

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on 7th May 2014 in the Church Hall

Neil Barbrook welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 10 members present:** Jenny Smith, Lorraine Brooks, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, Tricia Hall, Vicki Sargent, Neil Barbrook, Julie Wooding, John Partridge, Ian McKay.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Bryan Smith, Wendy Sparrow, Pat Bray, Rachel Hitchcock, Rosemary Knox
- ♦ **Minutes of the last general meeting:** held on 13th January 2014 were approved (*proposed Jenny Smith, seconded Colin Ramsell*)

♦ Matters Arising:

♦ **Executive Committee Vacancies/Responsibilities:**

Neil Barbrook said further volunteers to join the CC executive would be welcome and there will be vacancy for Treasurer next year. He thanked Colin Ramsell for agreeing to take the position of Vice Chairman. Members were asked to encourage others to join.

Action by:

All

♦ **Fundraising Activities:** Organisation of the monthly Farmers Market has changed hands.

They include their own free raffle (a ticket is given for each purchase) so it is not known whether selling CC raffle tickets would be welcome. We will review next meeting.

All

Other ideas for fundraising would be welcome.

♦ **Nayland Post Office:** Members are not aware of any news regarding the future of the PO.

♦ **Babergh Achievement Award:** Jenny Smith said the awards evening had been very pleasant. The CC's award will be unveiled at the Parish Assembly; the glass award will be placed in the Village Hall trophy cabinet and the framed certificate displayed on the wall.

Neil congratulated all those who have contributed to the CC over the years in gaining this award.

♦ **Correspondence:**

- **Nayland Youth Club:** Emma Elkin, current leader of the Youth Club, had contacted the CC regarding problems they had encountered. Progress regarding that situation is not known but it is thought the Youth club is not running at present.

♦ **Grants & Donations:**

There had been no grant applications. However, it was agreed, if an application is made, to give assistance up to £500 to a gentleman at Wiston who had lost his house and belongings in a fire. (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Julie Wooding*)

♦ **Treasurer's Report:** Jenny Smith gave Bryan's report as follows:

| <u>Income</u> | | <u>Expenditure</u> | |
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| Community Times | 1,340.00 | CT Print | 402.00 |
| Calendar | 105.00 | Community Action | 30.00 |
| | | Calendar | 38.39 |
| | | First Response | 150.00 |
| | | <u>Grants</u> | |
| | | Village Hall | 1,000.00 |
| | | Choir | 500.00 |
| | | <u>Agreed Grants not paid</u> | |
| | | Conservation Soc. Book | 500.00 |
| | | Conservation Soc. Dig | 500.00 |
| | | PC Playground Project | 1,000.00 |
| <u>Assets:</u> | | | |
| Current Account | 4,489.19 | We hold £942.77 for First Response and £130 for | |
| CCLA Deposit Account | 15,371.50 | RBL, therefore unencumbered assets are | |
| Total | £19,860.69 | £16,788.02 | |

A loan was made to the Parish Council many years ago from which the CC derives just 0.5% interest a year and they pay off the capital at just 5% a year. It is an onerous accounting task and the Treasurer recommended the remaining £560 was written off in the form of a grant to the PC. This was agreed (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Tricia Hall*).

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

Action by:

A volunteer is needed to attend Parish Council meetings and write the report for the Community Times. The job could be shared. Lorraine will not be able to continue doing this.

As part of the CT 25th anniversary celebrations there was a display of all back issues, refreshments and display of CC activities at the Calendar Photo competition on 5th May. It had been a very pleasant afternoon with a steady stream of visitors. Thanks to the calendar team and Denise Drury for their help.

It was agreed to have 2 pairs of A4 pages in colour print (costing approx £100) for the October issue (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Julie Wooding*).

Lorraine

- ◆ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said the Calendar photo competition display was held on 5th May. The number of photos entered was considerably less this year, partly due to people being preoccupied by the late Easter. The Calendar Team had expressed their disappointment that, with the exception of one or two, the Exec has not supported the project by entering photos.

Twelve sponsors have agreed to support the calendar, raising £300.

The calendar is now being put together and scheduled to go to print as usual in June. The cost of printing 300 copies will be £522 - a saving of about £50 on last year. This expenditure was agreed (*proposed Jenny Smith, seconded Julie Wooding*).

The saving was used to produce 7 framed enlarged prints of photos featured in past calendars to promote that enlarged unframed A4 prints can be purchased for £10. One framed print was used as a raffle prize - the raffle raised £41.

Iain Wright requested at the last meeting that the prints are displayed in the village hall.

Lorraine will contact Iain, checking that they can be displayed securely and will be available for the calendar display next May.

Calendar
Team

- ◆ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- **Picnic in the park - Monday 25th August:** Iain Wright is leading. The village hall needs to be booked. Promotion is required in the June CT. It was felt opening with the duck race helped attract attendance.

Iain Wright

- **Fun Village Quiz - Friday 3rd October:** Rachel Hitchcock is leading and welcomes ideas. Members thought it had become a little serious and there could be more 'fun' elements. Ideas included: identifying objects in a sock, a taste round (identifying the flavour of crisps or chocolate), a sound round, identifying artefacts.

Rachel

- **Bonfire Night - Wednesday 5th November:** Dynamic Fireworks' half day pyrotechnics training course at Mersea is on Sunday 14th September. Tony Boon has volunteered to attend, another volunteer would be welcome.

Neil

Neil will liaise with Bryan regarding ordering the fireworks and with Claire for necklaces/sparklers. Claire will lead on the BBQ and hot chocolate, Jenny & Tricia on mulled wine. More helpers are required especially for the gate.

Claire will contact Fred Bugg regarding getting the bonfire site cleared. As it was not completely cleared it has led residents to think they can dump their rubbish on the bonfire site.

Claire

- **Christmas Fayre - Sunday 7th December 12-2pm:** Neil Barbrook is co-ordinator. Lorraine will contact the School Choir, Neil will ask David George to be Santa. Catherine Burbidge will obtain Santa's presents. We charge £1 to visit Santa, this doesn't cover the cost but it is a community activity and won't be increased. Claire will put up the bunting and Christmas tree. There was a shortage of stalls by village groups last year. Neil suggested the CC consider what else the CC could do to raise funds. The CC will sell hot chocolate.

Neil

- **Street Fayre - July 2016:** Claire Buller agreed to co-ordinate this event which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Community Council

Claire

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said their visit to Kersey Mill didn't quite go as expected but a 'plan B' resulted in an enjoyable outing. They will visit a studio at Woodbridge on 18th June and on 23rd July will enjoy cream tea at Newton Green.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** John Partridge said their grant applications for a second test pit dig have been successful and would take place in September. The new permissive footpath between Nayland and Stoke has been opened. It was commented that this is very useful to residents.
- ◆ **Woodland Corner:** Rachel Hitchcock reported a positive year was highlighted at their AGM, they were hoping for good weather for their 40th anniversary celebration on Saturday and the anniversary is the theme for summer activities.
- ◆ **Playground Project:** Rachel Hitchcock reported grant applications have been submitted and they are hopeful of achieving the £25,000 target this summer. An exciting range of equipment for a wider age range of children than are currently catered for is proposed. Fingers are now crossed that their hard work for the lottery bid pays off.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Lorraine Brooks said their spring events; a talk on *'Through the Year with a Horticultural Photographer'*, the Spring Show and the AGM & Fun Quiz had been very successful. The Morning Market, a sale of plants, cakes, preserves, refreshments etc, is on 17th May. They have a coach outing to Kew Gardens on 11th June and summer garden party on 11th July. The Scarecrow and Hanging Basket Competitions are on 12th & 25th July and the Flower Show on 2nd August.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Jenny Smith said their last play *The Miracle Worker* had been successful and they are appreciative of audiences support. They are having a little break from performances but have some social activities planned including a guided walk with Chris Hunt. Auditions for the pantomime *'Jack and the Beanstalk'*, directed by Nick Moriarty, will be held in July.
- ◆ **Choir:** Ian McKay said rehearsals are going well for the second concert of their anniversary year, on 28th June in the village hall, followed by a barbecue. They hope to see some new faces in the audience and good weather!
- ◆ **Transition Nayland:** Julie Wooding said they had attended Hadleigh Fair, they had a successful spring solstice walk and a summer solstice walk is planned.
- ◆ **Table Tennis Group:** Neil Barbrook reported there are 12 members of this new light-hearted group - more would be welcome. They meet on Mondays at 2-3.30pm at the Village Hall. They borrow the Youth Club's table, a second table would be available if it can be stored at the hall. Claire said the CC's storage area may be suitable. It was also suggested that an outdoor table tennis table may be a useful facility - Neil will investigate.
- ◆ **New Book Club:** Neil Barbrook said there was a new book club run by Stephanie Deering. The first book had been Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca*, the next an Agatha Christie novel.
- ◆ **AOB:**
 - **Village Hall Garden:** The CC missed participating in the Village Hall garden morning. We will tend our section of the garden on Saturday 7th June at 9am. **Action by:** All
 - **Parish Assembly:** Neil Barbrook agreed to attend the Parish Assembly on 12th May to answer any questions and say a few words if required. Bryan, Jenny and Colin would also attend.
 - **Community Council Records:** The whereabouts of historic paperwork relating to the CC was not known by those present. Lorraine, Bryan and Claire will investigate. Lorraine hopes to collate some information and highlights for the CCs 50th anniversary. **Lorraine, Bryan, Claire**
- ◆ **Date of next meeting:** will be **Wednesday 2 July** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm.

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

The meeting ended at 9pm