

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on 6th May 2015 in the Church Hall

Neil Barbrook welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 10 members present:** Neil Barbrook, Bryan Smith, Lorraine Brooks, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, Tricia Hall, Colin Moule, Iain Wright, Alex Murrison, John Partidge.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Ken Willingale, Rosemary Knox, Vicky Sargent, John Parsonson, Pat Bray, Robert Swan, Wendy Sparrow, Julie Clark.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last general meeting:** held on 12th January 2015 were approved (*proposed Colin Ramsell, seconded Claire Buller*)

MATTERS ARISING:

- ♦ **Executive Committee:** Colin Moule was welcomed to the Exec. Bryan was thanked for his time as Treasurer and Iain for stepping forward to fill the post. There have been delays in completing the bank mandate and paperwork for the changeover. Lorraine will now collect monies for CT advertising and calendar sponsorship and the Calendar Team for calendar sales. The Parish Council will be reminded that a PC representative is required on the CC Executive. Please all encourage new members and also encourage representatives of village groups to support CC meetings
Action by:
Iain, Neil & Bryan
Lorraine
All
- ♦ **Fundraising Activities:** A Grand Draw would be organised for the Street Fayre in 2016 but it was decided not to include one at the Christmas Fayre. Ideas for fundraising are always welcome.
- ♦ **Nayland Post Office:** Members were delighted to hear that our Post Office will be remaining open; Patsie now has the help of Sylvia Bond working there full-time and Kathy Hunt will cover Friday afternoons.
- ♦ **Village Hall:** Neil thanked those who helped tidy the village hall gardens on 11th April.
- ♦ **Community History & Website:** Lorraine Brooks said she is continuing to collect information relating to the history of the CC and would be grateful for any details, memorabilia or photos which could be copied or photographed.
Lorraine
Lorraine said the www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk is up to date. Regular visits will help it climb in search engine results - there have only been 210 visitors to date. Please get in the habit of taking photos of CC activities, events, grant outcomes, etc for inclusion.
- ♦ **CC Asset List:** Claire had been in contact with the School regarding the Father Christmas costume. The CC had replaced the lost beard this year and agreed they would store the costume, which they paid for some 10 years ago, for use by village groups. The School has questioned this arrangement. It was agreed Neil Barbrook would write to the School. It was felt the ideal place to store the costume was with the Village players costumes.
Claire & Neil
We have unused Father Christmas presents. Iain said there are some CC items in the outside store of the VH. Please let Lorraine know of other items.
- ♦ **Correspondence:** There had been no correspondence.
- ♦ **Grants & Donations:**
 - ♦ **Village Stiles:** Neil Barbrook said the project for replacement of stiles on the footpath northwards from Bear Street was completed without a financial contribution from the CC. Consideration is being given to replacing another stile, located after the footbridge turning right towards Gravel Hill. Neil
 - ♦ **Village Hall:** The grant of £1,000 to their Endowment Fund for the long term future of the Hall has been paid.
 - ♦ **Table Tennis Group:** Neil Barbrook gave thanks on behalf of the group for the grant of £250 for a new table tennis table.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Iain Wright read Bryan Smith's Report:

The Community Times continues to be our largest revenue earner and already shows a profit of £1111.80

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Grants</u>	
Community Times)		Calendar Judge	25.00	Bowls Club	353.92
& calendar)	1600.00	Com Action Suffolk	30.00	Village Hall Endowment	1000.00
sponsorship)		CT Printing	25.00	Table Tennis Group	250.00

We hold £646.67 for First Response and £185 for the Services Fund, Grants not yet paid: Conservation Soc.
Book £500
Therefore **unencumbered assets are £19,246.98**

Action by:

- ♦ **Community Times:** Lorraine Brooks gave the usual plea for contributions.
Advertising has increased, both for yearly subscriptions and single issue bookings.
She expressed thanks to Jean and Roy Evans who have retired as distributors after 25 years of delivering in Laburnum Way and The Westerings and to Kathrine Spencer for joining the team. Another distributor may be needed for the central area of The Heights.
A volunteer to write reports on alternate Parish Council meetings is still required; the meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month.
A new Nayland history book is available at local shops; written by Wendy Sparrow it contains the articles she has written for the CT over the past 10 years.

- ♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all those who entered the photography competition. There was a good display of photographs and it was a pleasant afternoon with visitors stopping to chat and have refreshments.

There were some very good photos entered and the calendar is now coming together; it will be available to buy at the Flower Show on 8th August. Wissington will be represented by three pages this year as the number of entries for that area were higher than previously.

Printing costs of £584, being the same as 2014, were agreed (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Tricia Hall*)

Lorraine thanked the calendar team and helpers for their commitment and to Hazel Gardiner for providing refreshments.

The Executive was reminded to keep their cameras handy to take photos for next year. With all the scenes of the parish, aspects of village life and variations in weather, seasons, etc the scope for capturing different compositions is huge.

Calendar
Team

- ♦ **Recent Activities:**

- **Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 4th March**

The meeting had been quite well supported and it was pleasant to have presentations and a drink and a chat afterwards.

- **Calendar Competition Display - Monday 4th May**

Reported above under Village Calendar

- ♦ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- **Picnic in the Park:** Iain Wright is leading with Mandy Cook organising the music schedule. Lorraine will need details for promotion confirmed by 17 May.

The CC will not organise a barbecue but an ice cream stall may be provided if a volunteer to lead could be found - the event will be kept simple.

Duck Race: Clearing reeds in Mill stream in advance - Will Hitchcock, others needed

On the day, selling ducks & in the stream - volunteers needed

Ducks: Rachel Hitchcock will collect the ducks from Woodland Corner MC - Chris Hunt

Picnic: Erection of marquee at 10.30am - Iain leading, volunteers needed

Sound system - Iain Wright

Pimms - Claire organising, Julie Clark leading on day

Ice Cream - Iain will appeal for a volunteer

Clearing up afterwards: volunteers needed

Iain Wright
Mandy Cook

Will Hitchcock
& Volunteers
needed

Claire Buller
Julie Clark
Iain Wright

- **2015 Dates:** *Quiz 2nd October, Fireworks Thursday 5th November, Christmas Fayre 6th December.*

- **Street Fayre - July 2016:** Claire Buller will lead. The first meeting to form a sub-committee to organise this event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Community Council will be held on 17th June, 7.30pm at 107 Bear Street - those interested in helping please attend the meeting. It is hoped all societies will participate at the event. The theme will be 1960s as the CC was founded in 1966.

Claire will explore the possibility of obtaining a grant from Community Action Suffolk and the possibility of parking on Court Knoll with Tendring Estate. Checklists from previous Street Fayres have been useful. A provisional date may be 17th July - Claire will check this fits with other hall users.

Claire Buller
&
Volunteers for
sub-committee

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said the group is at full compliment. They are planning a visit to the Munnings Gallery at Dedham on 17th June and, although nothing to do with art, out for a cream tea at Newton Green Golf Club on 15th July.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** John Partridge said Open Gardens will be on 14th June and anyone willing to open their should contact Andora Carver on 262970.
- ◆ **Royal British Legion:** Alex Murrison said the outing to the Tower of London and the St Georges Day Lunch at the Anchor Inn were very successful and enjoyed by all. An outing to Bletchley Park is being planned - contact Andrew Gowen on 262534 if interested. Their next branch meeting is on 18th May at the Anchor Inn.
- ◆ **Woodland Corner:** Tricia Hall said they were looking forward to their Barn Dance fundraiser this Saturday.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Lorraine Brooks said they have had a busy spring; a very interesting talk '*An Incitement to Early Marriage: A Social History of the Allotment*' by Twigs Way, the colourful and fragrant Spring Show was successful and almost 40 members attended the AGM & Fun Quiz.
The next events are the Morning Market on 16th May, an outing to the Savill Garden and Thames cruise in June and the Summer Garden Party for members at Parkers in July.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Bryan Smith thanked the enthusiastic audience for their support for of their last production '*Dead Ringer*'. Their next production will be '*The Woman in White*' by Constance Cox'. Auditions for 4 female and 6 male roles will be on 12th and 15th July (5pm & 7.30pm respectively) at the Church Hall.
- ◆ **Women's Institute:** In April, Dudley Chignall, spoke about *Beatrix Potter - her art and inspiration*. In May they have an outing to Norwich and their AGM followed by a talk with Gemma Ninnmey, a vet from the Highcliff Veterinary Practice in Hadleigh. Wendy Sparrow is presenting part three of a *Walk Around Nayland* on 15th June. The National W I is 100 years old, and there are special celebrations being organised; in September Nayland branch will hold its own celebration and they hope the village will join them.
- ◆ **Village Hall:** Iain Wright thanked the CC for the grant for the Endowment Fund. He said they have recently been refreshing crockery. The kitchen will be upgraded over the next year and a hot cupboard installed.
- ◆ **Book Club:** The club run by Stephanie Deering read a variety of books; 'Elizabeth is Missing' by Emma Healey is their current book. They are also planning their first outing as a group - a trip to the theatre.
- ◆ **Table Tennis Group:** Neil Barbrook thanked the CC for the grant. They have a good numbers attending and three tables but have not arranged any friendly matches yet.
- ◆ **Church Fete:** The Fete will be on Monday 25th May at 2-4pm

AOB:

- ◆ **Village Event Dates:** Neil asked whether setting up a system of emailing reminders of village dates would be useful. It was felt that this would involve substantial work for someone; a subscriber list would need to be set up as people may not wish to receive unsolicited emails, and groups would need to inform the organiser of their dates. It was felt promotion of events was down to the event organisers.
- ◆ **Village Diary:** Alex Murrison said it would be useful to have the village diary reinstated in the Post Office. Members were reminded that dates of events in the Church Hall and Village Hall could be checked online to help eliminate clashes although other venues could not be checked.

- ◆ **Date of next meeting:** will be **AGM Wednesday 1st July** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm
Meetings for 2015/16: *Wednesday 2nd September, Wednesday 28th October, Monday 11th January 2016, AGM Mon 7th March 2016 (Village Hall with VHMC AGM),*

The meeting closed at 9.15pm