

# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes from the meeting held on 11th September 2014 in the Church Hall

Neil Barbrook welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 10 members present:** Neil Barbrook, Bryan Smith, Jenny Smith, Lorraine Brooks, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, Vicky Sargent, Wendy Sparrow, John Partridge, Rachel Hitchcock.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Ken Willingale, Pat Bray, Julie Wooding, John Parsonson, Alex Murrison, Rosemary Knox, Ian McKay, Trevor Smy, Tony Boon.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last general meeting:** held on 2nd July 2014 were approved (*proposed Jenny Smith, seconded Colin Ramsell*)

### MATTERS ARISING:

- ♦ **Executive Committee:** It was stressed a new Treasurer will be required for next year - we need to be on the lookout for a volunteer. Bryan Smith will show them the ropes. **Action by:**  
All
- ♦ **Fundraising Activities:** It was agreed to go ahead with holding a grand draw at the Christmas Fayre. A licence was needed from Babergh, costing £40 for the first year, £20 per year thereafter. The cost of printing 3,000 tickets would be approx £80 inc VAT and delivery from Rapid Print Sudbury. Neil

Neil will lead on the organisation. A sponsor is needed; their details/advert can be included on the tickets. A good top prize is needed and other prizes; Neil and Claire will make enquiries, inc dentist, Anchor, fish & chip van. There may be a meat voucher to include. Support will be required with selling tickets in advance, possibly distributing with the Community Times and at the Post Office and at community events.
- ♦ **Nayland Post Office:** Members are not aware of any news regarding the future of the PO.
- ♦ **Babergh Achievement Award:** The glass award has been placed the trophy cabinet. Iain Wright was going to fix the framed certificate on the wall of the Village Hall; we are not sure whether this has been done.. Iain
- ♦ **Community Council Records:** Lorraine Brooks said she is continuing to collect information relating to the history of the CC. The timeline of activities and those involved is progressing and is very interesting. She had yet to meet with Ken Willingale who has been involved from the beginning and Wendy Sparrow. Another appeal for more information, photos or memorabilia which could be copied would be included in the CT. Lorraine
- ♦ **Village Hall Garden:** The next session of maintaining the garden will be on 18th October from 9am. ALL  
18th October
- ♦ **Picnic in the Park:** The event was cancelled due to lack of volunteers. It was just as well as the weather on the day was dreadful!
- ♦ **Correspondence:**

There had been no correspondence.
- ♦ **Grants & Donations:**
  - **Village Stiles:** The need for better access for walkers of footpaths off Bear Street and Fen Street was discussed. Neil Barbrook had been in contact with the SCC, the footpath warden, and Stour Valley Project. Grants are available towards the cost of replacing the current stiles which are in poor condition with kissing gates. In places they are impassable for some people and all but small dogs. The cost of replacing each is £500; the seven stiles identified would cost £3,500. Members agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the cost (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Vicky Sargent*). Neil will continue investigating grants, some of which need to be applied for by the end of the year, and liaising with landowners. Claire will contact Mr Stevens. Neil  
Claire
  - **Luncheon Club for the Over 60s:** Nine lunches in the Church Hall, a Summer Tea Party and a special Christmas Lunch for elderly residents are organised each year by volunteers. It was agreed to support the next Christmas Lunch with a grant of £300 (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Colin Ramsell*). Bryan
- ♦ **Treasurer's Report:** Bryan Smith gave his report as follows for the period 2nd July to 11th September:  
Assets are: CCLA Deposit £15,386.83, Current Account £3,568.49, Cash £475.49, totalling £19,430.81  
We hold £942.67 for First Response and £368 for RBL, therefore **unencumbered assets are £16,120.14**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Agreed Grants not paid</u>	
Community Times	490.00	Insurance	141.00	Conservation Soc. Book	500.00
Calendar	340.00	Calendar Print	522.00	Conservation Soc. Dig	500.00
Donation Mrs Neighbour	50.00	Fireworks	1000.00	PC Playground Project	1,000.00
		CT Print	195.00		
		Church Hall Hire	60.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£880.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1918.00</b>		

**Action by:**

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

The August and September Parish Council meetings were covered by new volunteers and it is hoped they will continue to share the task of writing the reports.

For the CT's 25th anniversary issue the four centre pages will be in colour; it is a shame the Picnic in the Park did not take place as it cannot be included. The pages will include 'Celebrating 2014'; the CC receiving a Babergh Achievement Award, the Conservation Society, Choir and Woodland Corner who are celebrating milestone anniversaries, 1914 Remembered and the August Flower Show.

Lorraine

- ♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said calendars are on sale at local shops and events..

Suggestions for additional sales opportunities are needed or if you can help by having calendars on sale at an event you are organising please let Lorraine know.

Enlarged prints (up or A4) of photos featured in past calendars can be purchased for £10 and this will be advertised in the CT. Six framed prints were produced to promote this.

Iain Wright had requested the framed prints are displayed in the Village Hall. The VHMC have had them for 2 months. Lorraine will contact the secretary to check whether they do require them; if not we will have them back.

Calendar Team et al

Lorraine

- ♦ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- **Fun Village Quiz - Friday 3rd October:** The hall is booked from 6pm. Rachel Hitchcock is kindly leading with help from the Woodland Corner team. Questions are still required from some village groups. There will be a music round and quirky themes for 3 rounds. Those who wish to come but haven't got a 'four' are welcome and will be teamed up. It is bring your own refreshments. There will be a raffle.

Rachel

The CC will organise the raffle. Bryan & Jenny will man the raffle table. Prizes are needed for the raffle.

- **Bonfire Night - Wednesday 5th November:** Tony Boon is attending Dynamic Fireworks' half day pyrotechnics training course at Mersea is on Sunday 21st September.

Neil has thanked Mrs Neighbour for her £50 donation and Fred Bugg for clearing the bonfire site. NO DUMPING signs will be put out and this will be highlighted in the CT.

The event has been promoted in The Villager, Higgle, Assington, Boxford, Horkesley, LSPN & CT. The time has been amended: food etc available from 6.30, display still at 7pm

If required and ground conditions permitting overflow parking may be needed. Signs to the village hall and 'no parking' signs will be put out - Neil

Neil Bryan

Special Risk Insurance: Bryan Bonfire: Fred Bugg

Firework display: Iain Wright, Tony Boon, Tom Gardiner

Setting up Field & Hall from 3-4pm: Iain, Bryan, Neil, Tony, Rachel

Gate, 3 tables from 6pm: Colin, John & Jill Parsonson, Rachel, Wendy Sparrow

Lanterns needed for gate: Bryan & Neil Floats: Bryan

Selling sparklers/necklaces: Vicky, Sharon & Andrew Pentney

ALL

BBQ: Claire & team Setting up: Gary Napper

Buying Sausages: Bryan Rolls: Claire Charcoal: Claire

Selling Soft Drinks: Gill Boardman Buying 200 Fruit Shoots: Rachel

Hot Chocolate: Claire & Jayne Kennedy Buying: Claire

Mulled Wine: Tricia Hall & Jenny Buying ingredients: Tricia

Bins of sand for spent sparklers: Neil, Bryan, others

The popularity of the event continues to grow; quantities required for the BBQ, mulled wine, etc need raising as sold out last year.

Clearing/litter pick next day: Neil, Bryan, Colin & others welcome

- **Christmas Fayre - Sunday 7th December 12-2pm:** Neil Barbrook is co-ordinator. The hall is booked. The School Choir and the Fangando School of Dance Drama & Music will

perform, David George will be Santa. Catherine Burbidge will obtain Santa's presents. A visit to Santa will be £1. Claire will put up the bunting and Christmas tree. The CC will sell hot chocolate and soft drinks. Stalls by village groups need encouraging.

Neil

The Fayre will run from 12 to 2.30pm. Lorraine will ask the School Choir to perform at 1.30 and Rachel will ask Laura if they could perform at 2pm.

- **Street Fayre - July 2016:** Claire Buller will lead a sub-committee to organise this event which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Community Council. It is hoped all societies will participate. The theme is likely to be 1960s as the CC was founded in 1966.

Claire

## SOCIETY REPORTS

- ♦ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said the autumn term has begun and they are planning outings and having visiting tutors. The group is at full compliment for the size of the Church Hall.
- ♦ **Conservation Society:** John Partridge said the second test pit dig takes place on 20/21 September. More volunteers to help with digging would be welcome. Spectators can come along to watch. The new permissive path to Stoke is being well used.
- ♦ **Royal British Legion:** John Partridge said they have some spaces on the coach trip to Kelvedon Hatch Secret Nuclear Bunker on 22 October. Contact John or Andrew Gowen if interested
- ♦ **Woodland Corner:** Rachel Hitchcock said they had a successful summer holiday club and numbers attending this term are good. They have some exciting activities planned. Their fundraisers are the Cake Stall on 4th October and Ladies Shopping Evening on 21st November.
- ♦ **HortSoc:** Lorraine Brooks said they have had a good summer; the Garden Party at Parkers and the Flower Show went very well. The weather was glorious for their coach outing to Peter Beales and Bressingham Gardens on Monday. On 21st October Richard Ford's talk is entitled 'Around the Flower Shows' and at the joint meeting with Conservation Society on 10th November Matt Holden is talking about 'The River Stour'. They will have a stall selling seasonal gifts at the Christmas Fayre and would be grateful for donations for the stall.
- ♦ **Village Players:** Jenny Smith said they enjoyed their summer BBQ. Rehearsals have started for the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk', directed by Nick Moriarty; performances are on 5th/6th/12th/13th December. They have several nominations at the North Essex Theatre Guild Awards being held on Friday.
- ♦ **Choir:** Rehearsals have started for their concert 'Brilliant Baroque' on 29 November in St James' Church.
- ♦ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said they enjoyed a Garden Party and a cruise of the River Orwell. The History of Colchester Zoo will be the subject of the talk on 15th September.
- ♦ **Book Club:** The club run by Stephanie Deering have read a variety of books; the current book is 'The Casual Vacancy' by JK Rowling.
- ♦ **Table Tennis Group:** Neil Barbrook said between 6-12 members are attending regularly in the village hall on Mondays at 2-3.30pm. A few more players would be welcome.
- ♦ **AOB:**
  - **Nayland Forum:** Neil Barbrook raised the idea of an online parish forum. It was suggested that if someone was willing to organise such a forum or even a Facebook page it would need monitoring and checking for misuse. There was also some doubt whether it would be used. **Action by:**
  - **CC Website:** Following the forum suggestion Lorraine had produced a draft website, specifically to help promote the CC and its activities. She added the information is just sitting on her computer and it is a shame others don't have access to it. Printed copies of some pages were passed round. The cost would be approx £60 a year for hosting, plus about £6 for the domain name. It was agreed to go ahead and the url would be [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk) (to include Wissington would make it too long). This will link to and from the [naylandandwiston.net](http://naylandandwiston.net) community website which it is hoped parish organisations will continue to support. Lorraine
  - **Supporting Local Businesses:** Neil Barbrook highlighted the need to support our local shops. A note stressing this will be included in the CT. Neil
  - **Community Council Assets:** It was suggested that the CC has various assets spread round the village and as the committee changes we lose track of what is available. It was agreed a record of assets could be kept. It was agreed the Village Festival t-shirts could be used for craft by Anna Boon - Claire will let Anna know Claire
  - **Bus Service:** It was noted there have been complaints about the changes in the bus services, in particular the confusing and restrictive promotion of the timetables; they are not accurate locally or on their website. Lack of printed copies also denies many bus users access to the information.
- ♦ **Date of next meeting:** will be **Wednesday 29th October** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm. Meetings for 2015: Monday 12 January 2015 and Wednesday 4th March 2015 the AGM.  
*The meeting closed at 9.30pm*