

## Minutes from the AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the Village Hall

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 38 members and residents present:** Rachel Hitchcock, Maggie Ryan, Lorraine Brooks, Bryan Smith, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, Vicky Sargent, Julie Clark, Colin Moule, Iain Wright, Martyn Booth, Wendy Sparrow, Alex & Jo Murrison, Rob Swan, Luke Rumbelow, Simon Carter, Roy Chapman, John Spooner, Jane Barbrook, Mary George, Tricia Fuller, Gerry Battye, Richard Cave, David George, Gale Scott, David Slater, Mike Hunter, Roy Norfolk, Jeannette Finch, Karen Tranter, Andrew Ryan, Christine Thompson, Nick & Mary Moriarty, Will Hitchcock, Peter Mann, Frank Warren.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Ken Willingale, John Parsonson, Pat Bray, Mary Fairhead ,
- ♦ **Minutes of the last AGM** on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were approved (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Colin Ramsell*).
- ♦ **Matters Arising from the last AGM:** Matters arising had been dealt with during the year.
- ♦ **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Rachel Hitchcock had circulated her report prior to the meeting.

I took on the role of Chair in January this year in unhappy circumstances. Very sadly, Neil Barbrook, our Chairman, passed away in September last year. He did a sterling job of leading this committee from when he took over the role in 2014 and this report has to open with recognition and thanks for all that Neil did for the Community Council and the village as well as thanks to Jane, for all her support. Neil is very much missed by us all.

**Thank you:** Thanks are due to all members of the Community Council for their valuable contribution throughout the year and to the Officers and Executive Committee in particular – Ken Willingale, Bryan Smith, Julie Clark, Maggie Ryan, Lorraine Brooks, Claire Buller, Tricia Hall, Vicki Sargent, Colin Ramsell, John Parsonson, Colin Moule, and Iain Wright as well as Parish Council Rep, Martin Booth and Legal Advisor, Katie Wright.

I am not sure that everyone realises what an important part the Community Council plays in village life: supporting and bringing together all the village societies; fundraising so as to be able to support many village activities and endeavours; providing essential communication through the Community Times; and organising events throughout the year that are a focal point of the village calendar. Thank you to all of you who have kept up this hard work over the past year.

Lorraine Brooks deserves a mention for her tireless efforts co-ordinating us all – her organisational skills are legendary and much appreciated. The bi-monthly publication of the excellent Community Times is also down to Lorraine's tenaciousness as editor.

Thank you to Colin Ramsell who stepped into the role of Acting Chair on behalf of Neil, Maggie Ryan who took on the role of Treasurer last year and Iain Wright, our previous Treasurer for all their hard work.

**Street Fayre - July 2016 :** Huge thanks to Claire Buller who spearheaded this special event to celebrate 50 years of the Community Council. It really was a great success and a prime example of a true community event. So many societies and organisations were involved and it was a real testament to what the Community Council is all about. The village turned out in great numbers to provide entertainment, stalls and community spirit. Thank you one and all.

**Events and activities: Thank you to everybody who turns out to help with these events - we couldn't do it without you!**

**Quiz, October 2016:** A fun night with – hopefully – something for everyone and the right mix of entertainment and competition – thanks to all who came along, both new teams and old

**Bonfire Night, November 2016:** A great success. We were a little unsure about what to expect this year after the weather was so unkind to us in 2015 and with the fact that Bonfire Night fell on a Saturday so competition in the local area was tough! We needn't have worried, local residents came out in force and it was great to have such a well supported and fun event with a fantastic display of fireworks.

**Christmas Fayre, December 2016:** Again a well supported event. Father Christmas was in attendance as always, along with a good number of village societies (who were able to raise funds for their organisation) and external stallholders. The school choir and ukulele group also performed as they do at many Community Council events – a big thank your for helping to get the Christmas festivities off to a good start.

**Village Christmas Tree:** Christmas in Nayland wouldn't be the same in the village without the sparkling display in the Post Office window and the village Christmas tree twinkling across the road. Thank you to Fred Smith for supplying an excellent tree and to Nayland Dental Surgery for supplying the electricity – as well, of course, to the team who put it up and took it down!

**Village Calendar:** Always popular and a great reminder of all that Nayland has to offer, along with an opportunity to compare Nayland past with Nayland present. Many thanks to the team who put the calendar together and on their behalf I will take this opportunity to ask you to get snapping for next year's calendar as it is your photos that make the calendar possible.

**Grants:** One of the roles of the Community Council is to provide grants to village organisations and individuals whose activities support our constitution.

This year, amongst others, grants were awarded to Nayland Baby and Toddler Group, the Conservation Society: Court Knoll Project, the Village Hall and the Nayland Community Post Office Company – all worthy causes and well deserving of our support. Further details and our grant application form are available on the Community Council website at [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

**Going forward:** I am looking forward to another positive year for the Community Council. Please do feel free to get involved. This year we are supporting a charity running event – the Nayland 10k (plus 5k and 3k fun run) - organised by local resident Luke Rumbelow. Profits will go to support the Colchester Hospitals Charity and Community Council projects; so not only will it be a great event for people to be involved in but it will benefit the village too. It is always good to have new ideas so if you have an idea for a new event or fundraiser or would simply like to be involved in the work of the Community Council, don't be shy, just get in touch. We look forward to seeing you.

♦ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Maggie Ryan distributed the year end accounts.

**Current Position:** The accounts show reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> December of £19,829 (compared to £22,152 in prior year) represented by: deposit a/c monies £15,557, current a/c monies £4,221, cash in hand £51. The sum of £603 has been given towards setting up Nayland Community Store Limited, with a further £1,897 available to support the transfer of the Post Office into community ownership. **Unencumbered assets are therefore £17,218.** Amounts held on behalf of the First Response Team (£444) and Services Fund (£270) are unchanged.

**Profit & Loss:** The most successful event of 2016 was the Bonfire Night, with an overall profit of £1,524. The Quiz Night made a £250 profit, and the Christmas Fayre was nearly as successful with a profit of £236. The Community Times has made £2,517 and the Calendar £1,127 towards our reserves.

Grants awarded over the year are over three times those awarded in the previous period – a figure of £6,713; we should be proud of our contribution to good causes but mindful that this success means that the Community Council is running a £2,323 deficit for 2016. We are looking at fundraising to restore reserves in 2017.

**Administrative matters:** Bank signatories have been updated on each account. An online banking facility is available on the current account and is subject to appropriate checks and controls over authorising payments.

The accounts had been examined and approved by Andrew Gowen. The accounts for 2016 were adopted by the meeting (*proposed Colin Ramsell, seconded Iain Wright*).

♦ **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The following officers were re-elected en bloc: **President** Ken Willingdale, **Vice President** Bryan Smith, **Chairman** Rachel Hitchcock, **Vice Chairman** Julie Clark, **Treasurer** Maggie Ryan, **Secretary** Lorraine Brooks, **Parish Council Rep** Martyn Booth, **Legal Advisor** Katie Wright. (*proposed Iain Wright, seconded Mary George*). The following committee members were re-elected en bloc: **Executive** Colin Ramsell, Tricia Hall, **Individual** Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Rachel Hitchcock, John Parsonson, Colin Moule, Iain Wright. (*proposed Martyn Booth, seconded Mary George*)

♦ **Nomination for Executive:** Luke Rumbelow was elected (*proposed Karen Newton, seconded Claire Buller*) and welcomed to the CC.

♦ **CURRENT MATTERS ARISING:**

**Action by:**

♦ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** Rachel Hitchcock introduced this as a new event for the village calendar. It would involve 10k, 5k and 3k off-road routes, starting from the Village Hall on 2nd July. This charity event which is being organised by Luke Rumbelow and supported by the CC will benefit CoHoC (Colchester Hospital Charities) with a proportion going to the Community Council. Luke had made great progress and promotion will appear soon including on [www.nayland10k.co.uk](http://www.nayland10k.co.uk)

**Luke  
Rumbelow**

♦ **Community Defibrillator:** Rachel Hitchcock gave an update on this project, for a proposed community defibrillator sited at Nayland Fire Station. She has taken advice from Community Heartbeat Trust who offer practical advice on sourcing a defibrillator, their installation, ongoing cost, maintenance, training, etc and is now investigating Lottery Funding which may be available.

**Rachel  
Hitchcock**

♦ **Grants & Donations:** There had been no grant applications or donations since the last meeting.

♦ **Save Our Post Office Campaign:** A public meeting was to take place following the AGM. The 'Nayland Community Store' team gave a detailed presentation of progress and future options. This was received positively by a packed Village Hall. A report will be included in the Community Times. They have a new website: [www.naylandcommunitystores.co.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitystores.co.uk)

- ♦ **Community Times & CC Website:** Lorraine Brooks' report had been circulated. There is a whole team behind producing the Community Times every other month without whom village news would not reach your doormats; Colin Ramsell and the team of distributors, the proof readers, Pat Bray for village news and proof reading, Mandy Cook for assisting with the PC meeting reports, the advertisers who cover printing costs and provide much valued income for the Community Council and all those who contribute copy, photographs and reports on their societies. **Many thanks to you all.**

Lorraine  
Brooks

Many thanks to all who sent in fabulous photographs of CC activities - thanks to you there is an impressive photo album to record the Street Fayre held in 2016. Much of the history archive and albums produced to celebrate 50 years of the Community Council are also available on [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

Thanks also to Graham Griffiths for hosting [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net).

- ♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks' report had been circulated. She thanked all who support the calendar; the calendar team for organising the competition, producing the calendar and arranging sales, local business who sponsor the calendar, all those who enter their photographs or contribute historic images, those who help with sales at local shops or village events.

Calendar  
Team

Plans are now in hand for the next calendar photographic competition and page sponsorship @ £25 is now being sought. Deadline for entries of photographs will be 23rd April with the display on Monday 1st May; details and an entry form are available in the Community Times or at [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar.html](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar.html)

- ♦ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- **2017 Dates:** Calendar Competition Monday 1st May, Fireworks Sunday 5th November, Christmas Fayre Saturday 2nd December. The next Fun Quiz will be held in February 2018

## SOCIETY REPORTS

- ♦ **RBL:** Alex Murrison reported they had supported the Poppy Appeal coffee morning, the Remembrance services at Wiston and Nayland and the joint Christmas party. Their next meeting will be on 20th March in the Church Hall at 7.30 for 8pm with further meeting on 8th May, 17th July, and AGM on 23rd October. Their St George's Day lunch on 23rd April is fully subscribed. They will visit Adnams Brewery on 8th March and have outings proposed to the Horse Racing Museum at Newmarket - date to be decided - and to HMS Ganges Museum at Shotley with a Orwell boat cruise on 2nd August.
- ♦ **Choir:** Rob Swan said they will be joining will Bury Bach Choir to perform *Mendelssohn's Elijah* on 20th May at St Edmundsbury Cathedral.
- ♦ **Village Players:** Nick Moriarty said their pantomime *Cinderella* had be a great success. They are rehearsing for Terence Rattigan's *The Deep Blue Sea*; performances will be on 23rd-25th May. Their autumn production will be *The Game's Afoot*.
- ♦ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said the group continue to have good attendances. Under the guidance pf visiting tutor, Vernon Lever, they have completed exercises drawing and painting animals and trees. They are now sketching a village landscape. A visit to Gainsborough's House is being planned.
- ♦ **Parish Council:** Martyn Booth said a community litter-pick was taking place on 8th April, meeting at 2pm at Carvers' Barn. He reminded the meeting that the Parish Assembly would be on 24th April; the speaker would be from the Environment Agency.
- ♦ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said they were having al lunch party on 20th March to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Nayland branch. Recent meetings had included a film of *Nayland in the 1990s* and a photograph presentation by James Carver from a holiday in South Africa.
- ♦ **Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter said Francis Terry will talk on 'Architecture and design in AONB's' at the AGM on 13th March. The Bank Holiday May Walk will be on 1st May and Open Gardens will be on 11th June. They are grateful for the CC grant contributing to the Court Knoll dig which has been a fantastic project that is ongoing.
- ♦ **Table Tennis Group:** Jane Barbrook said the group continue to meet on Monday afternoons.
- ♦ **Book Club:** Jane Barbrook said is heartening that they have two new members. They are currently reading two books which they will discuss at their next meeting.
- ♦ **Baby & Toddler Group:** Karen Tranter said they have seen an improvement in numbers from 3-4 families when they started to 12 families last Friday. They have invested in a few extra and new resources and are enjoying doing new things. There is a new theme related craft each week and all seem to be enjoying it.
- ♦ **AOB:** There was no further business.
- ♦ **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be **Wednesday 3rd May** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm
- ♦ **Meetings for 2017/18:** Wednesday 5th July, Wednesday 6th September, Monday 30th October, Monday 8th January 2018 - all in the Church Hall at 8pm (Exec 7.30) The next AGM will be Monday 5th March 2018 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Exec 7pm)

*The meeting closed at 7.30pm*