

Minutes of the virtual meeting (*due to Covid-19*) held on 2nd September 2020

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to this meeting and was pleased to 'see' everyone present.

- ◆ **There were 12 members present:** Rachel Hitchcock, Maggie Ryan, Claire Buller, Bryan Smith, Jo Metson, Luke Rumbelow, Vicki Sargent, Lesley Jameson, Sophie Williams, Lorraine Brooks, Mike Hunter, Laura Erith,
- ◆ **Contributions from:** Wendy Sparrow, Mike Hunter, Trevor Smy.
- ◆ **Apologies were received from:** Julie Clark, Iain Wright, Justin Dowding.
- ◆ **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 6th July 2020 were approved (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Jo Metson*).

MATTERS ARISING:

◆ **Executive Committee:**

Action by:

Maggie Ryan and Lesley Jameson have been liaising regarding handover of the role of Treasurer. Lesley is now in a position to take over the role and this was agreed at the meeting (*proposed Luke Rumbelow, seconded Claire Buller*). Rachel Hitchcock welcomed Lesley as our Treasurer and thanked Maggie for all she has done as Treasurer and on the Exec and is delighted Maggie is willing to continue on the Exec.

- ◆ **Fundraising Activities & Events:** Ideas for fund raising projects to benefit the CC are always welcome – for when life returns to normal.

- ◆ **Community Defibrillator:** Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station; the defibrillator at the Village Hall was provided as a Community Council project and is monitored by them. As previously discussed another training event will be arranged by Rachel Hitchcock and Tracy Le Gryns once the C-19 issues are over. This could introduce other aspects of First Aid.

Rachel
Hitchcock &
Tracy Le Gryns

- ◆ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** nayland10k.co.uk Luke is looking forward to next year's event on Sunday 4th July 2021.

Luke Rumbelow

- ◆ **River Stour Water Level Gauge:** Members previously agreed provision of a water level gauge located on the river as a point of interest for residents. The NwW Land Company, as riparian landowners, are willing to have the gauge sited on the Meadow bank opposite Caley Green; as visibility from Caley Green is preferred a gauge on each side of the post will enable it to be seen from each bank. A gauge supplier has been found (cost of 1 gauge approx £60 plus carriage & VAT). Mike Hunter has received confirmation from the EA that installation does not require a permit. It will need to be installed with the correct 'zero line' as the aim is to measure low level. An installer experienced at this is being sought.

Lorraine Brooks
& Mike Hunter

- ◆ **Online Ticketing Facility:** A new website - NaylandEvents.org – is being created by Justin Dowding which will enable any village society have a page to use to sell tickets to their events. Costs for setup, maintenance and support will be: 5% per ticket; Stripe subscription: 1.4 % per ticket plus 20p per card transaction. The site will be simple for societies to use and Justin will be able to teach them how to use it. The site is prepared and once there is an event/s to include can be completed.

Justin Dowding

- ◆ **Recent Activities:** There had been no activities since the last meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Jameson gave her report on finances to 31st August.

- **Breakdown of profits:** Quiz £402, Community Times £803.50, Village Calendar £160.
- **Grants paid 2020:** Nayland School Music Group £400, NwW Land Co, £550 & NwW Conservation Soc. £649.
- **Annual Invoice:** Community Heartbeat £198.
- **Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £27,231.35, represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,724.51, Current a/c monies £16,434.06, Cash in Hand £72.78. We hold £318.50 for the Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000, Lizzie's Fund Walk £195. **Therefore, unencumbered assets are £16,717.85.**
- **Changeover of Treasurer:** Maggie Ryan has met with Lesley Jameson and handed over all relevant files and associated items and provided the spreadsheet accounts to date. Changes to mandates for Nat West Bank and CCLA Fund are in progress.

- ◆ **GRANTS & DONATIONS:** There had been no new grant applications

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

♦ **Community Times & Websites:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all involved for enabling issues to continue during Covid-19 and be distributed to all residents. She was grateful also for the interesting photos, information and copy sent in to keep readers informed and amused in the absence of usual village activity – please keep them coming.

Lorraine Brooks

♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said sponsorship for the 12 months has been obtained. The calendar proof has recently been received; following some adjustment to photo contrast it will go to final print. Print costs were approved at the last meeting.

Lorraine Brooks

Wendy Sparrow

Lesley Jameson

Justin Dowding

With no village events being held due to Covid-19, help with and ideas for selling calendars is needed. Rachel Hitchcock will be able to promote sales via the school parent-mail; Maggie will make enquiries about promotion at Littlegarth. Having a stall in the High Street was suggested. They will be available as usual at the Post Office, Forget Me Not, Melissa's and to order online or via the CT with payment by cheque. They will also be available for 17 Court Street

As using local Facebook seemed to raise interest in the calendar competition it was agreed to extend this option to selling calendars. Justin Dowding has offered to assist with setting up a sales link on navlandandwiston.net, Lesley Jameson is willing set up a CC PayPal account to receive orders and pass them on to Lorraine. This was agreed (*proposed Luke Rumbelow, seconded Bryan Smith*).

♦ **Forthcoming Activities:**

■ **Bonfire Night on 5th November:** Rachel has kept in touch with Dynamic Fireworks who have confirmed that there will be no liability if we decide to cancel the event.

Rachel

Hitchcock

Iain Wright

Following discussion on the Covid-19 situation, and noting that the village hall is unlikely to be re-opened, it was unanimously agreed that the event should be cancelled. Iain Wright will let Fred Bugg know and arrange for the bonfire site to be cleared.

It was suggested that next spring - once restrictions are hopefully lifted - we might be able to organise a special event.

■ **Christmas Fayre on 5th December:** It was agreed that the Fayre should also be cancelled for the same reasons.

SOCIETY REPORTS

♦ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow reported that members have not met since March and while the Village Hall remains closed for the foreseeable future we do not know when meetings will recommence. Some members have been knitting blankets for hospital patients at the West Suffolk Hospital and an appreciative letter of thanks was received stating that the blankets will be used by end of life patients. At present the WI are upset about the disappearance of a black poplar tree they planted on Caley Green to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 and enquiries are being made as to what has happened to it.

♦ **Book Club:** Wendy Sparrow reported they have recently read *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri and met in a member's garden to discuss it. The book describes the moving but sometimes harrowing story of a Syrian Beekeeper and his wife who lived in Aleppo. They fled from Syria during the civil war and finally managed to reach England. The group are currently reading *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory. Much has been written about Anne Boleyn who became Henry VIII's second wife after his divorce from Katherine of Aragon but this book is written from her sister Mary's perspective who was Henry VIII's lover before Anne. The two sisters were rivals but it was Anne who eventually became Queen of England.

♦ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy reported that it has been a non-eventful year; with all activities having been cancelled including the October speaker due to Covid-19. They hope by March 2021 their year will be able to begin with a colourful Spring Flower Show.

♦ **Village Players:** Justin Dowding reported their production *The Lion in Winter* has received nine nominations for the North Essex Theatre Guild's awards, which will be a virtual awards ceremony this year.

♦ **Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter said their speaker meetings had been cancelled due to Covid-19 but instead they arranged on-line access for members to a series of lectures by Sarah Doig concerning the history of Suffolk. The Society has become aware of a sudden increase in aircraft flights over the AONB despite a review of flightpaths in 2006 which gave the AONB some protection. The Society is making further enquiries on this issue.

They are pleased that sponsors came forward to cover the cost of a video of Nayland to be filmed by Stuart Howells with script by Wendy Sparrow and narrated by Peter Drew. It is hoped the film will be completed in the next few weeks; it will include elements on the history of our village, reminiscences by long standing residents local natural history.

♦ **Parish Council:** Laura Erith reported that use of an experimental traffic regulations order for provision of double yellow lines was discussed and agreed as a solution to parking issues by Caley Green and Anchor Bridge, however, following consultation with local residents this will be considered further at their September meeting. Gerry Battye has been preparing a risk assessment for the re-opening of Fairfield Playground. This is run by Trustees who are keen to re-open but must comply with Covid-19 safety measures and implement adequate precautions before doing so.

♦ **AOB:**

- **A Christmas Event:** Laura Erith asked if an outdoor Christmas event could be organised; it was felt this was worth considering. It was agreed to check with the organisers of 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree' with a view to joining with them for a larger event. Rachel Hitchcock will make enquiries with James Finch but Covid restrictions may prevent this event from taking place.
- ♦ **Date of next meeting:** is scheduled for **Wednesday 28th October** at 8pm (*Exec 7.30pm*). This is likely to be another Zoom meeting unless the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted so we can meet in the Church Hall.
Meetings for 2021: Tuesday 5th January.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm