

Minutes from the meeting held on 26th October 2022 in the Church Hall

Claire Buller welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 10 members present:** Claire Buller, Matt Cable, Jo Metson, Kate Bevan, Iain Wright, Laura Erith, David Slater, Chris Hunt, Darius Laws, Justin Dowding.
- ♦ **Contributions from:** Mike Hunter, Kathryn Niven, Tracy Le Grys, Sally Dalton, Trevor Smy.
- ♦ **Apologies:** Rachel Hitchcock, Lorraine Brooks, Julie Clark, Trevor Smy, Luke Rumbelow, Sally Dalton, Mike Hunter, Tracy Le Grys, Kathryn Niven, Emma Bishton, Vicki Sargent.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last meeting** on 5th September 2022 were approved (*proposed Kate Bevan, seconded Justin Dowding*).

MATTERS ARISING:

- ♦ **Executive Committee:** Claire Buller said we have a fabulous team on the Exec. 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. The defibrillator at the Village Hall which is managed by the CC is regularly checked by Rachel and details uploaded via defibcheck.org - Rachel will add Dawn Harris to admin to share duties. The annual support costs for the defibrillator of £298 were paid to Community Heartbeat Trust in September. It will be verified what the costs cover. **Rachel Hitchcock**
Rachel H.
- ♦ **River Stour Water Level Gauge:** There is no update on progress.
- ♦ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** nayland10k.co.uk Luke has no news to report this meeting; planning will begin in the new year.
- ♦ **Online Ticketing Facility:** NaylandEvents.org – This facility continues to be very useful; currently 5 local events are using it.
- ♦ **Village societies request for volunteers:** There has been some response to the articles in the Community Times but we will stop these for now to avoid being too repetitive or sounding too desperate! Hopefully other societies will see an upturn in members and can continue to put their own appeals in the Community Times as required.
- ♦ **Village Hall Gardening Morning:** A group of volunteers donned tools for the spring gardening session held on 8th October. Iain Wright said 7 or 8 people attended and the garden looks good.
- ♦ **Village Hall Roof Project:** *Grant funding & Village Festival 2023*
The amount needed to complete the roof is £280,000 approx. There is a shortfall of £100k. A CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) application for £100k (maximum) went in last week. The deadline was the end of the month. £10k has been promised by CC, £67k from elsewhere and other small grants. There may be a possibility of a grant from Green Nayland. A fund thermometer has been generated; green showing money we have, amber money promised, red is the gap which is currently £100k. The Parish Council will be asked how they can help.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt Cable gave his report on finances to 26th October.

- ♦ **Breakdown of profits:** Community Times £1,114.50, Village Quiz £393.96, Calendar £197.50, Nayland 10k £800.
- ♦ **Grants paid:** Nayland Choir £128, Village Hall replacement doors £10,000. We received £270.36 as a return of grant funds provided to the Post Office Project.
- ♦ **Expenses:** £2,479.63 for the Jubilee Party. Village Hall hire for Christmas Fayre £54. £298 for defibrillator servicing and training.
- ♦ **Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £23,548.41 represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,748.40, Current a/c monies £9,649.72, Stripe a/c £1,786.56, Cash in Hand £1,320.23. 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 £13,078.91.**

◆ **GRANTS & DONATIONS:**

- **Emma Bishton on behalf of users of the Village Hall:** £280 for a coffee machine at the Village Hall so that regular users could have access to good quality readily available coffee was agreed (*proposed Kate Bevan, seconded Matt Cable*). Potentially an honesty box will be used for purchasing the coffee sachets. Iain Wright to confirm availability details.
- **(Village Hall) Covid-19 Autumn Vaccination Campaign:** A grant previously agreed for £126 to cover hire of the village hall for an official vaccination campaign was not required as the event was cancelled.

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

◆ **Community Times & Websites:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all for contributing to recent issues. Heading towards deadline for the December/January issue; please let Lorraine know if you have promotion or large items to include so adequate space can be reserved.

Lorraine Brooks

◆ **Village Calendar:** Calendars are on sale at the Post Office, Forget Me Not, Studio B Hairdressers and 17 Court Street. The Anchor Inn, Gladwins Farm, the Choir, Nicola at Wiston, the Country Music Club also have some. They will be available at a stall at the Heights bus shelter on 31st October.

Lorraine Brooks
Wendy Sparrow

This year's calendar has just gone into profit of £8.49 (the additional £170 was for late sales from the 2021 calendar).

Lorraine will again to circulate a list of events where calendars could be sold so volunteers could come forward to attend and sell them. Matt will sell them at Littlegarth School and organise sales at Bonfire Night. John Spooner and Kathy Hunt will kindly sell them at the Country Music Concerts and Wednesday Coffee Mornings. Any other suggestions or help would be welcome.

Matt Cable

◆ **Forthcoming CC Activities:**

- **Sale of Firework Night Tickets: 31st October** Harpers Estate Old Bus Shelter with Nayland Bear. Rachel & Claire will be selling tickets and Nayland calendars from 6pm-8pm

Rachel Hitchcock
Claire Buller

- **Bonfire & Fireworks: Saturday 5th November.** Rachel Hitchcock, Claire Buller & Jo Metson leading

All in place with Firework Crazy for display. Insurance agreed with Zurich as per last year.
Volunteers:

Set up - Rachel, Will, Metson family, Claire and team

Refreshments and gate - usual volunteers secured.

Marshalls - Iain, Luke (Candy Lane), Will (field), Wayne and Tony (Church Lane then field).

Ideally we need a couple more for the field although beer team should be able to help with this.

Clear up - need volunteers for Sunday clear up from 9am particularly as we have been donated a skip from ATS and so can clear some of village hall garden waste and some items from cupboard.

Tickets: 350 sold online as of today (£1500). We need to sell around 875 to break even on the display (more expensive this year because it is a Saturday). Most sales last year were in last ten days (we reached £2500 sales online on 29 October) so am not overly concerned but please continue to promote - remind friends and family to get tickets in advance - banner now up on Caley Green and signs on A134 - please comment on Lorraine's links on Facebook to keep them at top of list.

Bonfire: Fred has started building bonfire and will light on day as per last year. Guy will be paraded down at end of display and put on bonfire just before lighting.

Outside catering: Ice Cream Van and Fish and Chip Van will be there from 6.15pm.

There is WiFi at the Village Hall – Matt will see if an extender will allow for WiFi out on the field for the contactless card machines.

Setting up timings: 2pm for setting up, 4pm for food preparation

Parking has been confirmed at The Anchor – 30 spaces

We could do with a few more marshals along the barrier. 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

Bonfire ticket update: 455 sold so far; mostly online.

Rachel Hitchcock
Claire Buller
Jo Metson

◆ **Christmas Fayre: Saturday 3rd December, 10.30-1pm.** Vicki Sargent & Kate Bevan leading. Father Christmas will be attending, there will be entertainment by the school, and the launch of the Christmas Trail. The CC will have £50 first prize on their raffle, other prizes can be given to Claire in advance or brought along on the day. We have 42 presents ready for Father Christmas. Tables for stalls will cost £5 for village societies £10 for others.

Vicki Sargent
& Kate Bevan

More stalls are required. There have been 3 enquiries for stalls. Please spread the word to potential stallholders, details at:

<http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Events/ChristmasFayre2022-BookingForm.pdf>

Volunteers to help with setting up at 9am and clearing away would be helpful.

We need to consider refreshments and who will man stalls. Claire and Jo can help.

Mulled wine didn't work with the 10.30am start so hot chocolate with sprinkles.

- **Christmas Trail** (*windows, trees & wreaths*) Vicki Sargent & Kate Bevan leading. There are currently the following participants: Advent Windows 5, Christmas Trees 4 and Christmas Wreaths 1. Lorraine will send emails to previous participants after half-term. Deadline for entries is 25th November. Lorraine will produce the map etc. Judge/s and prizes for the wreath competition will be organised.
- **Father Christmas' Tour of Nayland: Saturday 24th December at 2pm starting from the Village Christmas tree.** Claire Buller said Foster is willing to drive Father Christmas and his elf; the tour will be round the main route of the village (Horkesley Road, Bear Street, Stoke Road, back to Mill Street and finally Fen Street). It is likely this will be the final year Foster will be able to chauffeur Father Christmas.
- **Village Christmas Tree:** Claire Buller leading. The tree will be erected on **Sunday 4th December at 9am** – volunteers are needed to help please. Fred Smith of Boxted is as usual supplying the tree. The cost will be £200 (last year it was £120). The dental surgery has kindly agreed to supply the electric for the lights. It will be taken down on Sunday 8th January at 9am.
- **Fun Village Quiz: Friday 3rd February 2023.** Rachel Hitchcock is leading had some ideas in mind.

*Vicki Sargent
& Kate Bevan*

Claire Buller

Claire Buller

*Rachel
Hitchcock*

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ♦ **St James' Church:** Chris Hunt said the Wednesday Coffee Morning is proving popular as a weekly meeting venue. This will continue for a few more weeks before a break for the Christmas period. Work has started on removing some pews from the rear of the nave to increase the circulation area which will allow the new server area to be more fully used. Concerts are becoming a feature in the use of the church. Regular services continue but are not very well attended, particularly the Family Service which it was hoped would bring more children and young families into the church. Remembrance Sunday will be commemorated with the usual Royal British Legion Service. There are carol services by local schools booked for early December and Christmas midnight mass will be held.
- ♦ **Parish Council:** Laura Erith said at their last meeting Melanie Barrett gave her report – the longer hours at Bugg's Transfer Station had been approved. Iain Wright and architect Chris Exley gave a presentation on the new village hall roof plans. He is now using a certain amount of Solar panels which will increase the cost but will be good in the long run. We have agreed to submit his plan and hope that we qualify for the CIL money. Councillors are concerned by the new telegraph poles put in along the verge of Bures Road; the landowner appears to be SCC so we need to ask James Finch if we can object. The AONB are concerned for the landscape change. The Caley Green update was good; various contractors have visited, this now needs to be discussed. The new playground equipment is being considered, possibly a sunken trampoline and basket swing. The Coronation and Queen's memorial is to be discussed; we would welcome suggestions. In order to move forward towards a 20mph speed limit a low mean speed survey in three locations is required.
- ♦ **Land Company (Nayland Meadow):** David Slater said the AONB Dedham Vale project office recently sent a group of their volunteers to help us clear up some of the brush still lying on the field. This was used to top up some of the existing dead hedge. In return we allowed them to film the work being done as ours is a project that they are keen to promote to a wider audience. The hedge will be trimmed during the next month, and some oak trees planted between the ash trees in the gap between two hedges, in case Ash Die Back takes hold. We have received grant approval for the large information board about wildlife in the pond etc; this is work in progress.
- ♦ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy reported that their scheduled speaker for 18th October, Jacqueline Aviolet on the subject of 'Spices' cancelled at 5pm the night before due to Covid. We were saved by Justin Dowding who gave us a very entertaining talk about his time in Japan. A big thanks to him for putting together a talk at such short notice. Our next activity will be participating at the Christmas Fayre.
- ♦ **Friends of Caley Green:** Sally Dalton reported they are as usual keeping an eye on the green. The swans and ducks seem to be keeping healthy despite the outbreak of bird flu. They are proving popular this half term and are getting plenty of visits and food.
An update is still awaited from SCC on a maintenance plan for the long reed bed. The new memorial bench is a welcome addition to the green and looks beautiful. The work to repair the erosion to the bay area is continuing; four contractors have now visited and given advice.
- ♦ **First Responders:** Tracy Le Grys reported that they are in the process of recruiting a couple more first responders for the group.

- ◆ **Art Group:** Kathryn Niven reported that the group are still busy, drawing and painting. With our tutor, Lesley, we recently had a go at watercolour paintings based on the October 2022 Nayland calendar photo (a misty scene across Caley Green). Back in September, we went to the Munnings Museum in Dedham which was a very enjoyable afternoon; we highly recommend this venue for anyone interested in art (plus it has a great tea room!) We are quite a small group so if anyone is interested in joining us - from complete beginners and up - we would be happy to hear from them.
- ◆ **Nayland Choir:** Justin Dowding said they are rehearsing for a concert '*Tis the Season*' with Christmas music to be held on 11th December in St James' Church at 4pm. Tickets are on sale at £10 adults, under 18 free. Car parking is available at The Anchor.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Justin Dowding said the pantomime of high energy fun on 8th-10th December will be 'The Oz Factor'; evening performances on Thursday-Saturday and a matinee on Saturday. Buy the matinee tickets well in advance as they sell quickly. Volunteers for set building, back stage, teas on the night etc would be welcome; please get in touch
- ◆ **Village Hall:** Iain Wright expressed thanks from VHMC for the external doors which have now been fitted. Keys will be issued to regular users. The new cleaners have received praise. A professional painter is going and paint the ceiling of the village hall; he will be there for approx a fortnight. Minor maintenance is continuing. The footballers want to put a cold drinks cabinet under the bar. A second-hand drinks cabinet has been purchased, but this means the bar needs to be modified. A planning application has been put in for solar panels. A selection of photo enlargements of notable village celebrations will be displayed in the Village Hall. A meeting was held to decide on the scenes to include and they have now been printed. They will then be framed and unveiled in the new year.
- ◆ **Royal British Legion:** Chris Hunt said they hold regular meetings with guest speakers and organise visits; their next visit is to Fairfield Crisp factory in Wormingford. It's an organisation for everyone, not just services. On Sunday 30th October at midday they are having a ceremony on Pops Piece to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Nayland branch. The County Chairman of the Suffolk British legion will be in attendance. Their Poppy Appeal Coffee morning is on 5th November from 10am in the Church Hall.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter reported that 7 members attended a weeding party: cleared part of Socket Alley and the whole of the area to the south of the wall of St. James Church. Their October speaker Edward Martin made a very interesting presentation on the work carried out in Suffolk by the landscape designer Humpry Repton. The highlight of his talk was the fact that Repton was very rude to a number of land owners about the nature and design of the estates which were the subject matter of his commissions! A slightly disappointing number of only 9 volunteers attended the autumn litter pick but nevertheless the majority of the village was covered.
Their next speaker meeting is on the 7th of November. Jules Pretty will be talking on '*Sea Sagas of the North: Travels & Tales at Warming Waters*'
On planning matters the Society has objected to the erection of a large number of telegraph poles which have suddenly appeared on Bures Road between Wissington & Bures. The Society is also concerned with the appearance of a large mound of waste material which has built up next to the river a few hundred meters upstream from the A134. We are seeking confirmation that the enforcement team from Babergh District Council will take action to ensure it is removed. Finally, we are keeping pressure on Suffolk County Council to take steps to introduce a 20 mph speed limit in parts of the village.
- ◆ **AOB:**
 - **King Charles III Coronation:** This will be discussed in January when more details are available. The coronation is announced as being on Saturday 6th May. It's likely this will affect the Fete which is scheduled Monday 1st May (May Day Bank Holiday may be moved to 8th). Suggestions included: Church Fete and Coronation being a joint event, showing the Coronation on the big screen and having a picnic on the field. Further ideas welcome.
 - **Queen Elizabeth and King Charles memorial:** During PC meetings residents have suggested ideas for something physical to commemorate Queen Elizabeth and King Charles including: water fountain, village sign, lights on the church, a specimen tree on Caley Green for the Queen and a bench beneath for the King. Prior to the Queen's death the PC ordered fruit trees from Babergh's free tree project to plant in the far corner of the allotment field; Mary George has suggested ordering a few more for another corner and calling them the Queen's Canopy & King's Canopy. During this meeting a competition to generate a village sign and a second horse trough were suggested.
 - **99 Bear Street Christmas Lights:** Last year we agreed to support John Spooner, ensuring he had sufficient helpers to put up and take down his light display. This year, the soaring energy prices could be prohibitive. The cheer that the display brings, even more so in these difficult times, is felt to be very important. It was agreed to offer a donation of £100 towards the cost of lighting (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Kate Bevan*)
- ◆ **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be on **Wednesday 4th January 2023** at 8pm (Exec 7.30pm) in the Church Hall. Meeting dates for 2023: The AGM will be on Wednesday 1st March; same evening as the VHMC AGM. General meetings will be Wednesday 3rd May and Monday 3rd July.
The meeting closed at 9pm