

## Minutes from the AGM held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Village Hall at 8.30pm

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 24 members and residents present:** Rachel Hitchcock, Maggie Ryan, Bryan Smith, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, Julie Clark, Luke Rumbelow, Iain Wright, Vicky Sargent, Wendy Sparrow, Mike Hunter, Rob Swan, Mervyn Farthing, Mary George, Gerry Battye, Rosemary Knox, Dorothy Bishop, John Spooner, Karen & Richard Freeman, Tricia Fuller, Christine Thompson, Nick Moriarty, Peter Mann.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Ken Willingale, Lorraine Brooks, John Parsonson, Trevor Smy, Pat Bray, Sally Dalton, Kate Baird, Tracy Le Grys, Jo Metson, Martyn Booth.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last AGM** on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were approved (*proposed Bryan Smith, seconded Iain Wright*).
- ♦ **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.

In my third year as Chair of the Community Council I am slightly worried that my Chair's report may become a little repetitive. However, the positive things I said in my previous report about the successful events and projects that the Community Council organises on behalf of the village are as true as they were this time last year!

One of the things that attracted me to Nayland when we moved here years ago is that it is such a vibrant village and it is safe to say that that aspect of Nayland hasn't diminished. The Nayland calendar is as jam-packed as ever. In fact we can sometimes struggle recruiting enough helpers to assist with our different activities because people are involved in so many areas of village life! Please continue to support local events and activities in any way you can.

**Thank you:** Thanks, of course, 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. Special thanks to Lorraine Brooks whose organisational efforts know no comparison. And good luck to Colin Moule who left us this year when he moved to Cavendish – we thank him for his participation and support.

**What does the Community Council do?** It represents and brings together over 22 village societies in one organisation; fundraises so as to be able to support many village activities and endeavours; provides essential communication through the Community Times; funds or co-ordinates projects that are of benefit to the community, such as the public access defibrillator; organises events throughout the year that are a focal point of the village calendar.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to these efforts over the past year. And thank you to all the village organisations and societies who ensure that there is 'something for everyone' in Nayland and Wiston!

**Community Council events and activities:** Thank you to everybody who helps with all the Community Council events, especially the committee who lead the way! When I list what we achieve in a year it reinforces what an important organisation the Community Council is.

**Public Access Defibrillator:** The Community Council was delighted to be able to co-ordinate this project to install a public access defibrillator at the Village Hall supported by funding from the National Lottery. Public Access Defibrillators can save vital time whilst waiting for the emergency services to arrive and can dramatically improve a person's chances of survival when administered within a few minutes so installing one at the Village Hall where so many gatherings and activities take place made great sense.

In October we held a Defibrillator Training and Awareness session led by a trainer from the Community Heartbeat Trust. It was well attended and all those who came along had the chance to see how the defibrillator works and were reassured how easy it is to use. A further session is planned for the Spring.

**Bonfire Night, November 2018:** After last years' unprecedented turnout we were unsure that we would be able to repeat the success on a chilly Monday evening – but we need not have feared. We had a fantastic number of visitors who enjoyed a brilliant display and the lovely community atmosphere. We instigated a few changes to help things run even more smoothly front of house and raised an impressive sum for the Community Council (see the Treasurer's Report for details). Thanks once again to Iain Wright and the firework team for the fabulous display, Fred Bugg for the bonfire and everybody who helped on stalls and refreshments – a real team effort.

**Christmas Fayre, December 2018:** Thank you to everybody who supported our festive fayre. Village societies and external stallholders provided a myriad of stalls and we also had entertainment from the children of Nayland Primary School and of course a special visit from Father Christmas. A great start to the festive season.

**Village Christmas Tree:** Once again Fred Smith did us proud, supplying an excellent tree for the centre of the village which sparkled its way through December. Thank you too to Nayland Dental Surgery for supplying the electricity and of course to Claire Buller and the team who put it up. Thankfully there was no blizzard this year although the height of the tree no doubt proved a challenge when adding the topmost baubles!

**Village Quiz, February 2019:** With the emphasis on fun, and an air of good-humoured competition, the quiz has become a regular fixture in the Nayland calendar and each year we are gratified at the number of teams who come along and participate. This year was no exception with 17 teams in attendance.

**Village Calendar:** The Nayland with Wissington calendar has been enjoyed by local residents and many from further afield over the past 10 years. The Community Council is extremely grateful to the team who have produced it with such success. After 10 years, they are taking a deserved break and we are currently looking for volunteers to take on the calendar for 2020 to ensure that this fantastic photographic and historical record continues.

**Nayland 10k and fun run, July 2018:** Despite the baking heat hundreds of runners took part in the second Nayland 10k and fun run – organised by Luke Rumbelow and Event Nation. A proportion of the profits from the event – which included a 10k, 5k and 1k run – is donated to local charities including the Community Council for which we are very appreciative. This donation helps us in our efforts to support a wide range of community activities, as well as the run itself providing a great addition to the Nayland diary - clearly enjoyed by many in the local community.

**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 we were pleased to be able to support the **Nayland Cinema (Village Hall):** awarding a grant towards improving the sound quality and acoustics in the village hall to enable its relaunch. Thanks to the work of Karen Freeman and the Village Hall committee the Nayland Cinema has now been reinstated to be enjoyed by the village. The Community Council also opted to provide further support to the **Nayland Community Store Ltd** reimbursing funds that members of the team put into the campaign. Although ultimately not successful the Post Office venture was very much in line with the Community Council's aims and we were pleased to be able to support the group who put in such a lot of effort on behalf of the village.

Further details and our grant application form are available at [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

**Going forward:** I am looking forward to another year as Chair of the Community Council and to continuing the events and activities that are so well supported. We are always open to new ideas so please don't be shy - do 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 for 2018 had been examined and approved by Andrew Gowen and were adopted by the meeting (*proposed Bryan Smith, seconded Luke Rumbelow*).

Maggie Ryan reported a healthy surplus of funds. She thanked everyone for their hard work on all the events that the CC organise and a special thank you to Lorraine for the excellent Community Times which generates a very healthy sum of money and is an excellent magazine with so much information.

- ♦ **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. **Executive** Colin Ramsell, Tricia Hall, Luke Rumbelow. **Individual** Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Rachel Hitchcock, John Parsonson, Colin Moule, Iain Wright. (*proposed Mike Hunter, seconded Mary George*). A Parish Council representative will be appointed following the elections in May.

Other nominations: Jo Metson was elected onto the Executive (*proposed Julie Clark, seconded Luke Rumbelow*) and welcomed to the CC.

- ♦ **CURRENT MATTERS ARISING:**

**Action by:**

- ♦ **Executive Committee** Rachel Hitchcock said members of village groups or individuals would be welcome to join the Exec and bring new ideas and thoughts to the CC. 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 263169 [rachel\\_hitchcock@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com) if you would like to know more.

- ♦ **Community Defibrillator:** Rachel Hitchcock said the training sessions held had been very informative and well received. Another training session will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May for those that could not attend the last session. There is a rota of five people who carry out regular tests to the defibrillator at the village hall; many thanks to this team of volunteers.

*Rachel  
Hitchcock*

- ♦ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** Luke Rumbelow reported 350 entries so far, this year they are aiming for 900 runners for the 10k, 5k and 1k distances. Entries and further details on [www.nayland10k.co.uk](http://www.nayland10k.co.uk)

The charity to benefit from the event this year will be SESAW, the animal rescue centre in Leavenheath. Donations will also be made to NwW Community Council, NwW Conservation Society, Nayland Primary School and Charley Watkins Foundation. CoHoc, Colchester Hospitals Charity benefitted from the last two events.

*Luke  
Rumbelow  
Rachel  
Hitchcock*

It was much appreciated that CC provided so many marshal volunteers in the past and will welcome CC volunteers for this year's event. Anyone marshalling will be entitled to a family member running the 10K as a free place. Please contact Luke 07598 821663 [rumbelow\\_2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rumbelow_2000@yahoo.co.uk) or Rachel 263169 [rachel\\_hitchcock@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com) if you can help.

- ♦ **Correspondence:** There had been no correspondence not included elsewhere.

♦ **Grants & Donations:**

- **Lizzie's Fund in association with The Brain Tumour Charity:** A grant application for £195 to cover hire of the village hall as part of a 50km endurance walk fundraiser for this charity was approved (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Iain Wright*). The walk, which will also raise awareness, will start and finish in Nayland. Lizzie, who sadly died last year, lived in Nayland. The walkers are Nayland with Wissington residents who will be joined by a considerable number of family and friends at the concluding fundraiser at the village hall.
- **Village Hall Roof:** There had been a presentation on the roof replacement proposal during the Village Hall meeting and members discussed this further. Members of the Exec who were present were mindful to support the roof replacement proposal. Rachel Hitchcock will send an email asking all the executive committee if they would agree to a £10,000 grant to the VHMC. It was also agreed we would support the use of the endowment fund for the roof (*proposed Bryan Smith, seconded Rachel Hitchcock*). The Parish Council have also set aside a sum of £10,000 over the next two years for the cost of the roof. Grant funding applications will need to demonstrate evidence of community involvement of fund raising; this will go a long way to show this support. Iain Wright said there would be a number of fundraisers held and he would be looking for the CC to support these events.

Maggie Ryan

♦ **Community Times & CC Website:** Lorraine Brook's report had been circulated.

Since October 1989 the Community Times has been keeping residents informed of what is going on in the parish. There is quite a team behind producing the magazine every other month, without whom village news would not reach your doormats. We are very grateful to:

- the dedicated team of distributors who have been led for the last decade by Colin Ramsell. Colin is planning to move out of the village but we are delighted that the reins will be picked up by Trevor Smy. We are hugely appreciative to Colin and wish him well in pastures new; we will miss him but hope he will be popping back to the village for leisurely pursuits.
- Pat Bray for her contributions of village news and for proof reading, and to Mandy Cook for assisting with the PC meeting reports.
- the advertisers who cover printing costs and provide much valued income for the CC.
- all those who take the time to contribute articles, copy and reports on their societies, village happenings, letters and photographs.

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](http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

Thanks also to Justin Dowding for managing the new Nayland and Wiston website - [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net). Please use it to promote your community activities; that is beneficial to village groups and helps keep the website 'alive'.

♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brook's report had been circulated.

Time flies as we know and it is astounding that the Nayland with Wissington Calendar, which has proved very popular with residents, was first published 10 years ago. We are enormously grateful to the Calendar Team - Wendy Sparrow, Hazel Gardiner, Colin Ramsell, Pat Bray and Lorraine Brooks - for their commitment and hard work during the past decade and appreciate they deserve a break!

Calendar  
Team

Lorraine thanked all who support the calendar; the calendar team and helpers for their hard work, local businesses who sponsor the calendar, all those who enter their photographs and those who help with sales. And of course, last but not least, those who buy the calendars.

The CC were pleased to hear some of the team have agreed to continue and with some new volunteers expressing interest it will be possible to take the calendar forward into 2020. More assistance with sales would be helpful.

There will be some changes this year; a larger calendar section without the historic photo/caption is proposed and instead of having a photographic judge, visitors to the display on 6th May will be invited to vote for their 12 favourite photos.

Plans will now proceed for the next calendar photographic competition and page sponsorship @ £25 is now being sought. Deadline for entries of photographs will be 27th April with the display on Monday 6th May; details and an entry form will be available in the Community Times or at [naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar.html](http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar.html)

♦ **Recent Activities:**

- ♦ **Nayland Fun Village Quiz:** It had been a very successful and fun evening and really appreciated by everyone. The quiz raised £295 for CC funds.

♦ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- **2019 Dates:** Calendar Competition Monday 6th May, Nayland 10K Fun Run Sunday 30th June, Fireworks Tuesday 5th November, Christmas Fayre Saturday 7th December. The next Fun Quiz will be held in February 2020.

## SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **Friends of Caley Green:** Last year the Friends worked with the Parish Council to design and produce temporary No parking signs for Caley Green. These were put out and removed every weekend in the Summer by the Friends to stop the occasional parking on the green. The Friends again obtained permission of Suffolk County Council to clear and tidy the small area of river by the bay adjacent Caley Green in the Autumn.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** 2018 proved another successful year. Looking forward, the Spring Show will be on 23rd March, on 26th Hannah Powell will talk on *'The History of Perrywood Nursery'*, their AGM and Fun Quiz will be on 16th April. They are taking bookings for a coach outing on 5th June to Pashley Manor Gardens in East Sussex.
- ◆ **Baby & Toddler Group:** They continue to meet every Friday morning during term time. It is a much appreciated opportunity for local parents and carers to get together with their children and enjoy some play, conversation, coffee and home baking. People come from neighbouring villages such as Assington and Bures, as well as Nayland, Wiston and Stoke-by-Nayland. They continue to see new members joining as they move into the area and there is now a real community of volunteers helping to run the group. Craft activities are much enjoyed by the children as is the weekly singing slot. Old MacDonald now has sharks on his farm!
- ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said at the February meeting the Rev John Chandler's talk was entitled *'All Vicars are Different'*; he explained how he came to be a vicar and how he combined his work with his love of music. He played his keyboard and members were invited to sing along with him. In March the branch will be celebrating its 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary with a lunch at the Saracen's Head, Newton Green. In April Simon Gallup will be talking about *'Unknown Constable Country'*.
- ◆ **Book Club:** Wendy Sparrow said they recently read *The Dogs of Riga*, a thriller written by the Swedish author Henning Mankell. Some of his many books about the detective Wallander have been adapted for television. They are currently reading *Hiding from the Light* by Barbara Erskine, a spooky tale set in the 17th century in the times of the Witchfinder General Matthew Hopkins.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Mary George said the Annual Parish Assembly will be on 29th April and topics will include a Neighbourhood Plan and Highways issues. This is election year; nomination forms for parish councillors should be submitted between 12th March and 3rd April. The new PC will meet on 8th May.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter said that the Society's AGM is taking place on Monday 11th March at the Village Hall starting at 7.15 pm. The speaker is John Morris, Chairman of the River Stour Trust. On the 6th May the Society will conduct its annual Footpath Walk which will either be at the Tendring Hall Estate or starting from Polsted Church car park at 2pm. Further details will be available shortly. Finally the Society's visit to Euston Hall on the 8th May has proved so popular that all places have already been filled.
- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said apart from the absence of three members due to medical problems the group is thriving with the guidance of our visiting tutors Lesley and Vernon. They are coming up with a series of widely ranging subjects from elephants to a view of the picturesque alley alongside St James'. Some members will be attending the *Turner vs Constable; the great British paint off*, a study day being held in the Village Hall on 21st March.
- ◆ **Nayland Choir:** Rob Swan said they had a successful year including their *'Hallelujah'* spring concert featuring favourite classic choral works, the summer singalong *'Lunch at the Movies'* with barbecue which was fun for all the family and the *'Airs for Armistice'* concert. They have recently been rehearsing for *'Come and Sing Carmina Burana'* on 9<sup>th</sup> March in Sudbury.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Nick Moriarty said *The Unexpected Guest* had been very well received, their pantomime *Peter Pan* was very successful with 535 tickets sold for the 4 performances. Performances of their next production, the hilarious farce *Cash On Delivery* will be held on 4th-6th April. The set builders are tasked with building an amazingly difficult set.
- ◆ **Bowls Club:** Mervyn Farthing said they meet on Wednesday evenings in the village Hall; it is a very social evening and anyone is welcome to join. They have welcomed 8 new members this year. They have an annual charity bowls day in April/May - having heard about Lizzie's Fund during the meeting they propose to consider donating this year's money to Lizzie's Fund.

## AOB:

- Mike Hunter whole heartedly thanked the Community Council committee for everything they do for the village.
- **Village Hall Garden:** The spring gardening work party will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 9am. Refreshments will be provided. The CC area needs some attention. Claire, Maggie and Rachel said they would endeavour to attend – others would be welcome.
- ◆ **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be **Wednesday 8th May** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm
- ◆ **Meetings for 2019:** Wednesday 3rd July, Wednesday 4th September, Monday 28th October - all in the Church Hall at 8pm (Exec 7.30)  
*The meeting closed at 9.30pm*

**Income and Expenditure statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Bonfire Night	£ 4,809.23	£ 4,337.70
Christmas Fayre	£ 653.15	£ 565.91
Community Times	£ 3,280.00	£ 3,442.50
Interest CCLA	£ 34.36	£ 48.12
Village Quiz	£ .....	£ 457.00
Village Calendar	£ 1,453.80	£ 1,356.40
Nayland 10k	£ .....	£ 1,133.42
Other Income	£ 679.52	£ 3,774.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,910.06</b>	<b>£15,315.05</b>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Grants:		
Community Times	£ 5,623.07	£ 3,204.00
Village Quiz	£ 1,601.64	£ 1,608.82
Bonfire Night	£ .....	£ 61.96
Insurance	£ 1,828.32	£ 1,728.14
Christmas Fayre	£ 388.93	£ 477.40
Defibrillator	£ 328.64	£ 306.71
Village Calendar	£ 444.47	£ 3,300.00
Hall Hire	£ 732.56	£ 692.85
Services Fund	£ 222.08	£ 301.86
	£ 121.50	£ 30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 11,291.21</b>	<b>£ 11,711.74</b>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for Year</b>	<b>(£ 381.15)</b>	<b>£ 3,603.31</b>

**Balance Sheet for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

<u>Accumulated Surplus:</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
As at beginning of the financial year	£ 19,828.83	£ 19,447.68
Add/deduct surplus (deficit)	(£ 381.15)	£ 3,603.31
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>£19,447.68</b>	<b>£ 23,050.99</b>
Represented by:		
CCLA Charities deposit fund	£10,591.26	£ 10,639.38
NatWest current A/c	£ 8,789.72	£ 12,343.83
Cash in Hand	£ 66.70	£ 67.78
<b>TOTAL Year to date*</b>	<b>£19,447.68</b>	<b>£23,050.99</b>
<b>*Included in Balance:</b>		
Services Fund		£ 318.50
<b>Unencumbered assets, year to date, are:</b>		<b>£22,732.49</b>

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 2018 represent a true and fair record of the Society's financial affairs.

*Andrew Gowen A. G. Gowen ACIS (retired)*

**Other Income:** In 2018 this includes the National Lottery Funding for the Nayland defibrillator located at the Village Hall; in 2017 the proceeds from the Nayland 10k run of £479.52 were included here.

**Grants Awarded:** Nayland Cinema £1,860, Nayland Post Office Campaign £1,250, contribution to Nayland & Wiston community website £94.

**Breakdown of Profits:** Community Times £1,833.68, Village Quiz £395.04, Bonfire Night £2,609.56, Christmas Fayre £259.20, Village Calendar £663.55.