

Minutes from the meeting held on 5th September 2022 in the Church Hall

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 14 members present:** Rachel Hitchcock, Matt Cable, Lorraine Brooks, Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Kate Bevan, Julie Clark, Trevor Smy, Ned Cartwright, David Slater, Chris Hunt, Justin Dowding, Emma Bishton, Cathy Allen.
- ♦ **Contributions from:** Mike Hunter, Kathryn Niven, Tracy Le Gryns.
- ♦ **Apologies:** Jo Metson, Iain Wright, Luke Rumbelow, Sally Dalton, Mike Hunter, Tracy Le Gryns.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last meeting** on 4th July 2022 were approved (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Julie Clark*).

MATTERS ARISING:

- ♦ **Executive Committee:** Rachel Hitchcock said we have a fabulous team on the Exec. **Action by:**
However, as always we welcome new members to join our enjoyable friendly committee.

- ♦ **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.

- ♦ **River Stour Water Level Gauge:** Rachel said she has in touch with Dale Leeks; he will confirm specification of the gauges which will be supplied by Shelley Signs and whether the original quote is still current.

Rachel
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- ♦ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** nayland10k.co.uk on 10th July. Rachel said the event went very well, again starting from Littlegarth School. It was a warm day. A percentage of funds raised went to SESAW and the Community Council. The CC was extremely grateful for £800 received.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help; the 10k has become a much enjoyed annual village event.

- ♦ **Online Ticketing Facility:** NaylandEvents.org – This facility continues to be very useful to event organisers and is well used. If you are interested in selling tickets using this system get in touch with Justin Dowding.

- ♦ **Community Involvement:** Several village groups have continued to experience disappointing support, both in attendance and on their committees, post Covid. However, volunteers have come forward to join the First Responders and the Church Bellingrings. The CC included an appeal for residents to support village groups in recent issues of the CT and will do so again.

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Lorraine Brooks

- ♦ **Village Hall Gardening Morning:** The autumn tidy will take place on **8th October** from 9am. All are welcome to come along to help; refreshments will be provided.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt Cable gave his report on finances to 4th September.

- ♦ **Breakdown of profits:** Community Times £1,219.50, Village Quiz £393.96, Calendar £432.68, 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:** £2,177.03 for the Jubilee Party net of mug sales. Village Hall hire for Christmas Fayre £54. £298 for defibrillator servicing and training.
- ♦ **Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £23,472.70 represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,748.40, Current a/c monies £11,807.26, Stripe a/c £117.12, Cash in Hand £799.92. We hold £268.50 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000, Lizzie's Fund Walk £201. There is accrued income of £25. **Therefore, unencumbered assets are £13,028.20.**
- ♦ **Insurance Policy:** Rachel and Matt to explore insurance in September ahead of renewal in early November.
- ♦ **Annual Return/Charity Commission:** Rachel and Matt will liaise to submit documents.

♦ GRANTS & DONATIONS:

(Village Hall) Covid-19 Autumn Vaccination Campaign: An application for £126 to cover hire of the village hall on Wednesdays 5th October at 9am-4pm for an official vaccination campaign was agreed (*proposed Kate Bevan, seconded Julie Clark*).

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

- ◆ **Community Times & Websites:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all for contributing to recent issues. Heading towards deadline this issue is already well subscribed; please let her know if you have items to promote so adequate space can be reserved.

Lorraine Brooks

There have been several one-off advertisers recently which is encouraging

- ◆ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said calendars are now on sale.

Twelve sponsors have been invoiced (£300). As agreed 300 calendars have been printed; 30 were sold at the Flower Show which is a good start. As usual they are on sale at the Post Office, Forget Me Not, Studio B Hairdressers, and 17 Court Street. This year the Anchor Inn has some and Gladwings Farm have agreed to have some on sale. Reaching parents would be very helpful at the School or HSA, Woodland Corner and Baby & Toddler Group. #

Lorraine Brooks
Wendy Sparrow
& Sally Dalton

#Lorraine agreed to circulate a list of events where calendars could be sold to the Exec so volunteers could come forward to attend and sell them. Matt will sell calendars at Woodland Corner's Inflatable day. He previously offered to approach Pippins Shop at the Stoke By Nayland Club. He will also investigate selling them a PTA events at Littlegarth School and organise sales at Bonfire Night. They will be available at stalls by the School on 8th October and at the Heights bus shelter on 31st. Emma Bishton kindly agreed to take 10 to Choir rehearsals. Any other suggestions or help would be welcome.

Matt Cable

- ◆ **Forthcoming CC Activities:**

- **Bonfire & Fireworks: Saturday 5th November.**

Rachel said a site meeting had been held with Firework Crazy; the layout and set up with the Bonfire being lit after the fireworks will be the same as last year. We will not sell sparklers or glow-necklaces this year; we will look into selling beer and look for a new sausage supplier as Kerridges has closed. Entry cost will remain the same; adults £6, children £2 – in advance only. Child tickets are for those aged 16 and under. Lorraine will order 1000 tickets (800 adult/200 child as we have reserves of 150/300). Tickets will be sold via naylandevents.org, village shops, at stalls on 8th October by the school, on 31st October at the Heights bus stop. Cut off for tickets sales needs to be 1400. Lorraine will begin promotion and liaise with Justin regarding online sales. Parking arrangements will remain as last year which worked ok. Rachel will contact the school about making a Guy for the bonfire.

Rachel
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Claire Buller
Jo Metson

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: Saturday 3rd December.** Vicki Sargent & Kate Bevan leading. The event will return to its original format as a Fayre. 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. Tables for stalls will cost £5 for village societies £10 for others; booking form in CT and website or designated email: naylandchristmasfayre@gmail.com with queries.

Vicki Sargent
& Kate Bevan

- **Christmas Trail (windows, trees & wreaths)** Vicki Sargent & Kate Bevan leading. Lorraine will liaise re promotion, producing the map etc.

Vicki Sargent
& Kate Bevan

- **Father Christmas' Tour of Nayland:** Claire Buller said Foster is willing to drive Father Christmas and his elf; the tour will be round the main route of the village on Christmas Eve.

Claire Buller

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- **Village Christmas Tree:** Claire Buller has this in hand

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Hitchcock

- **Fun Village Quiz: Friday 3rd February 2023.** Rachel Hitchcock had some ideas in mind.

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said that the Flower Show went very well with lots of visitors coming along which was encouraging. There were more entrants this year but due to the heatwave affecting produce and flowers they entered fewer classes.

It's hoped more people will book for the coach outing on 18th September to Somerleyton Hall Gardens. On 18th October the autumn speaker, Jaqueline Aviolet, will be talking on 'Spices: a super spicy story'.

- ◆ **First Responders:** Tracy LeGrys reported that there are now 4 members in the group with one more awaiting training and one more just starting the application process which is great news. Two of the new volunteers are buddying up with Tracy and Ryan who lives in Plough Lane until they are confident on their own but that isn't expected to be for long. Tracy will be supporting Martin Richards when he attends the Nayland WI meeting to give general first aid tips.

- ◆ **Art Group:** Kathryn Niven said that after a few impromptu meetings over the summer in each other's' gardens, we will be resuming our weekly sessions in the church hall from September, meeting on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4 pm. As before, we will have some sessions led by local artists and some where we do our own thing. They are a very informal, cheerful and encouraging group who cover a wide range of skill and experience and the pace can be as laid back as you like so anyone is welcome to join us from beginner level up.
- ◆ **Nayland Choir:** Cathy Allen said they are rehearsing for a concert to be held on 11th December in St James' Church at 4pm. Looking ahead on 26th March there be a concert in the Church and on 14th July an evening of light music and refreshments in the village hall.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **St James' Church:** Chris Hunt said regular weekly services continue at St James' church. A family service is held usually on the third Sunday and this is very informal so please bring children along (a mix of Songs of Praise and Blue Peter!). The next Family Service is on September 18th at 11am. This will be a Harvest Festival Service and after that we will get together for a shared lunch, which is a sort of picnic, so bring along a sandwich (corn beef is my favourite!) pork pie and a bit of cake! Progress is being made with plans for the rearrangement of pews at the rear of the church to increase the circulation space and fund raising during the coffee morning continues for this. The coffee morning each Wednesday continues to be popular so give us a look between 10 and midday. The Community Pantry is proving important; donations of goods or money are welcomed. The appeal for bell ringers has resulted in some people learning to ring - thank you.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Ned Cartwright said that they do not meet in August unless there are urgent planning matters; two tree and one property planning applications were dealt with by correspondence. A planning issue relating to the Waste Transfer Station at Harpers Hill Farm concerning a variation in the hours of operation and disposal of surface water is being dealt with in an upcoming SCC Development and Regulation Committee meeting on the 28th September. Damage to the Cemetery wall has been reported to the Police and Babergh DC. The Caley Green working group will be meeting shortly to continue working towards solutions to protect the riverbank from erosion.
- ◆ **Land Company (Nayland Meadow):** David Slater said the trees planted over the last three years have been watered on several occasions to try and help them survive the recent hot dry weather; a large submerged branch was removed from the river to facilitate navigation; a trench was cut through the reeds between the pond and the river to provide an avenue for fish to use and reduce the risk of the pond drying out. The wildflower meadow is due to be cut and cut material distributed onto the field to help provide some extra nutrition for the sheep and allow any wildflower seeds to possibly germinate and grow.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter reported the Society asked Babergh DC to take further action over the continued use of the agricultural field adjacent to the A134 opposite Caley Green for non-agricultural purposes. With the assistance of District Councillor Melanie Barrett BDC have now taken appropriate action and the problem for the moment has been resolved.

Our next speaker meeting is on 3rd October when Edward Martin will talk on landscape architect Humphry Repton's work in Suffolk paying particular regard to his little red book on the Tendring Hall estate. The community litter pick will be on Saturday 15th October; meeting at the Village Hall car park at 1.30 pm. There will also be a weed removal session on Saturday 1st October when volunteers will remove weeds from the exterior wall of the church and from Socket Alley. Our final speaker meeting of the year takes place at the village hall on 7th of November when we will hear from Geo Fadgley on the topic of *John Constable and the Stour Valley*.

We are currently waiting for confirmation of the date of commencement of the average speed survey from our Suffolk County Councillor which is a pre-condition for the creation of a 20 mph speed zone in the village.

◆ **AOB:**

- **Village Festival 2023:** Rachel and Claire updated the meeting about Iain Wright's proposal to stage a Festival in mid September 2023. This event would be a fundraiser for the village hall roof project. There will be a Festival Committee to plan the event and some members of the CC will be involved with the committee.
- **Village Hall Roof Project:** The village hall is an important asset to the village and the roof project needs support. Please give consideration to potential grant applications and let the VHMC know details of them. Claire Buller and Rachel Hitchcock will be looking at possible DEFRA and lottery grants
- **Modular Staging & Coffee Machine:** Emma Bishton raised the possibility of funding towards these items; a coffee machine costing in the region £150 and modular staging which may cost in the region £2,000. The CC said it would be necessary to submit a grant application with details of how this would benefit the community if a contribution from the CC was required. They felt storage may be an issue for the modular staging and the VHMC should be contacted first as their approval would be needed for anything being housed in the village hall.
- ◆ **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be on **Wednesday 26th October** at 8pm (Exec 7.30pm) in the Church Hall. Meeting dates for 2023: Wednesday 4th January, Wednesday 1st March (AGM), Wednesday 3rd May
The meeting closed at 9pm