

## Minutes from the meeting held on 28th October 2019 in the Church Hall

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

- ◆ **There were 13 members present:** Rachel Hitchcock, Julie Clark, Maggie Ryan, Lorraine Brooks, Claire Buller, Tricia Hall, Iain Wright, Luke Rumbelow, Ned Cartwright, Trevor Smy, Justin Dowding, John Partridge, Yvonne Swane.
- ◆ **Apologies were received from:** Ken Willingale, Colin Ramsell, Sally Dalton, Bryan Smith, Wendy Sparrow, Rob Swan, Chris Hunt, Vicki Sargent.
- ◆ **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 4th September 2019 were approved (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Tricia Hall*).

### MATTERS ARISING:

#### ◆ **Executive Committee:**

**Action by:**

Rachel Hitchcock reminded the meeting of the urgent need for more members on the Exec. We meet just six times a year. It is an enjoyable friendly village committee and an ideal way for those new to the village to become involved and meet new friends. Contact Rachel on 263169 or rachel\_hitchcock@hotmail.com if you would like to know more.

Members expressed their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Colin Ramsell.

Members were saddened to hear that Roy Evans had passed away recently. Roy was a member of the Exec for 20 years until retiring in 2010; he was Vice Chair from 1997 and Vice President 2003-2010. Roy and his wife Jean gave great dedication in leading distribution of the Community Times from its beginning in 1989 until 2010. Roy was a quiet but very effective man of Wales, incredibly helpful and willing to do anything to assist. Roy's funeral is on Tuesday 29th October, 1.15pm at St James' Church. The Exec send their condolences to his wife Jean.

- ◆ **Fundraising Activities & Events:** Ideas for fund raising projects to benefit the CC are always welcome.
- ◆ **Community Defibrillator:** Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station. Rachel Hitchcock felt there should be another training session at some point.
- ◆ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** The 2020 Nayland 10k will take place on Sunday 5th July.
- ◆ **Village Hall Gardening Morning:** The autumn session to maintain the gardens was held on 12th October. Rachel Hitchcock attended and said the weather had not been kind. The next session will be in spring, usually during April (date depending on Easter).

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Maggie Ryan gave her report.

- ◆ **Breakdown of profits:** Quiz £210, Community Times £1,080, Village Calendar (£267), Nayland 10k £1,414.40, Bonfire (£1,035.22)

- ◆ **Grants paid:** Lizzie's Fund Endurance Walk £170, £94 Nayland & Wiston website,

**Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £23,232.65, represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,684.42, Current a/c monies £12,475.45, Cash in hand £72.78. We hold £318.50 for the Services Fund and £10,000 VH roof grant is pending. The grant for the Village Hall cooker is £779.99. **Therefore, unencumbered assets are £12,114.16.**

#### ◆ **GRANTS & DONATIONS:**

- ◆ **Village Hall Cooker:** At the September meeting a grant of £779.99 was awarded to the VHMC as half the cost of a replacement. The cooker has been purchased and installed.

Maggie Ryan

- ◆ **Correspondence:** There had been no correspondence not included elsewhere.
- ◆ **Community Times & Websites:** Lorraine Brooks gave the usual plea for contributions for the coming issue.

Lorraine  
Brooks

Justin Dowding said the Nayland & Wiston website continues to be well used.

- ◆ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said the 2020 calendar is available to buy in the Post Office and at Forget Me Not still priced at £5.

The calendar team need to widen the net so would be grateful for help with selling at other venues/events. Claire Buller advised that John Spooner would be willing to sell calendars at the Country Music Club monthly concerts.

Calendar  
Team

♦ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- **Bonfire Night on Tuesday 5th November, 6.30 for 7pm display:** The fireworks have been delivered, Julie and Kristian Clark attended pyrotechnic training and will gain experience from observing this year. The Anchor Inn have kindly agreed that their overflow car park can be used; accessible parking only at the village hall. Solutions to reduce queues at sales points were successful last year and will be repeated – Claire will send out an email with all the details on sales. Rachel and Maggie will update the Risk Assessment. Rachel will send out an email with updated set up, gate, parking, etc details.

Iain Wright

Claire Buller

Rachel Hitchcock

Maggie Ryan

Volunteers for a litterpick the following morning from 9am would be welcome.

- **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December, 10.30am-1pm:** Rachel Hitchcock confirmed the School will provide entertainment, Father Christmas will be in attendance, stallholders have booked tables. Messy Church will provide children's activities. Rachel will send out an email with all the updated planning details.

Rachel Hitchcock

Setting up starts at 8.30am, stallholders at 9am, open at 10.30am-1pm. Many thanks to Andrew and Sue for running the mulled wine stall for many years; Jo and Luke will run it this year. Julie will organize the sausage rolls, Rachel will organise the presents (and a thank-you gift). Volunteers are needed to man the raffle.

- **Village Christmas Tree:** Claire has arrangements in hand. The tree will go up on Sunday 8th December from 9am – help would be welcomed – and taken down on Sunday 5th January. Bryan will make arrangements for electricity supply.
- **Nayland Village Quiz:** will be on *Friday 7th February 2020*

Claire Buller

Rachel Hitchcock

**SOCIETY REPORTS**

- ♦ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said their coach outing to Audley End House and Gardens had been enjoyable but the coach had not been full, in October Pip Wright gave a very interesting talk on '*Lucky is the Name*' the intriguing story and scandals of a Suffolk farming family between 1858-1969. On 11th November the subject of the joint meeting with the Conservation Society will be *Barn Owls*. They will have a stall at the Christmas Fayre.
- ♦ **Women's Institute:** Yvonne Swane said they enjoyed their annual afternoon Tea Party in the President's garden, a boat trip on the River Orwell, talks by Chris Hunt on '*War Memorials*' and by Lisa Jones on '*The history of Underwear*'. On 18th November there will be a talk on '*Jumbo: The History of Colchester's Water Tower*' and on 16th December '*Music & Poetry with guitar accompaniment*'.
- ♦ **Village Players:** Justin Dowding said they are rehearsing for their next production, '*The Lion in Winter*' by James Goldman. Betrayal, treachery and family feuding: it's just another normal Christmas celebration for the royal Plantagenet family of King Henry II. Jim Bond will be directing with performances on 5th-7th December.
- ♦ **Royal British Legion:** John Partridge said Bryan Smith gave a fascinating talk about his years living and working in Saudi Arabia at their AGM. The Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning takes place on 9th November and Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10th, 10.45am at the War Memorial.
- ♦ **Conservation Society:** John Partridge said on 3rd November the Nayland with Wissington Land Company will be holding an exhibition of proposals for the future management of the Nayland Meadows. On 11th November '*Barn Owls*' will be the subject of the talk at the joint meeting with HortSoc. The Conservation Society committee is considering the suggestion of making a collaborative request to the Environment Agency asking for a water level gauge/censor to be sited on the river at Nayland.
- ♦ **Village Hall:** Iain Wright said a second grant application, with the extra detail required, has been submitted to Babergh Community Infrastructure Levy. The replacement cooker has been installed and general maintenance continues. They continue to look for a solution to the faulty front door closure.
- ♦ **Nayland Cinema:** Iain Wright said there have been some interesting films screened with good attendances. The last film this year will be '*Yesterday*' on 8th November. On 26th January they are organising a fundraising Tea Party and screening of '*The Affair*' which was filmed partly in Nayland during the 90s and starred some of those at this meeting!
- ♦ **Parish Council:** Ned Cartwright said they are still 4 members short and urgently need people to join them as co-opted members; without a full council it is difficult to manage council business efficiently. They have contributed comments to Babergh on the proposed changes to guidelines for the Local Plan Consultation, they met with SSC highways regarding flooding on the A134, they are concerned about the number of inappropriately large lorries using Wiston Road. They have examined and objected to an application to build another 6 houses at The Bungalow, Harpers Hill. Asked about an application for change of use at the White Hart, no decision had been published (the following day Babergh published the application had been refused).
- ♦ **Messy Church:** Rachel Hitchcock said the last two sessions were well attended. They are not church as you know it! October's 'Light Party' theme was lots of fun, noise, games, doughnut eating and pumpkins!

♦ **AOB:**

- **Water Level in the River Stour:** Lorraine Brooks said a number of residents had now received responses to their letters of concern to the Environment Agency (EA) regarding the horseshoe weir and sections of the river running completely dry during August and September. An information and photographic record of events sent with her letter is available to view on <https://www.naylandandwiston.net>.

The EA say this has happened due to lack of rainfall over a couple of years and increased demand on the water supply. The problem of water levels being low in other rivers in the SE of England has featured in the press and on the BCC, where concerns have been raised that demands on water supply needs to be considered as infrastructure for building development. Regarding maintenance, they confirm they have a statutory duty in relation to navigation but are restricted by financial constraints; the river is deemed navigable if it is passable in a canoe, even if this involves portaging sections of the river.

A resident has made a suggestion that having a water level gauge/censor sited on the river at Nayland (as there are at Bures and Langham) would be useful. Mike Hunter has agreed to discuss the possibility of following up the suggestion to ask the EA to install a gauge, as a collaborative project with the CC and the PC, at the next Conservation Society committee meeting. He will also raise the proposal at the next PC meeting. The CC agreed to support the proposal for a water level gauge and this will become an agenda item.

- ♦ **Date of next meeting:** will be on **Tuesday 7th January 2020** at 8pm (*Exec 7.30pm*) in the Church Hall.  
**Meetings for 2020:** The AGM will be on Monday 2nd March. General meetings will be Wednesday 6th May, Monday 6th July, Wednesday 2nd September.

*The meeting closed at 9pm*