

Minutes from the AGM held on 5th March 2018 in the Village Hall

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 30 members and residents present:** Rachel Hitchcock, Maggie Ryan, Lorraine Brooks, Bryan Smith, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, Vicky Sargent, Julie Clark, Colin Moule, Luke Rumbelow, Iain Wright, Wendy Sparrow, Andrew Gowen, Trevor Smy, Rob Swan, Chris Hunt, Sally Dalton, Linda Allen, John Partridge, John Spooner, Karen Freeman, Mary George, Tricia Fuller, David Slater, Mike Hunter, Christine Thompson, Nick Moriarty, Will Hitchcock, Peter Mann, Frank Warren.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Ken Willingale, Tricia Hall, John Parsonson, Pat Bray, Martyn Booth.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last AGM** on 6th March 2017 were approved (*proposed Colin Moule, 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 am pleased to be able to mark another year of successful community activities and events all of which contribute to the rich tapestry that is Nayland life! I am delighted to be part of an organisation that brings together so many different people. The fact that we represent over 22 village societies just demonstrates what a vibrant village Nayland is – and long may it stay that way.

Thank you: Thanks, as always, 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, Luke Rumbelow and Iain Wright as well as Parish Council Rep, Martin Booth and Legal Advisor, Katie Wright. Special thanks to Lorraine Brooks who continues in her tireless efforts to co-ordinate us all; drawing on her legendary organisational skills – and no doubt her reserves of patience at times as well!

I will risk repeating myself from last year's report to emphasise the important part I believe 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. And thank you to all the village organisations and societies that provide activities and events that bring us all together (I think there really is something for everyone!) and maintain that community spirit.

Events and activities: Thank you to everybody who turns out to help with these events - and to our stalwart committee who always step in to take charge and make sure they can take place successfully.

Nayland 10k Fun Run, July 2017 – A brilliant new event in the Nayland Calendar. Thanks to Luke Rumbelow for setting it up (and for joining the Community Council Exec!) and to everyone who turned out to help and participate. It was a glorious day and there was a great atmosphere with 600 runners taking part across the three distances – from club runners to families. Please put 1st July 2018 in your diary and come and join us again this year!

Bonfire Night, November 2017: An unprecedented Bonfire Night. People came from far and wide and Nayland nearly came to a standstill! Thanks to Iain Wright and the firework team for the fabulous display as well as everybody who helped on stalls and refreshments – a real team effort and a record breaking fundraiser.

Christmas Fayre, December 2017: Thanks to Father Christmas who supported this event as always. We also had a fine array of stalls provided by village societies (who were able to raise funds for their organisation) and external stallholders all of which added to the festive atmosphere. Nayland Primary School choirs and ukulele group also performed as they do at many Community Council events and we were delighted that they helped us get the Christmas festivities off to such a good start. Thank you everybody for your support.

Village Christmas Tree: Thank you as always to Fred Smith for supplying an excellent tree which provided a lovely, twinkly Christmas centerpiece and to Nayland Dental Surgery for supplying the electricity that kept it twinkling throughout Christmas. A big thank you too to the team who put it up in a full scale blizzard – a definite case of above and beyond the call of duty!

Quiz, February 2018: Another record breaker with 23 teams in attendance. Thanks to all who came along for an evening of fun and friendly competition!

Village Calendar: Well done to the team for putting together another fantastic Village Calendar – a great memento of Nayland past and present and extremely thoughtfully put together. Many thanks to the whole team 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, we were extremely pleased to be able to support the revamp of the Nayland & Wiston Community Website (naylandandwiston.net), ably taken on by Justin Dowding when Graham Griffiths stepped down. Thank you to Graham for his dedication over 14 years and to Tony Price and Terence Wilson for their contributions too. The website contains (almost!) everything you need to know about Nayland as well as the booking systems for the Village and Church Halls. If you haven't already, take a look at the stylish new site, which has now been configured for all devices, and thank you Justin for all your efforts.

Further grants included the Luncheon Club for Over 60s Christmas Party, Nayland Baby & Toddler Group and Nayland Community Store Ltd which has now been offered a contract to take over the Nayland Post Office.

Further details and our grant application form are available on the Community Council website at naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Going forward: I am looking forward to another positive year for the Community Council. We are really well supported from around the village but we always welcome new input and ideas and of course, many hands make light work when it comes to putting together our calendar of events. Please get in touch and get involved in any way you can.

♦ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Maggie Ryan distributed the year end accounts - see separate sheet.

The accounts had been examined and approved by Andrew Gowen. The accounts for 2017 were adopted by the meeting (*proposed Nick Moriarty, seconded Claire Buller*).

♦ **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The following officers and committee 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. **Executive** Colin Ramsell, Tricia Hall, Luke Rumbelow. **Individual** Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Rachel Hitchcock, John Parsonson, Colin Moule, Iain Wright. (*proposed Trevor Smy, seconded Peter Mann*)

Rachel Hitchcock said that new members are always welcome.

♦ **AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:** Rachel Hitchcock advised the meeting of a proposal to discontinue the requirement of a Legal representative in the CC Constitution. Since 1966, when the Constitution was established, the CC activities have evolved away from the need for a legal representative. It was felt if the need for legal advice arose the CC would approach a suitable specialist. It was agreed that the position of Legal Representative would be removed from the Constitution (*proposed Colin Ramsell, seconded Maggie Ryan*)

Rachel Hitchcock will write to thank Katie Wright for being our designated Legal Representative in recent years.

♦ **CURRENT MATTERS ARISING:**

Action by:

♦ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** Rachel Hitchcock said following the events success in 2017 Luke Rumbelow would be leading on a 10k, 5k and 1k Family Fun Run over off-road routes, starting from the Village Hall on Sunday 1st July. Planning is well under way, taking on board lessons learned last year. It is supported by the CC and they will benefit from a proportion of the profits. Promotion will appear soon including on www.nayland10k.co.uk The main appeal is for volunteers - please let Luke know if you can help: 07598 821663 or rumbelow_2000@yahoo.co.uk

**Luke
Rumbelow**

♦ **Community Defibrillator:** Rachel Hitchcock gave an update on this project; the Lottery grant application for a proposed community defibrillator to be sited at the Village Hall has been submitted. The Fire Service was awarded funding to install a defibrillator at Nayland Fire Station. Once the CC has secured the second defibrillator we will proceed with the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) for installation and ongoing support. A training session will be held in liaison with CHT and the Fire Station. In the meantime we will raise awareness and details of access of the defibrillator at the Fire Station

**Rachel
Hitchcock**

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

- **Luncheon Club for Over 60s:** Olga Alexander had written to thank the CC for the grant towards their Christmas party which was very much enjoyed by all. Olga added the monthly lunches, Summer and Christmas parties are now held at Longwood Barn as numbers have dropped over time from 40 to about 28 so charging £3 per head does not provide much of a reserve for the party. The team of helpers are also generous providing the puddings.

♦ **Save Our Post Office Campaign:** Maggie Ryan updated the meeting on the current situation. Post Office Limited awarded the contract for continuation of the Post Office services to Nayland Community Stores Ltd (NCSL) in December. Since then we have been working on the detail of the contractual handover from the current Postmistress to the NCSL. Lawyers on both sides are completing due diligence on the contract to facilitate a successful completion, subject of course to a successful share issue, the launch of which will be announced publicly when all legalities agreed. Thank you once again to all who have pledged your support.

- ◆ **Community Times & CC Website:** Lorraine Brook's 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 send in fabulous photographs of CC activities - this enables a photo gallery and albums of the events on naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

- ◆ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brook's report had been circulated. She thanked all who support the calendar; the calendar team and helpers for their hard work, local business who sponsor the calendar, all those who enter their photographs and those who help with sales.

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 28th April with the display on Monday 7th May; details and an entry form are available in the Community Times or at naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar.html

- ◆ **Recent Activities:**
- ◆ **Nayland Fun Village Quiz:** It had been a very successful evening with a real buzz. The quiz was very good with people coming from further afield to take part.
- ◆ **Forthcoming Activities:**
 - **2018 Dates:** Calendar Competition Monday 7th May, Nayland 10K Fun Run Sunday 1st July, Fireworks Monday 5th November, Christmas Fayre Saturday 1st December. The next Fun Quiz will be held in February 2019

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **RBL:** Andrew Gowen said the subject of their talk on 19th March, 7.30pm at the Church Hall, will be the Zeebrugge Raid on 23 April 1918; it was an attempt by the Royal Navy to block the Belgian port of Bruges-Zeebrugge. The British intended to sink obsolete ships in the canal entrance, to prevent German submarines from leaving port. They are planning visits to the Rix Stourgarden Complex on 9th May, a visit to the Joint Services Museum at Maldon on 18th July and a visit to Bawdsey Radar museum where Radar was first developed on 16th August. These activities are open to everyone.

John Partridge said 2018 sees the 100th anniversary of WW1 and they are planning to commemorate the event involving all parishes in the Benefice and hope everyone will wish to be involved. There will be a short service at the War Memorial, singing and readings in St James, and displays on how it affected the parish and refreshments at the village hall.
- ◆ **Choir:** Rob Swan said their concert on 21st April will include a shortened version of The Messiah, works by Haydn, Mozart and Bach, and being joined by Nayland school choirs to perform the Hallelujah chorus. In July they will repeat the barbecue with light music and a sing-along. They are planning a big Come and Sing event in 2019.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Nick Moriarty said they are rehearsing for Agatha Christie's *The Unexpected Guest*; a murder mystery that is sure to keep you guessing. Performances will be on 22nd -24th March.
- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said one of their visiting tutors can no longer attend so they are looking for another. They hope to visit *Munnings & The River Exhibition* at the Munnings Gallery as part of the River Stour Festival.
- ◆ **Friends of Caley Green:** Sally Dalton said SCC and the Environment Agency are liaising regarding removal of the tree across the river.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said the Spring Show will be on 24th March, on 27th Ian Seager will talk on *'Wildlife Gardens and Conservation'*, their AGM and Fun Quiz will be on 17th April. They are taking bookings for an outing to *Lullingstone Castle & the World Garden*.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter said their AGM will be on 12th March when Mark Bills, the director of Gainsborough's House in Sudbury, will talk about the history of the house and its ambitious plan for the future. The Court Knoll Project has gained national interest and analysis will probably continue for a further 2 years. Works to a bridleway between Leavenheath and Stoke, to enable development at Beacham's Farm, have caused wide concern. There will be a public meeting on 14th March, 6.30 for 6.45pm at the Church Hall to discuss this with SCC representatives, James Finch and Glyn French.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Mary George said the PC meeting on 14th March will be held at the Church Hall at 7.30pm (following the public meeting). The Annual Parish Assembly will be on 23rd April. They still have vacancies on the Council. The willow tree that came down across the river has been reported.
- ◆ **St James Church:** Chris Hunt said restoration work to the church and the clock has been completed. Pastoral care of the community continues but is now spread over the five churches. Chris appealed for anyone interested in bellringing to contact him. He pointed out that Parkers Way does still have some elderly living there; a warden didn't visit during the recent bad weather and he encouraged the community to consider checking on residents.

Mary George said the PC had previously explored creating a Community Plan but volunteers did not come forward. Rachel Hitchcock suggested this could be explored again when defibrillator training is organised.

- ♦ **Book Club:** Wendy Sparrow said they are currently reading 'Miss Garnet's Angel' by Sally Vickers which they will discuss at their next meeting.
- ♦ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said in January Katie Wright spoke about *Well Being* and in February Chris Hunt enlightened them on *The Earthquake in Essex*. In March the Nayland branch will celebrate their 61st birthday with lunch at a local restaurant. In April we will host the Three Valleys Group meeting when Revd David Atkins will entertain us on 'It shouldn't happen to a Vicar'.
- ♦ **Village Cinema:** Karen Freeman said she is exploring the possibility of restarting the Cinema. She has been in touch with an expert in acoustics, who will visit to see how that issue can be resolved. The cinema has been missed.
- ♦ **AOB:** Bryan Smith thanked the Chair and members of the Executive for their work throughout the year.
- ♦ **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be **Wednesday 2nd May** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm
- ♦ **Meetings for 2018:** Wednesday 4th July, Wednesday 5th September, Monday 29th October - all in the Church Hall at 8pm (Exec 7.30)

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 304926

Income and Expenditure statement for the year ending 31st December 2017

INCOME	2016	2017
Bonfire Night	£ 3,501.24	£ 4,809.23
Christmas Fayre	£ 510.50	£ 653.15
Community Times	£ 4,070.00	£ 3,280.00
Interest CCLA	£ 65.95	£ 34.36
Village Quiz	£ 350.00	£
First Response	£ 50.00	£
Village Picnic/Fayre	£ 1,108.68	£
Village Calendar	£ 1,856.30	£ 1,453.80
Donations other	£ 135.00	£ 679.52
Income Other	£	£
TOTAL	£11,647.67	£10,910.06
EXPENDITURE		
Grants:	£ 6,713.28	£ 5,623.07
Community Times	£ 1,553.26	£ 1,601.64
Village Quiz	£ 99.96	£
Bonfire Night	£ 1,976.99	£ 1,828.32
Insurance	£ 392.01	£ 388.93
Christmas Fayre	£ 274.21	£ 328.64
First Response	£ 800.20	£ 444.47
Village Calendar	£ 729.34	£ 732.56
Misc.	£ 525.42	£ 222.08
Services Fund	£	£ 121.50
Street Fayre	£ 906.24	£
TOTAL	£ 13,970.91	£ 11,291.21
(Deficit)/Surplus for Year	(£ 2,323.24)	(£ 381.15)

Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 2017

Accumulated Surplus:	2016	2017
As at beginning of the financial year	£ 22,152.07	£ 19,828.83
Add/deduct surplus (deficit)	(£ 2,323.24)	(£ 381.15)
Balance carried forward	£ 19,828.83	£19,447.68
Represented by:		
CCLA Charities deposit fund	£15,556.90	£10,591.26
NatWest current A/c	£ 4,220.93	£ 8,789.72
Cash in Hand	£ 51.00	£ 66.70
TOTAL Year to date*	£19,828.83	£19,447.68
*Included in Balance:		
Services Fund		£ 121.50
Unencumbered assets, year to date, are:		£19,326.18

TREASURER *Maggie Ryan ACA*

CHAIRMAN *Rachel Hitchcock*

I have examined the books of The Nayland with Wissington Community Council (without carrying out an audit), and in my opinion, the accounts for 2016 represent a true and fair record of the Society's financial affairs. *Andrew Gowen A. G. Gowen ACIS (retired)*

Charitable activities

It has been a good year for the Community Council which has provided essential funding towards Nayland Community Store Ltd (£2,500 grant and £2,500 loan); Mother and Toddler Group (£450); the new Nayland website (£526.35); Over 60s Christmas luncheon (£200) and the Crib Festival (£50).

Our events have been very successfully supported with a record profit made on Bonfire Night of £2,980.91 on gate takings of £4,809.23. The Christmas Fayre made a profit of £324.51, up marginally on last year.

The Community Times made £1,678.36 towards our reserves, slightly down on last year due to the loss of some advertisers. Final Calendar profit stands at £721.24.

We have benefited from some generous donations from the Nayland 10K run event (£479.52) and from a private individual towards the firework display (£200).

Overall, the Community Council has broken even this year, showing a small deficit of £381.15, which includes the £2,500 loan repayable by NCS Ltd in the event of a successful share subscription in 2018.