

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on 13th January 2014 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, Mark Burbidge, Vicki Sargent, Neil Barbrook, Iain Wright, Wendy Sparrow, Julie Wooding, Rachel Hitchcock, John Partridge, Ian McKay.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Pat Bray, Ken Willingale, Tricia Hall, John Parsonson, Alex Murrison
- ♦ **Minutes of the last general meeting:** held on 30th October 2013 were approved (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Colin Ramsell*)

♦ Matters Arising:

♦ **Executive Committee Vacancies/Responsibilities:**

Action by:

All members present except Mark Burbidge, who could not commit at present, agreed to continue on the executive committee for 2014/15. Julie Wooding has kindly agreed to join the committee and Rachel Hitchcock said she would continue to help the CC with activities.

Jenny Smith said further volunteers to join the CC executive would be welcome and there is a vacancy for Chairman. Jenny said she would not be continuing as Vice Chairman but would remain on the executive and Bryan Smith warned 2014/15 would be his last year as Treasurer.

- ♦ **Fundraising Activities:** Selling raffle tickets at the monthly Farmers Markets in the autumn leading up to CC events had been successful. When to resume this fundraising would be discussed at the next meeting. Other ideas for fundraising would be welcome.
- ♦ **Valentines Night:** The CC cancelled this event as costs could not be reduced to the level agreed at the last meeting.
- ♦ **Recent Activities:**
 - **Bonfire Night - Tuesday 5th November:** This had been a huge success and thanks were due to all involved,
 - **Christmas Fayre - Sunday 1st December:** This was very successful, again thanks to all involved.
 - **Village Christmas Tree:** Claire Buller was thanked for organising the tree which looked lovely. There have been several complimentary comments received. Claire said the new fixing worked well and thanked all involved including Anna and Tony Boon.
- ♦ **Correspondence:**
 - **Nayland Post Office:** The question of the possible relocation of the Post Office was raised. There were insufficient facts available to have a meaningful discussion but it was resolved that the Community Council would give their full support to the Parish Council in their efforts to have a public meeting with a senior representative of the Post Office. A meeting where the Post Office could explain their plans and the rationale behind them. It was agreed, by all, that every effort should be made to ensure that this vital amenity remains in the village.
- ♦ **Grants & Donations:**
 - **Nayland Choir:** A grant request had been received for £2,000 towards the cost of holding three concerts this year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the choir. After some discussion it was agreed to give a grant of £500 (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Neil Barbrook*)
 - **Fairfield Playground Equipment:** A grant request had been received from Rachel Hitchcock. Rachel gave a detailed account of the project which will update the 30 year old playground equipment on Fairfield recreation ground. The project is likely to cost £25,000. The Parish Council had pledged £10,000 towards the project and grant applications were being submitted to Babergh and the Lottery Fund.
It was agreed to award a grant of £1,000 (*proposed Iain Wright, seconded Bryan Smith*). Rachel thanked the CC and said their backing would demonstrate community support when they applied for further grants.

Bryan

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- ◆ **Treasurer's Report:** Bryan Smith said this had been a good year all round and reported as follows:

<u>Main Profit Centres</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Grants</u>	
Community Times	2,173.00	1,647.76	Village Hall	1,000.00
Fireworks	1,295.00	1,695.42	Old Peoples Club	294.00
Christmas Fayre	109.80	133.00	Wiston Church Gate	500.00
Quiz	191.00	273.05	Parkers Way Community Centre	47.99
Calendars	844.00	760.70	CC Display Boards	239.00
Village Picnic	-	(214.00)	New Notice Board FMN	120.00
<u>Donations Received</u>			<u>Agreed Grants not paid</u>	
Court Knoll Lodge		500.00	Conservation Soc. Book	500.00
Mrs P Neighbour		50.00	Conservation Soc. Dig	500.00
Dental Clinic		31.00		
<u>Assets:</u> Cash		66.07		
Current Account		5,034.78	We hold £1,092.67 for First Response and £130	
CCLA Deposit Account		15,341.70	for RBL, therefore unencumbered assets are	
Total		£20,442.55	£18,219.88	

- ◆ **Community Times:** Lorraine Brooks gave the usual plea for contributions.

The CT will be 25 years old later this year. It is hoped to have a display of all back issues which can be browsed and have refreshments available at the Calendar competition photographic display on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May.

Other ideas put forward include having some colour in a birthday issue, having a reprint of the first issue, and including a CT/village quiz. Please let Lorraine know your suggestions.

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Lorraine

- ◆ **Village Calendar:** A few 2014 Calendars are still available from local shops or the committee. Profit is £760.

Print quotes for 300 copies of the 2015 calendar have been received. Our usual printers quote was the same as last year. Spingold Graphics have invested in new equipment and have been able to reduce their cost dramatically to £522 (*inc VAT @ 20%*) and this came in cheapest. The calendar competition will be run as usual and it will be judged on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May. Entries should be submitted by 26th April.

Calendar Team

- ◆ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- **Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 5th March:** This will be held in the Village Hall on the same evening as the Village Hall Management Committee AGM. The AGMs start at 7.30pm for Community Council and 8.30pm for the Village Hall Management Committee. The Executive committee will meet at 7pm.

Bryan Smith reminded the meeting that in 1992 the CC amended the Constitution but changes were not lodged with the Charity Commission. He proposes this should be done after the AGM.

Bryan

Iain Wright confirmed the VHMC would like combined AGM's for 2015. The Village Hall has been booked for Wednesday 4th March.

- **Fun Village Quiz - Friday 3rd October:** Rachel Hitchcock kindly agreed to organise the quiz again.
- **Bonfire Night - Wednesday 5th November:** It is noted that Dynamic Fireworks hold their half day pyrotechnics training course at Mersea in September.
- **Christmas Fayre - Sunday 7th December 12-2pm:** Mark Burbidge said his wife Catherine was willing to help with Santa's presents again.

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said Paul George from the Mercury Theatre gave an interesting talk about *Theatre and Pantomime* in December and their festive goodies sold out at the Christmas Fayre. The speaker in January will talk about *The Donkey Sanctuary*.
- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said there was a full house for their first session of 2014. They have booked visiting tutors and they are hoping to organise some outings using community transport.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** John Partridge said they are planning a busy year for 2014, which is the Society's 40th Anniversary, including an interesting illustrated talk on the Dedham Vale at their AGM on 10th March, an anniversary reception on 27th June, another Test Pit Dig and the publication of Leigh Alston's book.
- ◆ **Royal British Legion:** John Partridge said they will be commemorating the start of the First World War on 4th August and combining with the Village Players for an event. They have a coach outing to the Cutty Sark on 21st May.
- ◆ **Woodland Corner:** Rachel Hitchcock said they had a busy lead up to Christmas. This is their 4th anniversary year and they will do something to celebrate. A Boden Party is being held on 27th February and a Cake Sale on 29th March.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Lorraine Brooks said they had a successful stall at the Christmas Fayre. They will soon be emerging from their winter hibernation with a busy schedule for 2014, starting with a talk *Through the Year with a Horticultural Photographer* on 18th March and on 22nd March the Spring Show. Bookings will start being taken for a coach outing to Kew Gardens on 11th June.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Jenny Smith said their last play *Murdered To Death* had been successful and they are appreciative of audiences support. Auditions are being held for their the next production; *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson. Performances will be on 10th, 11th and 12th April.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Mark Burbidge said he has resigned from the Parish Council.
- ◆ **Choir:** Ian McKay said rehearsals have started on Thursday at 8pm in Nayland School and they would welcome new singers. They have three concerts planned this year; the first on 23rd March in St James *The Sacred in Song: Enchanting choral music from nine European countries and five centuries* which will have something for everyone's taste in classical music.
- ◆ **Transition Nayland:** Julie Wooding said this is their fourth year. They had a successful winter solstice walk on 21st December and for their next project they are looking at having a pedal power cinema.
- ◆ **Village Hall:** Iain Wright said expenditure on maintenance, heating and general running costs had increased and income had been slightly down. The committee's additional fundraising was not sufficient to meet the shortfall so it will be necessary to increase hire charges.
- ◆ **First Response:** Karen Elliott said she had attended a recent training meeting. Responders had enjoyed a Christmas meal together. There are currently four responders and two more are awaiting training but more volunteers are needed.
- ◆ **AOB:**
 - There was no further business
- ◆ **Date of next meeting:** will be the **AGM on Wednesday 5th March**, (in the Village Hall with the *VHMC AGM*) 7.30pm with Exec at 7pm.

Meetings for 2014/15: Wednesday 7 May, Wednesday 2 July, Wednesday 3 September, Wednesday 29 October, Monday 12 January 2015 and Wednesday 4th March 2015 the AGM.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm