

Minutes from the meeting held on 27th October 2021 in the Church Hall

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 17 members present:** Rachel Hitchcock, Lesley Jameson, Lorraine Brooks, Sophie Williams, Julie Clark, Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Jo Metson, Kate Bevan, Luke Rumbelow, Iain Wright, Ned Cartwright, Trevor Smy, Justin Dowding, David Slater, Chris Hunt, Rob Swan.
- ♦ **Contributions from:** Wendy Sparrow, Sally Dalton, Mike Hunter, Martin Wright.
- ♦ **Apologies:** Bryan Smith, Maggie Ryan, Sally Dalton, Mike Hunter, Martin Wright, Wendy Sparrow.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last meeting** on 1st September 2021 were approved (*proposed Julie Clark, seconded Claire Buller*).

MATTERS ARISING:

- ♦ **Executive Committee:** Rachel Hitchcock said we have a good team on the Exec but as always we welcome new members to join our enjoyable friendly committee. **Action by:**
- ♦ **Fundraising Activities/Events:** We have a good deal of activities being planned currently but as always future ideas and support are welcome.
- ♦ **Community Defibrillator:** Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station. Rachel Hitchcock will liaise with Tracy Le Gryns about organising a further training session. It had been suggested that this could introduce other aspects of First Aid. **Rachel Hitchcock & Tracy Le Gryns**
- ♦ **River Stour Water Level Gauge:** Rachel said that she has received the proof from Shelley Signs and will check it with Dale Leeks before circulating for approval. **Rachel Hitchcock**
- ♦ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** nayland10k.co.uk Luke Rumbelow said the 2022 10K will be on the second Sunday in July and hopefully held at Littlegarth School again. **Luke Rumbelow**
- ♦ **Online Ticketing Facility:** NaylandEvents.org – Justin Dowding said tickets for several village events are currently being sold. If you are interested in selling tickets using this system get in touch with him. Rachel said the facility is excellent and thanked Justin for providing it. **Justin Dowding**
- ♦ **Village Hall Gardening Morning:** Attendance was good for the autumn garden tidy on **9th October**. Bryan Smith and Lesley Jameson were there on behalf of the CC.
- ♦ **Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee** (during Thursday 2nd-Sunday 5th June)
The CC had previously agreed to hold a village celebration on Friday 3rd June in the form of a Street Party/Fayre. Claire Buller will apply for a road closure permit.
We need to liaise with Parish Council regarding their contribution towards a commemorative mug/ gift, which has been given out to children of the village previously. Lorraine Brooks will contact Impact China (www.impactchina.co.uk), who supplied mugs for our 2012 celebration for details of 2022 mugs and also research elsewhere.
Most of the Exec have agreed to be on the Jubilee planning committee and Laura Erith has kindly agreed to be the PC rep; Rachel Hitchcock will organise a meeting to begin planning for the Jubilee celebrations. **Rachel Hitchcock**
Claire Buller
Lorraine Brooks

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Jameson gave her report on finances to 27th October.

- **Breakdown of profits:** Community Times £1,182.50, Nayland 10K £1,000, Calendar 2021 late sales 283.70, Calendar 2022 £170.90.
- **Grants paid:** none to date.
- **Expenses since our last meeting:** Christmas Fayre toys £134.92; £222 to Spingold for the October Community Times print run; Zurich Insurance premiums £650.52; Dynamic Fireworks balance £1,875 and £177.08 for sparklers. Supplies for Bonfire Night have been bought costing £217.48.
- **Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £26,133.55 represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,729.03, Current a/c monies £13,422.23, Cash in Hand £167.58, Stripe a/c £1779.41 and PayPal ££35.30. We hold £268.50 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000, Lizzie's Fund Walk £201. **Therefore, unencumbered assets are £15,664.05.**
- ♦ **GRANTS & DONATIONS:** There had been no grant applications or donations.
- ♦ **Correspondence:** There had been no correspondence not included elsewhere.

- ♦ **Community Times & Websites:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all for contributing to recent issues and those who have already sent copy for the coming issue; it's lovely to see so many community activities resuming. The December issue is considerably more time consuming so please let her know asap if you have items to promote so adequate space can be reserved.

Lorraine Brooks

Unfortunately we have just lost an advertiser worth £180 p.a. That brings the value of lost advertising income this year to £380. There has only been one new advertising subscription of £25 to offset the losses.

The Nayland & Wiston website continues to be useful and now includes the online ticketing facility.

- ♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said with 75 calendars sold the 2022 calendar has now broken into profit (of over £170). They are available to purchase at the Post Office, Forget Me Knot, Melissa's Hair Salon, 17 Court Street. Also online using PayPal or there is a payment by cheque option. Wendy is also selling them at various events and they will be available again at the High Street stall on Saturday with Bonfire Night tickets.

Lorraine Brooks
Wendy Sparrow
& Sally Dalton

If you can help with sales at events/venues you are involved with please contact Lorraine.

- ♦ **Forthcoming CC Activities:**

- **Bonfire Night on Friday 5th November:** Rachel Hitchcock updated the meeting on progress. Claire Buller is organising the sales teams; Rachel the gate and marshalls, etc and Lesley Jameson will manage the floats. Dynamic Fireworks will be providing the display and Fred Bugg will light the bonfire once the display is over (in line with Dynamic's safety procedures). The lighting of the bonfire will be announced and a Guy made by the School will be paraded down to the bonfire.

Rachel
Hitchcock
Claire Buller

It was noted advance sale to date totalled £2,100 with a week to go; it was felt there would be considerably more sales sold right up to the event. The online ticket facility can cater for this.

If anyone is able to help please contact: Claire Buller 263344 clairejbuller@gmail.com for sales items or Rachel Hitchcock 263169 rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com for setting up, marshalling, entrance gate, etc.

- **Jingle Bells Coffee Morning with Father Christmas on 11th December:** The event will be a little quieter than the usual Christmas Fayre with no external stallholders but equally enjoyable; village societies will participate; there would be more emphasis on it being a social occasion with refreshments and entertainment and Father Christmas will be in attendance. It is hoped the Primary School will provide some musical entertainment. If you can help on the day please let Rachel know. The Christmas Trail will also be officially launched and ideas for an additional children's challenge or activity on the day would be welcome.

Rachel
Hitchcock

- **Christmas Trail:** Rachel and Lorraine will promote and circulate details and invitations to participate in Advent Windows, the Christmas Tree Trail and the Christmas Wreath Competition.

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Lorraine Brooks

- **Village Christmas Tree:** It was put up a week earlier last year which was popular so it will be put up on Sunday 5th December at 9am; anyone wishing to help will be welcome. It will be taken down on 9th January but the lights will be turned off prior to that.

Claire Buller

- **Fun Village Quiz on Friday 4th February 2022:** It was agreed to increase to cost of attending to £15 per table of four. Tickets will be sold using the online ticket facility as well as from Forget Me Not and the using the slip in the Community Times.

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Hitchcock

- **CC AGM:** It was agreed to hold this on Wednesday 2nd March on the same evening as the VHMC AGM. Rachel reminded the meeting that she would be stepping back from Chair but will continue on the Exec and asked everyone to help seek a new Chair by then.

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ♦ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said the autumn talk 'Funny Garden Features' was well supported and members were pleased to be out. They will be participating at the Jingle Bells Coffee Morning. After their usual hibernation period they are looking forward to a speaker meeting and the Spring Show in March.
- ♦ **Nayland Choir:** Rob Swan said they are well into rehearsals for its autumn/winter concert and we are delighted to be welcoming several new members this term and some previous members who have come back to enjoy making fantastic music. The good size of the choir and the quality of delivery means that a delightful sound will be produced at the concert. The centrepiece of the concert is the wonderful Vivaldi's Gloria and there will also be pieces by Albinoni, Bach and others. The concert will be on Sunday 21st November at 4pm in St James' Church, Nayland. We are choosing an earlier time as it may be easier for people to attend at this time on a November Sunday.
- ♦ **Village Hall:** Iain Wright said the hall was alive and well with bookings returning to normal. The footballers no longer use the hall due to damage to the pitch by rabbits. Their annual maintenance programme continues. They are very grateful to the organisers and helpers of the Village Lunches which provided additional income for the hall.

- ◆ **St James' Church:** Chris Hunt said they have continued to maintain regular services including a Family Service. St James' hosted a successful concert last month, another to be held in November and more will be held in future. Remembrance Sunday services are on 14th November. Please pick up after your dogs; there have been unpleasant incidents. The popular Wednesday Coffee Mornings will stop temporarily after 1st December until the February. Nayland has a new vicar; the licensing service of Reverend Stephane Jean Michel Javelle will take place on 18th November at 7.30pm at Stoke Church.
- ◆ **Royal British Legion:** Chris Hunt said they are a thriving branch. Their Chairman, following the retirement of John Partridge is Robert Dossor; Andrew Gowen remains as Secretary. They will be resuming doorstep poppy sales, repeating the stall by the War Memorial and holding a Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning on 5th November.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Justin Dowding said he is no longer on the committee but is aware they are putting on '*Absurd Person Singular*', which is a play, not a panto, on 2nd-4th December.
- ◆ **Nayland Land Co:** David Slater said they are offering the opportunity to learn about hedge laying with Neil Catchpole, with initial demonstration and training day on 13th November. There are four new information boards at areas around the meadow. They are appealing for financial donations towards maintenance and future initiatives and would be very grateful for volunteers to put their names forward to help with various maintenance tasks during the year. It was suggested that the CC may be able to assist with a grant; a formal application would be required.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Ned Cartwright said meetings have returned to the village hall with observers attending by Zoom using a 4G mobile router as there is a delay in installing Wifi in the hall; there have been a number of Highways issues including HGV access to Champions Hill/Cawley Road and flooding in Birch Street/Mill Street; several planning issues including a SCC application relating to Harpers Hill Farm. An open meeting will be held on 2nd November to discuss proposals at Caley Green; files relating to this are on the PC webpages at naylandandwiston.net and a place can be booked by emailing caleyopenmeeting@gmail.com or telephoning Mary George on 262712.
Ned was asked why in the analysis of responses received in their public engagement on the issue that the column showing '*No Response*' had the words "*including in favour PC*" alongside it? He said he would check this query. It was pointed out the public engagement had been widely promoted; the analysis of responses revealed: those in favour of PC proposals were 7% of respondents, against planting 29%, wanting an alternative to planting 65%.
- ◆ **Nayland Primary School HSA:** Jo Metson said their AGM took place on 23rd September via Zoom; new Secretary and Treasurer were appointed and they are advertising for a new Chair. The current Chair is remaining until a new one is appointed. Covid has disrupted fundraising events, but they are hopeful that some events can now take place. On the last day of half term they organised a Halloween event where the children dressed up and had a playground party and a spooky trail around the woods. They are hoping to hold a Christmas event and are considering a Doughnut Sale and a School Pre-loved Uniform Sale.
- ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow reported that at the October meeting the speaker was a member of Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue (SULSAR). He gave a very interesting talk about this voluntary organisation which specialises in helping the emergency services in finding missing children and vulnerable people. It is a registered charity and the volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. At the November meeting the speaker will be talking about *Living on a Narrow Boat* and in December the Nayland Handbell Ringers will be entertaining members.
- ◆ **Book Club:** Wendy Sparrow reported that the group recently met to discuss their latest book which was '*Where the Crawdads Sing*' by Delia Owens. They are now reading '*Wilding*' by Isabella Tree.
- ◆ **Friends of Caley Green:** Sally Dalton reported that the Green is much quieter now but they continue to keep an eye on things including waterfowl; they do litterpicking and emptying the bins when necessary. They are now preparing for the PC's Open Meeting to discuss the riverbank on 2nd November.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter reported that the film of the *History of Nayland* will be shown before the speaker on 4th November; the talk by Simon Hooton will be on the subject of *Swifts*.
Manchester Airports Group (MAG), the owners of Stansted Airport, have submitted a paper to the Department of Transport that the current limit on the number of night flights at Stansted should be completely removed. A substantial number of flights already pass over the Dedham Vale AONB paying little regard to the provisions of section 85 of the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000. We have written to our MP James Cartlidge who has agreed to raise the matter with MAG.
- ◆ **AOB: The was no further business**
- ◆ **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be **Wednesday 5th January** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm. Meetings in 2022: AGM Weds 2nd March, Weds 4th May, Monday 4th July, Monday 5th September & Weds 26th October.
The meeting closed at 9.10pm