

Minutes from the meeting held on 3rd July 2019 in the Church Hall

Julie Clark welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 15 members present:** Julie Clark, Maggie Ryan, Lorraine Brooks, Bryan Smith, Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Jo Metson, Colin Ramsell, Luke Rumbelow, Iain Wright, Wendy Sparrow, Trevor Smy, Rob Swan, Tracy Le Grys, Yvonne Swane.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Rachel Hitchcock, Ken Willingale, Justin Dowding, Sally Dalton, John Partridge.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 8th May 2019 were approved (*proposed Bryan Smith, seconded Iain Wright*).

MATTERS ARISING:

- ♦ **Executive Committee:**

Julie Clark reminded the meeting of the 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 263169 or rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com if you would like to know more.

Members were saddened to hear that John Parsonson had passed away on 31st May. Rachel Hitchcock said John will be very much missed as a valued member and friend of the Community Council. He was a lovely man and very supportive of our work through his role on the Executive Committee. He and Jill were regular fixtures at all our events including Bonfire Night and the Christmas Fayre – always joining in - from ensuring we had a lovely Christmas Tree in the foyer to helping sort out the raffle tickets when I had about 450 contact details to write on the back and only half an hour to the end of the Christmas Fayre!! I will miss his sense of humour and kindness and am sure I speak on behalf of the whole Community Council in sending our love and best wishes to Jill.

Colin Ramsell added John had been a good friend, always offering sound advice and was the other gentleman in the Art Group which is dominated by ladies. John was an excellent artist and welcomed the group to visit his studio and garden to paint.

- ♦ **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.

The defibrillator training on Wednesday 15th May was a relatively small gathering of 12 but those who attended were nonetheless enthusiastic! It was also good to have some children in attendance. Dot, the trainer from the Community Heartbeat Trust did a good job of communicating basic first aid and resuscitation techniques and demonstrating how to use the defibrillator. Although community defibrillators are designed to be used with no training, the awareness sessions serve to increase community confidence in using the defibrillator should the need arise. It would be good to hold further sessions in the future and to continue to raise awareness of the locations of the defibrillators at the fire station and the Village Hall. Thank you to Nayland Primary School for hosting on this occasion.

Rachel
Hitchcock

- ♦ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** Luke Rumbelow said the 3rd annual Fun Run had been a great success with 979 runners taking part. Feedback has been very positive and is welcomed to help suggest ideas for improvement. There was a real family vibe and the little ones encouraging runners to the finish line was lovely. SESAW are keen to be part of the event next year.

Luke
Rumbelow

Approximately £4,000 was donated to the local charities including SESAW which benefitted by £940 plus £600 sponsorship, the Community Council £1,414 (being £1.70 per runner). Also benefitting were the Conservation Society and Charley Watkins Foundation. Nayland School ran the 1k event and benefitted by £600.

Luke stressed that the event cannot be held without provision for car parking, for approx 500 cars. There is some doubt whether Nayland Meadow, owned by the Nayland Land Company, will be available next year. The farmer has been reluctant to allow use of the Fennages adjacent to Candy Lane in summer as they are used for grazing cattle. Court Knoll is now a heritage site and no longer available, access to the meadow beyond Pop's Piece footbridge would be difficult by the A134. It is vital to overcome this issue if the event is to be run next year; the Exec will put on thinking caps for potential car parking space we could use.

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Julie thanked Luke for his hard work making this a very successful and popular event.

- ♦ **Village Hall Store:** A second session to tidy the CC store at the village hall will take place on 23rd July and 3pm. More hands make light work so volunteers to help would be welcome.

Volunteers

- ◆ **Correspondence:** The VHMC Chairman emailed recently requesting consideration be given to assisting towards the cost of a replacement cooker for the village hall which is likely to cost about £1,600. The CC felt they will be in a position to consider this at the next meeting, once a grant application form in line with our Grant Policy has been submitted by the VHMC.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maggie Ryan gave her report.

- **Breakdown of profits:** Quiz £210, Community Times £882.50, Village Calendar (£477)
- **Grants paid:** Lizzie's Fund Endurance Walk £170.
- **Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £23,386.49, represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,639.38, Current a/c monies £12,674.33, Cash in hand £72.78. We hold £418.50 for the Services Fund and £10,000 VH roof grant is pending. **Unencumbered assets are therefore £12,967.99.**

◆ GRANTS & DONATIONS:

- **Village Hall Roof:** The CC has supported the replacement roof project with a grant of £10,000 which will be held until funds are required.

Maggie Ryan

Iain Wright said the committee continue to seek grant funding and have had some positive news but as things stand there is likely to be a shortfall of about £100,000 on the £270,000 which is now likely to be needed. They need help from village groups and donations from residents (payable to the Parish Council). 'Buy A Tile' was suggested as another way of fundraising. Claire Buller agreed to obtain details of a potential grant source.

- **Lizzie's Fund in association with The Brain Tumour Charity:** A grant of £195 to cover hire of the village hall had been awarded but only £170 required.

Seventeen walkers were cheered off at 6.30am, and cheered back to the Village Hall at 7.30pm, by friends and family for the inaugural Nayland Endurance Walk. In between, the 17 walkers each covered 50k (31miles), a total of 850k (530 miles), from Nayland as far north as Monks Eleigh. A total of £11,750 was raised for Lizzie's Fund, on behalf of The Brain Tumour Charity, from the Nayland Endurance Walk. Lizzie's mum Sally is doing a second walking challenge this summer to turn her 50k into 100k.

Lizzie's Fund has been supported by several village organisations and has raised a total of over £190,000 in just a year. www.thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/our-supporter-groups/supporter-groups/groups/lizzies-fund/ The next event is a 10k, 5k and 1k Run at Prettyfields Vineyard, plus a Wine Walk (with tasting!) at Ardleigh on Saturday 31st August. <https://www.prettyfields.com/>

- ◆ **Community Times & Websites:** Lorraine Brooks gave the usual plea for contributions for the next issue. Please take and submit photos of village activities and things seen in the parish for See It Snap It, etc. There is currently an advertiser who is proving difficult to obtain payment from. The Nayland & Wiston website is coming up for 2 years old and is well used.

Lorraine Brooks

- ◆ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said the Government have changed the date of the early May Bank Holiday 2020 from Monday to Friday and this wasn't announced until after the calendar went to print. The date has moved to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Luckily we learned of the problem before the printed pages were bound and Spingold quickly reprinted the May page. The additional cost incurred was £66. We did look at other options. We were not alone in being caught out; Roses Calendars of Colchester had major additional expense. The calendar was produced in time for the Nayland 10k event but unfortunately only 2 calendars were sold.

Calendar Team

Iris Sebba and Sally Dalton joined the team this year to assist with distributing and selling calendars but we need to widen the net so would be grateful for help with selling at other venues/events. Claire Buller said she would make enquiries about selling them at Boxted Vineyard.

Claire Buller

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Sally who is currently very poorly in hospital.

◆ Forthcoming Activities:

- **Bonfire Night on Tuesday 5th November:** It was agreed to order the same quantity fireworks as last year. We have sufficient sparklers and glo-necklaces. Iain would order them in July in order to qualify for discount with Dynamic Fireworks. Pyrotechnic training also needs to be booked for Julie and Kristian Clark. Anyone handling fireworks must have been trained to comply with our insurance.

Iain Wright
Julie Clark

It was pointed out the batteries on the glo-toys will need checking (*action Claire & Maggie*). Solutions to reduce queues at sales points had been successful last year and will be repeated.

More volunteers will be needed on the gate and as marshalls. It was suggested that entry for those arriving by car should be paid at the entrance to prevent them slipping in without paying.

Rachel Hitchcock

- **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December:** Rachel Hitchcock will check whether the School Choir can provide entertainment and will begin contacting potential stallholders.
- **Nayland Village Quiz:** will be on *Friday 7th February 2020*

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said best wishes go out to Val and Liz who have missed a lot of meetings recently due to ongoing medical problems. We currently have two vacancies in the group which meets on Wednesday afternoons. To end this term our visiting tutor Lesley will be coming along on 10th July followed by Vernon Lever on 17th July. On 24th July we are looking forward to going to Fillpots for a Cream Tea! Although moving house to Capel St Mary very soon I will remain a member of the Art Group.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said their June outing to *Pashley Manor Garden* had been popular and enjoyable. Their Summer Garden Party for members will be on 19th July and the Annual Flower Show will be on 3rd August. They are taking bookings for a coach outing to Audley End House and Gardens on 8th September. HortSoc will be making a donation of £100 to Lizzie's Fund.
- ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said in June Andy Malcomb from the Fishermen's Mission gave a talk on the subject *'The True Price of Fish and Chips'*. On 15th July Paula Baker will talk about *'Hedgehog Rescue'* and our annual afternoon Tea Party will take place on 19th August in the President's garden.
- ◆ **Book Club:** Wendy Sparrow said they recently read *'Dreams From My Father'* by Barack Obama, the son of a black African father and a white American mother, who retraces the migration of his mother's family from Kansas to Hawaii, then to his childhood home in Indonesia and to Kenya where he confronts the bitter truth of his father's life and at last reconciles his divided inheritance. Their current book is *'Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood'* by Trevor Noah, who was the son of a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother, born at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison.
- ◆ **HSA:** Jo Metson said the summer term has been busy. The School Fete, moved to a Friday afternoon, was a great success; with tombola, raffle, bouncy castle, human football, agility course, BBQ, dance and Ukulele performances and more. Nayland School hosted the 1k fun run as part of the Nayland 10k event. Adam Walker created the winning design in a competition for the 1k finisher's medal. HSA ran a cake and refreshments stall, along with sweets and popcorn and outdoor games tent. Parents and teachers marshalled the route. It was a fantastic community event with lots of the children taking part. The School Summer Ball will be on 12th July at Le Talbooth in Dedham. The Summer Concert will be on Friday 19th July at the Village Hall. This is a lovely evening where the children get to show off their dancing, singing and musical talents.
- ◆ **Nayland Choir:** Rob Swan said their recent concert *'Midsummer Cabaret'* with songs from Cabaret, Chicago, Fiddler on the Roof and other popular music and lovely food had been a great success. Their next concert on 30th November in St James' church will be more choral with a brass ensemble. Rehearsals begin on 5th September.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Bryan Smith said their next production will be *'Lion in Winter'* by James Goldman. Betrayal, treachery, and a knife fight: it's just another normal Christmas celebration for the royal Plantagenet family. King Henry II throws a Christmas feast for the newly crowned King of France. Also in attendance for the celebrations are Henry's three plotting sons, each eager to take the throne, and his manipulative wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, newly released from house arrest (after raising an army against Henry). Even though they need to appear a happy family for the King of France, this doesn't stop each Plantagenet from secretly plotting to take the others down. Told in marvellously articulate language *'The Lion in Winter'* is a play that transcends the historical genre to become a biting hilarious family drama. Jim Bond will be directing with performances on 5th-7th December. Auditions take place on 17th July.
- ◆ **First Responders:** Tracy Le Grys was pleased to say they have had some interest in volunteering as responders. More training is now involved as more is expected of responders. Julie thanked the responders for their dedication.
- ◆ **AOB:**
 - **Bus Timetable:** The meeting was alerted that a new bus timetable would be implemented by Chambers from 29 July with reduction of buses during the middle of the day. Timetable available at: www.chambersbus.co.uk
 - **Refuse Collections:** Babergh will be changing the day Nayland and Wiston wheelie bins are collected with effect from 15th July; residents should receive notification of changes this week. If not telephone 0300 1234000 or enter your address at <https://bmsdchosting.net/waste-services/babergh-bin-collection/>
 - **School Traffic:** An increase in traffic on Bear Street is likely on Thursday 4th July during a test run for parents from Leavenheath who from September will need to drive their children to school following changes to school transport by Suffolk CC. This new school transport policy will significantly increase the number of cars on the road at the beginning and end of school day. For more information: www.suffolkschoolbus.org
 - Two online petitions have been opened regarding local issues. "No confidence in Planning or Enforcement at Babergh District Council" at you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/no-confidence-in-planning-or-enforcement-at-babergh-district-council and "Resolve the failed resurfacing on the A134 in Great Horkesley" at www.change.org/petitions.
- ◆ **Date of next meeting:** will be on **Wednesday 4th September 2019** at 8pm (*Exec 7.30pm*) in the Church Hall.
- ◆ **Meetings for 2019/20:** General meetings will be Monday 28th October, Tuesday 7th January, Wednesday 6th May, Monday 6th July, Wednesday 2nd September. The AGM will be on Monday 2nd March 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm