

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 14 March 2005

There were 18 members of the village present under the Chairmanship of Andrew Gowen. **Apologies** were received from: Jenny and Bryan Smith, Eva Rolfe and Abbi Knight.

1. **Minutes of the A.G.M. 2004.** These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, Andrew Gowen. There were no matters arising.

2. **Chairman's report:**

a. The 2nd year of my chairmanship has gone very quickly and it has been enjoyable. We have had a busy and successful year in what we have done and the funds we have raised. Of our activities:

- The Community Times stands out as a most successful venture under the editorship of Lorraine Brooks, Anna Boone the advertisement manager and Roy Evans and his team of distributors. The Community Times provides essential information of the village activities; allows our local businesses to advertise and provides us with tips and interest articles which is something Lorraine has been developing throughout the year.
- The quiz in 2004 and the Quiz we have just had is an important Village Event which brings us all together for a very convivial evening and provides an income of £3-400 as well.
- The Street Fayre in July was hard work and is something we only want to do every other year – so we do not have one this year. We made about £2000 for the Community Funds and the Societies all made something. In September we have got to start planning the next one in July 2006 and the first decision is do we want it? It is aimed at providing a fund raising opportunity for the village societies and not to provide a market for outsiders.
- Another successful bonfire night making £720 and a Christmas Bazaar making £350.
- So as we will hear from our Treasurer, we have had a very successful fund raising year and we have been pretty successful at giving it away as donations.

All these activities require to be set up and I am very grateful to the Committee and others for the work that has taken place.

b. Without a Street Fayre this year we could organise another event which hopefully does not involve too much work. It has been suggested we organise a 'Hog Roast' on the Playing Fields or Court Knoll during a balmy summer evening and include society stalls/fund raising in the form of games. This something to think about

c. We should be proud of the successes of our Societies. The Conservation Society meadow project needs a special mention and the Gardener's Question Time visit that was so successfully organised by the Horticultural Society. Each society in its own way has been providing entertainment or a service or social service to our village which enhances the community spirit. It is this spirit that is envied by outsiders and there is a steady stream of people trying to find their own property in the village to join us. We can only achieve this by working together and helping each other which I think we do and this is a major role of your Community Council.

d. The Nayland and Wiston website is going from strength to strength and is being used by the Parish Council and the Community Council and some of the Societies but it could be used much more. In the coming year we must ensure we exploit its full potential. Did you know for example that it provides a vast list of tradesmen that we could call upon in an emergency? I would like to thank Graham Griffiths for all the work he does on the Web site that he set up. It has become an important asset to the village and we are very fortunate. In January our telephone was converted to take broadband which for those interested will speed up our E Mails and web browsing.

e. During the year we have lost Ron Padget who played such an important role in our village over many years and in the Royal British Legion in particular. We miss him. Very recently we have lost Nick Hardinge in tragic circumstances. Nick was involved in everything: from gilding the Church Cock, raising the flags on the Church, painting our houses and participating in Village events. He was a village character that will be sadly missed.

f. I am grateful to the few stalwarts that have turned out to work on the Community Council plot in the Village Hall garden. There has been a great improvement over the year in all the plots and I hope that the Village Hall Management Committee appreciates our efforts. We are suggesting another Village Hall gardening session from 9am on Saturday 2 April and if other societies do it at the same time it could be a social event and we can help each other.

g. Should you wish me to continue as Chairman, I am happy to continue for a third year but this must be my last. It is essential to have a fresh face with new ideas to take over and we shall be working on this throughout the year. If there is anybody who would like to join the Executive to become more involved please let me know. More volunteers and helpers are always welcome. We are desperate for a secretary for example. The key to any successful organisation is strong Executive Committee and we are fortunate to have that.

h. Finally I want to thank everybody in the Community Council Team and Society representatives for the support they have given the Council over the past year; preparing and running our activities; the Quiz; the Street Fayre; the bonfire; Christmas bazaar; erecting the Christmas Tree; attending our meetings. Without this support we could not function and I think that Nayland would be a poorer place without its Community Council.

3. **Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the Accounts.** Alan Machin, the treasurer, reported that the funds stood at £12,882 made up from £10,248 on deposit, £1711 in the bank, £13.09 in cash and £910 loan to the Parish Council. There had been a surplus of £2831 on the year after allocating £4220 in grants. This was a very satisfactory situation. The Chairman proposed that the accounts be adopted, this was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. **Names of the society Representatives.** The Chairman read out a list of Societies and names were nominated as representatives in the coming year which were recorded in the attendance book. Gaps will be filled in at future meetings.

5. **Election of Officers.** The following officers were elected;

President Ken Willingale

Vice-President Roy Evans

Chairman Andrew Gowen

Ken Willingale thanked Andrew for all his hard work over the last year.

Vice-Chairman Jenny Smith

Secretary to be decided at a later date, but Andrew will stand in.

Treasurer Paul Watson

Andrew Gowen thanked Al Machin for the hard work and support he had given over the past 2 years.

Legal Adviser Not appointed and it was agreed to use the auspices of Suffolk Acre

6. **Parish Council Representative.** Bryan Smith had been nominated.

7. **Election of Individual Members.** The following people were elected as Individual Members: Jenny Smith, Claire Prescott, Al Machin, Alan Hodges, Lorraine Brooks, Mandy Cook, Mark Stephens-Row, Barry Wakefield and Iain Wright.

8. **Election of Executive Committee.** The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are ex-officio members and the following were elected as members: Roy Evans, David George, Tricia Hall, Mandy Cook, Claire Prescott, Jenny Smith, Mark Stephens-Row, Barry Wakefield, Al Machin, Alan Hodges, Lorraine Brooks and Ken Willingale.

9. **Any Other Business.**

Graham White updated the meeting with two reports on the Youth Club:

a. **Chairman's Report.** In which he thanked the Community Council and Parish Council for their support of £500 each towards the £1500 needed to cover 50% of the cost of the Support Workers. Suffolk County Council had agreed to provide the other 50%. His newly formed committee hoped to fundraise for the balance of £500. The senior support worker works 3 ½ hours a week with the club of which 2 ½ has to be with the club leaving only 1 hour for paperwork and administration which does load his committee with work. Their next meeting is in April in which fundraising will be the main agenda item. They still want committee members who should contact Andrew Gowen if they can help.

b. **Support Worker's Report.** This report covers the youth club year March 2004 to Feb 2005 and is written by Mark Moore and Lenka Bashford. In this period there was 33 youth club evenings of which 6 were visits out to other locations 3 of these visits were to Agar Fen, all of which were enjoyed although visits to Agar Fen were poorly attended. Events in the hall tend to fall roughly into 3 categories, Sports, performing arts and Food and Drink, and it constantly tests the powers of imagination to come up with new variations on these themes, but in the main we succeed and they are enthusiastically embraced. Our most ambitious event was over the autumn term where we endeavored to make a short film; this was preceded by a trip to CSV media in Ipswich and includes one of the trips to Agar Fen to do some on location filming. Unfortunately enthusiasm seemed to ebb away after this and the film was not realized. Numbers of young people attending started at a high in March 2004 and steadily declined over the weeks to an average low of about 6 at the end of the summer term. Then as usually happens the numbers shoot up with the start of the new school year in Sept and then begin the slow decline again, at the present time numbers are at an average of about 10. Staff have remained as myself and Lenka Bashford, for a short time Lenka's brother Paul helped as a volunteer having multi media skills but has since departed to foreign shores, We have had occasional help from some parents. We continue to be supported and managed by community education. The Past year has been difficult due to the overhanging threat of closure and the lack of an effective management committee; support from parents has been patchy. At the start of this new youth club year the future still appears shaky, although we now have the core of a new management committee and some funding for the year there is much hard work still to be done mainly in terms of fundraising to ensure its continued survival, the chances of this would be greatly enhanced, we feel, if more people were willing to become involved with the management team.

10. **Dates of meetings.** Please note these have been amended since the meeting

7 June; 19 September; 7 December; 30 January; 13 March (AGM)