

Minutes from the AGM held on 7th March 2016 in the Village Hall

Neil Barbrook welcomed members to the meeting.

- ◆ **There were 37 members and residents present:** Neil Barbrook, Lorraine Brooks, Bryan Smith, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, John Parsonson, Vicky Sargent, Julie Clark, Colin Moule, Maggie Ryan, Iain Wright, Martyn Booth, Wendy Sparrow, Alex Murrison, Rob Swan, Chris Hunt, John Partridge, Andora Carver, Jane Barbrook, Alice Palmer, Michelle Plumb, Sybil Wade, Kathleen Cannings, Mr & Mrs Storey, Tricia Fuller, Gerry Battye, Mary George, David Slater, Gary & Jenny Napper, Amy Napper, Mike Hunter, Christine Thompson, Sara Stover, Nick Moriarty, Will Hitchcock.
- ◆ **Apologies were received from:** Ken Willingale, Rosemary Knox, Pat Bray, Rachel Hitchcock
- ◆ **Minutes of the last AGM** on 4th March 2015 were approved (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Colin Ramsell*).
- ◆ **Matters Arising from the last AGM:** Matters arising had been dealt with during the year. Neil Barbrook pointed out that the future of the Post Office had been doubtful a year ago - we are pleased it is still a hub of our community and hope this will continue.

- ◆ **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Neil Barbrook gave his report.

First of all I would like to thank all the members of the Community Council for all their efforts over the last year in organizing and helping with the running of various events and attending meetings. These events make a significant contribution to our finances which enable us to provide grants to various village organizations and groups.

Once again thanks to Lorraine for all her work in producing agendas and minutes, but especially for putting together and publishing the Community Times, which miraculously drops on people's mats bi-monthly. The CT also makes a huge financial contribution as you will see from our accounts.

The Calendar team also deserve special thanks for producing this 'must have' part of Nayland life.

On the subject of accounts, I would like to thank Iain Wright for stepping forward at last year's AGM to fill the Treasurer's role.

Last year we organized our usual events – the Quiz, Bonfire night and Christmas Fayre and in addition the Picnic in the Park in July complete with duck race. Thanks to everyone who helped with those; Rachel Hitchcock and helpers for the Quiz, Iain Wright and Mandy Cook for the PIP with some good performances from local groups and individuals. I must also mention the Duck Race team who eventually overcame the fact that the ducks were travelling faster than the waders in the stream but a last ditch interception by someone jumping in at the finish line and catching the winning duck saved the day.

The rain that started during the afternoon of November 5th and continued throughout our Bonfire night had considerable impact on our evening. It not only caused problems for the firework team but also meant our food and drink stalls were set up inside the hall rather than outside. Numbers were down as was the profit made but we still had a good evening. Thanks to everyone involved in our Bonfire Night and also to Fred Bugg for organizing the bonfire.

The final event was the Christmas Fayre when we eventually attracted a few more stalls than normal, and had a good musical performance from Nayland Primary School.

The Christmas tree once again took pride of place in the centre of the Village and looked good, despite a car being in the way when we arrived to put it up.

Further thanks are due to the CT distributors and those who put up notices.

The following grants were awarded: £1000 Village Hall Endowment Fund, £250 Table Tennis Group for a new table, £250 Amy Napper for a charity trip to Malawi, £400 First Response for a new defibrillator, £150 towards holding a local history exhibition.

In January, we agreed to give £3,500 to the VHM towards the cost of their kitchen upgrade works. This was a large amount and followed an earlier refusal and extensive ongoing dialogue between various parties.

We will continue to work with the Parish Council and others regarding having a community defibrillator installed at the Fire Station.

Moving forward into 2016 it is an important year for the Community Council and we're all looking forward to the Street Fayre on Sunday July 17th. I want to thank Claire and the team for their ongoing efforts and very much hope that everyone supports this big village event marking 50 years of the Community Council.

For those of you with long memories what were you doing in 1966?

My final comment is to request that members make an effort to reply to emails which request/invite a reply regarding issues we are considering.

- ◆ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Iain Wright distributed the accounts and asked if there were any queries. Claire Buller raised queries on the Quiz income and Street Fayre budget allocation, Lorraine Brooks queried Calendar income. The accounts had been examined by Sandi Patel of SHP, Chartered Certified Accountants, Dugard House, Peartree Road, Colchester. The accounts for 2015 were adopted (*proposed Colin Ramsell, seconded Claire Moule*). Finances from 1st January to date was not available. Iain was thanked for standing in as Treasurer during 2015.
- ◆ **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The following officers were re-elected en bloc: **President** Ken Willingdale, **Vice President** Bryan Smith, **Chairman** Neil Barbrook, **Vice Chairman** Colin Ramsell, **Secretary** Lorraine Brooks, **Parish Council Rep** Martyn Booth, **Legal Advisor** Katie Wright. (*proposed Iain Wright, seconded Claire Buller*). The following committee members were re-elected en bloc: **Executive** Tricia Hall, Julie Clark, Iain Wright, **Individual** Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Rachel Hitchcock, John Parsonson, Colin Moule. (*proposed Colin Ramsell, seconded Neil Barbrook*)
- ◆ **Nomination for Treasurer:** Maggie Ryan was elected as Treasurer (*proposed Bryan Smith, seconded John Parsonson*) and welcomed to the CC.

◆ **CURRENT MATTERS ARISING:**

Action by:

- ◆ **Community Defibrillator:** Iain Wright had agreed to take this project, for a proposed community defibrillator sited at Nayland Fire Station, forward in conjunction with the Parish Council. There is no progress to report.

Iain Wright

◆ **Grants & Donations:**

- **Village Hall Kitchen:** A letter of thanks has been received from Peter Mann, VH Treasurer, thanking the CC for a £3,500 grant towards the kitchen refurbishment.
- **Nayland Archive Exhibition:** Wendy Sparrow thanked the CC for a grant of £150 to cover the hire of the Church Hall for a Local History Exhibition. The event had been very successful, exceeding her expectations. Donations of £135 taken during the weekend had been presented to the CC.
- **Conservation Society:** A grant request had been received for £500 towards historical investigation work at Court Knoll. The total cost would be approx £8,000; £4,000 from their funds and £3,500 grant from the Stour Valley Trust. They hope the work may take place in September. This grant would replace the grant we had previously agreed towards costs of a book which is not likely to come to fruition in the near future. The grant was agreed (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Julie Clark*)
- **Mother & Toddler Group:** A grant request had been received for £150 towards a shortfall in current running costs due to fluctuating attendance. Since a recent promotion drive numbers had picked up a little and promotion was continuing. Members felt it was important to support this group and agreed the grant (*proposed Iain Wright, seconded Claire Buller*). It was noted that the current leaders would be standing down in September when their children moved on to school. New leaders are being sought.
- **Grant Voting Policy:** Members voted to formally adopt clarification of the voting policy which was discussed and agreed in September. This was that: in order to vote on proposals/grants Executive members should be present at meetings or submit their votes in writing or by email to the Chairman prior to the meeting; those with a vested interest are excluded from voting and from being present during discussions. This was agreed with one objection (*proposed: Julie Clark, seconded Vicki Sargent*)
- **Grant Application Criteria:** A draft grant guidelines and application form had been developed and circulated to members. In principal members were happy with the draft. This will be progressed with further input via email with a view to voting on this at the next meeting.
Members were asked to respond to emails to enable the efficient running of the CC.

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- ◆ **Community Times:** Lorraine Brooks thanked everyone who supports the CT; Colin and the distribution team, the proof readers, Pat Bray for village news, Mandy Cook for helping with Parish Council reports, all those who contribute copy and the advertisers. She thanked Graham Griffiths for hosting the village website.

She was grateful to those who have submitted photographs of CC activities for the CT and www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk and would be pleased to receive lots taken at the Street Fayre. Collation of the history of the CC continues; some interesting press cuttings have been added to the website.

Lorraine

Alex Murrison congratulated and thanked Lorraine for continuing to produce a very useful community news.

- ◆ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks thanked the calendar team for their hard work and all who support the Calendar: those entering their photographs, helping with production or helping with calendar sales including our local shops and the sponsors.

Calendar
Team

Plans are in hand for the next calendar competition – Pat Bray has obtained the sponsors required for the 2017 calendar. Deadline for entries in the photographic competition is 23rd April with the display on Monday 2nd May. More entries are needed and the Exec were asked to participate and spread the word. It is hoped society members will enter photos of their groups' activities. Photos of Wiston are also being encouraged.

- ◆ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- ◆ **Street Fayre - Sunday 17th July 2016, 11am-4pm:** Claire Buller reported on progress. This will be a 60s themed community fun event celebrating 50 years of the Community Council as it was founded in 1966. It will not be profit making; the CC have allocated £1.000 to funding the fayre. The next meeting of the fayre committee is 14th March, 7.30pm at The Anchor.

Claire Buller
& Team

Problems with new restrictions for Street closure have been overcome; Suffolk CC will fund and manage this. Volunteer car park attendants will be needed. Letters will be sent to residents who may be affected by parking/access restrictions following the next Street Fayre meeting. Problems with parking have been overcome; the Anchor Inn 's field will be available. The Anchor will be involved with the Fayre and will organise a follow-on event for after 5pm.

There will be a children's "dress the doll in the style of the 60s" competition in the June issue CT in, 60s style fancy dress competition. It is hoped people will wear 1960s style dress. Anna Boon is organising a finger-print collage which will be made by children/adults. There will be Punch and Judy, a roundabout, a 60s band, a 1960s style photo booth, vintage car rides, ice cream stall, Pimms stall, plant stall and some side stalls are booked along with commitments of street entertainment from the Village Players, Nayland Choir and Nayland School choir. Several village organisations will be running stalls or activities. In St James Church there will be extra flower arrangements, CC's history display and Anna Boon's art class exhibition as well as work from the Nayland Art Group. Chris Hunt has very kindly agreed to be the compare for the event. St John's Ambulance will be in attendance at a cost of £140. James Finch, Suffolk county councillor, is unable to award a grant from his Locality Budget. Neil thanked the Street Fayre team for their commitment.

- ◆ **2016 Dates:** Calendar Competition Monday 2nd May, Fun Quiz Friday 7th October, Fireworks Saturday 5th November, Christmas Fayre Saturday 4th December.

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **RBL:** Alex Murrison reported they had supported the Poppy Appeal coffee morning organised by the Women's Section, the Remembrance services at Wiston and Nayland and the joint Christmas party. They continue to meet regularly at the Anchor Inn (next meetings on 22nd March and 16th May) and have outings proposed to Brightlingsea Museum, Sizewell Power Station, Hedingham Castle and Debach Airfield, Woodbridge.
- ◆ **Choir:** Rob Swan said they are well into rehearsals for the spring concert on Sunday 15th May; the music by Eric Whitacre, Bob Chilcott and local composer, Alan Bullard is in parts beautiful, romantic, funny and quirky and will be a rather different offering from the choir.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Nick Moriarty said there had been problems with rights outside of London for their proposed production of *'Separate Tables'*. They are instead rehearsing for *'Blithe Spirit'*; performances will be on 12th-14th May. They will also perform sketches at the Street Fayre.
- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said the group is thriving and meets on Wednesday afternoons at 2-4pm. They continue to have two visiting tutors. They have recently completed a still life of a single rose in watercolour and are now working on a pencil drawing of an otter. They will be holding an exhibition of their work on 14th May and are planning an outing, probably to Pin Mill.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Lorraine Brooks said they are bursting out of hibernation in March; on 15th Andrew Sankey's talk will be *'A Year in the Life of a Cottage Garden'* and on 19th the Spring Show will a colourful start to the horticultural year and a good excuse for a coffee morning. Their AGM and Fun Quiz will be on 19th April. There are a few seats left for the June outing to the Hindringham Hall Garden and Oxburgh Hall and Garden.
- ◆ **Cinema:** Christine Thompson said at their next film on 18th March will be *The Lady in the Van* with Maggie Smith. on 22nd April they will be showing *'Brooklyn'*, a romantic drama and on 27th May *'Bridge of Spies'* with Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Martyn Booth reminded the meeting that the Parish Assembly would be on 17th May and the topic for discussion would be the future management of the Allotment Field.

- ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said they were having a annual lunch party on 21st March to celebrate their 59th anniversary. They have a variety of speakers at their meetings on the 3rd Monday on the month; new members and visitors are welcome.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** John Partridge said the speaker for their AGM on 14th March will be Anna Moore on *Bures Cropmarks*. The Bank Holiday May Walk will be on 2nd May and Open Gardens will be on 12th June - more gardens are needed, contact Andora Carver on 262970 to include your garden.
- ◆ **Table Tennis Group:** Neil Barbrook said the group was continuing to grow and now had 14-18 players attending on Mondays at 2-3.30pm at the Village Hall. In view of this they have decided to purchase a fourth table from their funds.
- ◆ **Book Club:** Jan Barbrook said about 8-9 members meet monthly and have read a variety of books; their last book was *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton and their current book is *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult. Anyone interested in joining them should contact Jane Barbrook.
- ◆ **St James' Church:** Andora Carver said the churchyard working party was on 12th March. The Church Fete would be held on Monday 30th May and appealed for volunteers to help.

- ◆ **AOB:** Amy Napper, who had received a grant from the CC to help with costs of a charity trip to Malawi, talked about her experiences on the trip and life in the region which has been in famine for years. She went with eleven other nurses from Southampton University for three weeks and was involved with fundraising and decorating a newly built medical facility. Amy thanked the CC for the grant.
- ◆ **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be **Wednesday 4th May** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm
- ◆ **Meetings for 2016/17:** Wednesday 6th July, Wednesday 7th September, Monday 31st October, Monday 9th January 2017 - all in the Church Hall at 8pm (Exec 7.30) The next AGM will be Monday 6th March 2017 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Exec 7pm)

The meeting closed at 8.30pm