

Minutes from the meeting held on 1st September 2021 in the Village Hall

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 13 members present:** Rachel Hitchcock, Lesley Jameson, Lorraine Brooks, Julie Clark, Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Kate Bevan, Iain Wright, Laura Erith, Trevor Smy, Justin Dowding, David Slater, Mike Hunter.
- ♦ **Contributions from:** Tracy Le Grys, Wendy Sparrow, Sally Dalton.
- ♦ **Apologies:** Ken Willingale, Sophie Williams, Bryan Smith, Sally Dalton, Tracy Le Grys, Wendy Sparrow, Luke Rumbelow.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last meeting** on 5th July 2021 were approved (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Iain Wright*).

MATTERS ARISING:

- ♦ **Executive Committee:** Rachel Hitchcock said we have a good team on the Exec and it is lovely to meet in person for the first time since Covid-19. However, 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. Now that Covid-19 restrictions are easing Rachel Hitchcock will liaise with Tracy Le Grys about organising a further training session. It had been suggested that this could introduce other aspects of First Aid. Rachel Hitchcock & Tracy Le Grys
- ♦ **River Stour Water Level Gauge:** Rachel said that Dale Leeks has the information needed to finalise the gauge and this will be ordered soon. Rachel Hitchcock
- ♦ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** nayland10k.co.uk Rachel said that the event had been very well received by all. A percentage of funds raised went to SESAW and the Community Council. The CC was extremely grateful for £1,000 received. Luke Rumbelow
- ♦ **Online Ticketing Facility:** NaylandEvents.org – Justin Dowding said tickets are currently being sold for Nayland Cinema and a Friends of St James live music event. It will be used for Bonfire Night. Get in touch with Justin if you are interested in selling tickets using this system. Justin Dowding
- ♦ **Village Hall Gardening Morning:** The autumn tidy will take place on **9th October** from 9am. All are welcome to come along to help; refreshments will be provided.
- ♦ **Fun, Food & Festivities:** This event originally planned for 28th-29th August was postponed. Iain Wright suggested elements of the event could be held over the Platinum Jubilee weekend. After discussion it was felt this was a larger scale fund raising event so would need to be separate from the Street Fayre being held on the Friday which planned as a free event for the village. However, it was suggested the FFF could be begin in the evening after the Jubilee event. Iain agreed to discuss this idea with the committee. Iain Wright
- ♦ **Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee** (during Thursday 2nd-Sunday 5th June)
Rachel Hitchcock advised that the annual Fete is going to be held on the early May bank holiday, on 2nd May. The CC had previously agreed to hold a village celebration on Friday 3rd June in the form of a Street Party/Fayre. The village hall has been booked as a back-up in case of bad weather (and for use of the toilets, borrowing tables, etc) but it is thought holding it in the High Street would be more atmospheric. Claire Buller will apply for a road closure permit. Rachel Hitchcock
Claire Buller
The Parish Council have been asked if they wish to contribute towards a commemorative mug/gift for children as they have done previously. Laura Erith has kindly agreed to be the PC rep on the Jubilee planning committee. Lorraine said Impact China (www.impactchina.co.uk), who supplied mugs for our 2012 celebration are expecting details to be available by early October.
Most of the Exec agreed to be on the Jubilee planning committee; Rachel will organise a meeting to begin planning for the Jubilee celebrations.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Jameson gave her report on finances to 1st September.

- **Breakdown of profits:** Community Times £1,282.00, Nayland 10K £1,000.
- **Grants paid:** none to date.
- **Expenses since our last meeting:** £216 to Spingold for the August Community Times print run, £636 to Spingold for 2022 Calendar printing, £94 to Fen Street Designs for our 25% share of website management and £198 to Community Heart for the annual support costs for the defibrillator. The invoice from Dynamic Fireworks Ltd for 150 sparklers (£177.08) and their invoice (dated 05.10.2021) for £1,875.00 is still to be paid.
- **Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £27,747.12 represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,728.68, Current a/c monies £16,762.86, Cash in Hand £255.58. We hold £268.50 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000, Lizzie's Fund Walk £201. Creditors are £2,052.08. **Therefore, unencumbered assets are £15,225.54.**

♦ **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 involved for contributing to recent issues and those who have already sent copy for the coming issue; please let her know if you have items to promote so adequate space can be reserved. Village is resuming gradually the village diary is gradually expanding.

Lorraine Brooks

Three long term advertisers have been lost totalling £200 per year. There have been no new advertisers. In 2020 we lost 7 advertisers totalling income of £325 and gained 2 advertisers amounting to £297.50. Income peaked in 2015/16 and there has been a decline since then.

However, the CT continues to run at a profit.

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

♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said the calendar is now 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.

Lorraine Brooks
Wendy Sparrow
& Sally Dalton

We have needed to increase floats and to refresh our knowledge of the 7 times tables since the price increase! Wendy has been selling them at events; the Flower Show and Treasures Sale. If anyone else can help sell at an event or venue they are involved with please let us know.

There is income from three sponsors outstanding. Total sales for the 2022 calendar are currently just 22 (£154) but since 1st January with late sales from the previous calendar the project has already just crossed over into profit.

♦ **Forthcoming CC Activities:**

- **Bonfire Night on 5th November:** Rachel updated the meeting on progress. Elements regarding promotion, ticketing and parking were discussed. It was confirmed that entry would be by advanced ticket only; the cost will be £6 for adults and £2 for children. Tickets will be available online at naylandevents.org, from the Post Office and Forget Me Not and from a stall in the High Street on date tbc (calendars would also be on sale). The Anchor have kindly agreed that part of their Horkesley Road car park can be used. On promotion the time for entry/goods available will be brought forward to 6.15pm. It was agreed a bonfire was still required for the event. Claire Buller will organise the sales teams. Several marshalls will be required in Horkesley Road and the High Street and volunteers for the gate. Dynamic Fireworks have visited the site; Rachel will confirm details with them regarding the field layout, erection of barriers and the bonfire.

Rachel
Hitchcock
Claire Buller

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.

- **Christmas Fayre & Christmas Trail:** The format of the Christmas Fayre was discussed. It was agreed to change the usual format; there would be no external stallholders; village societies would be asked if they wished to participate; there would be more emphasis on it being a social occasion with refreshments and entertainment. Some elements of the Christmas Trail would be included. Father Christmas would be in attendance; the possibility of him travelling by pony and trap is being looked into. The village hall booking has been changed from 4th to 11th December. If you can help on the day please let Rachel know.

Rachel
Hitchcock

- **Fun Village Quiz on 4th February 2022:** The date was set and the village hall booked.

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ♦ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said it was good to be back in action and for the Flower Show which had been successful and saw an increase in entries for the children's section which was lovely. Generally the number of exhibits and those attending were down but the atmosphere was cheerful and it was great to see everyone. They have just a few seats remaining for the coach outing to Kew Gardens on 8th September. The autumn talk on 19th October is on the subject '*Funny Garden Features*'.
- ♦ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow reported that sadly the annual garden party in August did not take place and members will be looking forward to meeting up at last on the 9th September for the first time since March 2020. This will be in the Village Hall at the new time of 2.30 - 4.30pm and the speaker will be Chris Farnell, a crime officer, who will be talking about '*Photography from Forensic Art*'.
- ♦ **Book Club:** Wendy Sparrow reported that the group have just read and discussed '*In Love and War*' by Liz Trenow, a local author. The next book is '*Where the Crawdads*' by Delia Owens.
- ♦ **Friends of Caley Green:** Sally Dalton reported that considerable time has been spent researching and campaigning to save Caley Green from additional riverside vegetation being planted and asking for other erosion prevention solutions to be used. A petition of 160 local people has been submitted and a substantial number of people have submitted personal comments to support the campaign.

Lorraine said the Friends have over recent years been very active on the Green; as well as litter-picking they empty the bins and take the rubbish away. They keep an eye on the Green in general and the wildlife, contacting rescue services, etc when needed. They also put out the temporary signage for the Parish Council. Without their commitment scenes of over spilling waste bins and litter strewn about during the height of lockdown may have occurred here as it did in other villages.
- ♦ **Village Cinema:** Lorraine Brooks pointed out the cinema was back; on 17th September '*Dream Horse*' will be screened, on 22nd October '*Love Sarah*' and on 19th November '23 Walks'.
- ♦ **Village Players:** Justin Dowding said they are putting on '*Absurd Person Singular*', which is a play, not a panto, on 2nd-4th December. Tickets will be available in October.
- ♦ **Nayland Land Co:** David Slater said that the laid and coppiced hedges are both growing well, as are the riverside trees and the Sallow near the pond, and most of all the other recently planted trees. While the sheep are temporarily away from the main field the wild flower meadow will be cut. Cut material from the best bits will be spread on the main field by hand and the rest carted away. We hope to erect four new information boards about all the conservation work being carried out in the next few weeks.
- ♦ **Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter expressed sadness at the news of Barry Wakefield's passing. Barry was a past chairman of the Society and subsequently became its Life President. He was a charming intelligent man whose advice was valued highly; he will be sadly missed.

On society activities he said a donation of £250 towards the Suffolk Wildlife's Trust acquisition of Rowley Grove had been approved. On 4th October John Taylor will speak on the topic of '*How to live net zero in rural Suffolk*' and on 8th November Simon Hooton will speak on the subject of '*Swifts*'. They have a full calendar with four speakers booked for 2022. They are considering how best to show the film shot by Stuart Howells on the '*History of Nayland*'. Along with others in the village they are pressing the Environment Agency to deal with the problems of the intermittent water flow over the horseshoe weir. They are maintaining pressure with National Grid over their proposals to erect massive pylons along the route of the existing pylons to the north of the AONB.
- ♦ **Village Hall:** Iain Wright said the limit on numbers attending events in the hall had been raised from 40 to 80. Hirers should ensure that the body temperature of all visitors is checked; a temperature gun will be issued to hirers with the keys to the hall. Hannah Clark is the key holder; her details are in the Community Times.
- ♦ **Parish Council:** Laura Erith said they have agreed to pay installation costs of mobile Wi-fi in village hall and half the running costs for the first year. If possible they are hoping to have their meeting on 8th September in the village hall, rather than at Cornard.

Planning permission for the village hall roof has been renewed, Babergh have granted permission for works at the White Hart with conditions including to the interior wall paintings and the retention of the sign and bracket. Weed control by SCC within the village has been very poor, flooding issues still need to be resolved. The wooden bollards at the Fairfield have been damaged by a vehicle; information about this would be helpful. The PC has approved extension of allotment plots to reduce the waiting list which is held by the Parish Clerk. Ragwort control on the allotment field has been carried out this year but needs to be addressed again next year. The working party will be examining and collating the responses to the Caley Green public engagement. An additional meeting will be held when some answers are back from the relevant agencies. No decisions have been made as not all the information has been received. They are still working towards a scheme which pleases people and is also environmentally suitable.
- ♦ **AOB: Barry Wakefield:** Barry sadly passed away on 18th August; a memorial service was held in Colchester on the 1st September. Barry was an important part of the Community Council for many years and his contribution to so many village activities and events is remembered with great affection. In response to the news Ken Willingale, CC President said: "It is sad news about Barry. He was an excellent chairman and got things done. He served the Community Council well."
- ♦ **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be **Wednesday 27th October** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm. Meetings for 2022: Wednesday 5th January.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm