pyrotechnic training would go out for next year - this involves a half day course at Mersea. The Youth Club will have a Guy to put on the bonfire. ▪ Christmas Fayre - Sunday 1st December 12-2pm: Jenny Smith and Neil will liaise on organising. The hall is booked. Jayne Kennedy has confirmed the School will provide some musical entertainment at approx 1.20pm. The children's competition and games will not be continued. Claire will put up the bunting. Promotion and table booking slips will be in the October CT - to be submitted by 4th November. ▪ Valentines Night - Saturday 15th February: Karen Elliott will lead, Claire Buller will help. Village Hall is provisionally booked 3pm-midnight. Iain will organise the bar, Karen has booked a band; The Rock and Roll Society. Please contact Karen if you can help with ideas for food/catering. | <p><u>Claire</u>
<u>Jenny</u>
<u>Wendy</u>
<u>Lorraine</u></p> <p><u>Alex Badman</u>
<u>& Rachel</u>
<u>Hitchcock</u></p> <p><u>Neil Barbrook</u>
<u>Iain Wright</u></p> <p><u>Jenny Smith</u>
<u>Neil Barbrook</u></p> <p><u>Karen Elliott</u>
<u>Claire Buller</u></p> |

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **Choir:** Ian McKay said rehearsals start on Thursday 5th September for a concert on 16th November 'The English Year in Song'. Their annual quiz will be on 1st November.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** Jill Badman said Bill Starling will be talking on the *Jane Walker Hospital - recent history* on 14th October. Leigh Alston's book should be available next October, in time for the Society's 40th Anniversary.
- ◆ **Nayland Fundraising Committee:** Jill Badman said a Cabaret Evening will be held on 5th October at Littlegarth School with entertainment, dancing and supper in aid of MND Suffolk (Motor Neuron Disease) and the new radio therapy centre at Colchester general hospital.

- ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said the speaker in July who was a St John Ambulance volunteer had been very interesting. They enjoyed their Garden Tea Party in August. On 16th September Judith Blatch will be talking about the *History of Winch & Blatch*. Visitors are welcome
- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said their new term begins on 11th September when they will discuss the schedule of activities and visiting tutors.
- ◆ **Woodland Corner:** Tricia Hall said they are planning a cake stall outside Kerridge's on 5th October and a shopping evening fundraiser on 14th November.
- ◆ **Firefighters:** Karen Elliott said they had some applications for the firefighter vacancies.
- ◆ **First Responders:** Karen Elliott said the group needs more volunteers. A conference is being held - it will be interesting to meet other responder groups.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said the scarecrow and hanging baskets competitions received some creative entries. The weather was great for a very enjoyable summer party. They were pleased entries had increased for the flower show, especially the children's and family section.
There are still a few seats left on the coach for our outing to RHS Wisley Autumn Show on 8th September.
On 15th October: Hilary Thomas will talk on *A Bulb For Every Season*. At the joint meeting with Con. Soc. on 11th November Dennis Dungey, president of the NE Essex Badger Group, will talk about *Badgers*.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Jenny Smith said they have received a fantastic number of nominations for the North Essex Theatre Guild awards to be held on 13th September. Their annual barbecue will be on 1st September.
They have cast for the next production, *Murdered to Death*, and performances will be on 5th, 6th & 7th December.
- ◆ **Youth Club:** They are holding a Table Top Sale on 28th September in the Village Hall. They will be making a guy for Bonfire Night.
- ◆ **Macmillan Coffee Morning:** Jenny Smith said this year's coffee morning will be on 28th September in the Church Hall.
- ◆ **AOB:**
 - **Village dates:** It was noted several events in the village had clashed recently. It was pointed out that when planning events organisers are able to view what other events are being organised by checking the Church Hall and Village Hall booking systems on the community website.
 - **Alex & Jill Badman:** Jenny Smith gave Alex a gift, thanked him for his time as chairman and wished them both well in Bury St Edmunds.
- ◆ **Date of next meeting:** will be on **Wednesday 30th October 2013**, Church Hall, 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm.

Meetings for 2013/14: Monday 13th January 2014 & Wednesday 5th March 2014 the AGM.

The meeting ended at 9 pm