

# NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the General Meeting held on 14 December 2004

**Apologies:** Pat Bray, Kit Gray, Annette White, Mark Stephens-Row, Ken Willingale, Barry Wakefield

There were 20 Members present under the Chairmanship of Andrew Gowen.

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 20 September 2004.** These were approved by members and signed by the Chairman. There was one matter arising:

- **Youth Club.** Claire Prescott said that although membership had risen to above 20, Suffolk County Council had decided to withdraw funding of permanent staff from 31 March 2005 and this applied to other youth clubs as well. The club was keen to continue and recruit its own leader and try to raise money locally. The general view of the meeting was that we should do all we could to help maintain our youth club but we could not do this on our own and a resolution was passed unanimously proposing:

**“ That the Community Council provides match funding with the Parish Council of up to £1000 for the year 2005/6 to cover staff costs and to review this every year. The allocation to pay for hire of the Village Hall should be in addition which this year comes to £420”**

Claire was asked to get a bid for help with staff costs into the Parish Council as soon as possible.

2. **Report and Feedback from recent Events.**

a. **Bonfire Night.** This was very successful evening that made £720 profit. It was felt that we could have sold more hot dogs, wine, sparklers and sparkling necklaces which should be taken into account next year. It is important that floats for the gate and stalls are provided at an early stage and the gate needs reliable illumination.

b. **Christmas Bazaar.** Another very successful event, which made a £350 profit for Council Funds in addition to the profits made by the Societies. It was felt that we need to try to increase the variety of stalls and have more if possible. We need to improve publicity and consider having signs on the A134. It was suggested that we might instigate a children's competition which could be judged on the day and provide a children's entertainer. After a long discussion to try to bring the date forward to mid to late November it was found to be too difficult as the date has to tie in with the Village Players pantomime rehearsals and performance.

3. **Village Quiz on 4 March 2005.** The format for the next quiz was discussed and it was proposed:

- Not to provide food and invite people to bring their own
- Reduce the cost of the tickets.
- Let teams swap answers with adjacent tables for marking. This would save time and allow much more intermingling and friendly rivalry.

4. **Community Times.** Lorraine Brooks thanked members for their contributions and the meeting congratulated her on the Christmas edition which was considered outstanding. Lorraine was asked for ideas for funding the updating of her equipment if she felt it was necessary. Members were warned that late entries for the Community Times may have to be excluded for lack of space – so get them in early. Lorraine said that in the absence of Pat Bray she was given the E Mail addresses of the local papers should members want to advertise anything under Nayland in the Village news sections. Andrew Gowen will be the Community Times Coordinator for the February Issue and Mandy Cook for the April issue. It was agreed to raise the cost of full page advertisements to £30.

5. **Village Society reports.**

a. **Royal British Legion.** Reported it had a successful and enjoyable joint Christmas party with the Women's Section. It will be sending parcels and cards to some 48 widows and widowers this Christmas.

b. **Conservation Society.** Reported that the Meadow pond and reed bed project would be completed in April 2005 and details would be put on the Web Site. There had been some 90 voluntary contributions made towards the project which was good. The AGM is on 8 March and the subject will be “Finds in Old Houses” by Sqn Ldr Broomfield.

c. **Horticultural Society.** Reported that it had made a contribution of £50 to the Woodland Trust; its AGM is on 19 April when Karen Kenny would be speaking on Organic gardens. It was holding a Morning Market on 19 April and the Flower Show was on 6 August.

d. **Nayland Choir.** Reported that it had a very successful concert in November and there were plans for the Handle’s music (not Water Music) at its next concert. There were plans for Gilbert and Sullivan music in November.

e. **Village Players.** There was general agreement at the meeting of the great success of the Pantomime. Bryan Smith said that auditions for the next production were now taking place and the Players were keen to recruit more members not only for acting but also providing props and stage sets.

f. **Women’s Institute.** Reported that Shirley Scarlett had become President and Pauline Dossier Secretary and there had been other Committee changes. 3 new members had been recruited last year and they were keen to recruit many more.

g. **Over 60s.** Reported they had had a very enjoyable Christmas Party and programme of visits in the past year. They were happy to offer seats to non members on future trips.

h. **Bowls Club.** Reported its Charity Day was 5 June. Two of its bowlers were in the Suffolk Final due to take place at Needham Market in April.

i. **Youth Club.** see paragraph 2 above. It needs to recruit Trustees urgently if it is to survive as a charity and volunteers are needed from the village.

j. **Village Hall.** Was grateful for the £1000 grant for maintenance but the Chairman said that this must be reviewed annually as it depends on the success of the Community Council in raising funds. A further grant of £500 for tables was authorised to match the £600 raised by the Country and Western Group.

k. **Parish Council.** The meeting was reminded there was a public participation session at the start of Council meetings which allows members of the village to raise issues.

6. **Treasurer’s Report.** Al Machin reported a healthy balance sheet showing assets of almost £14000. He had received a letter of thanks from Paula Taylor on the grant to help her with expenses to participate in the Fund Raising Project for St Helena Hospice. The letter was read to the meeting. Grants were authorised to the Youth Club of £420 and Village Hall of £500 – see above.

7. **Chairman’s Report and AOB.** There was none.

8. **Date of next Meeting.**

General Meeting - 7 February 2005

AGM - 14 March 2005 **note the amended date.**

**The meeting was followed by a few drinks and snacks to celebrate Christmas and the end of a very successful year.**