

# NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 13 March 2006

There were 18 members of the village present under the Chairmanship of Andrew Gowen. **Apologies** were received from:

David George, Jenny Smith, Mandy Cook and Claire Prescott

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. This is the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year of my Chairmanship and again it seems to have gone very quickly. I have enjoyed being involved in the various activities that the Community Council has organised. We have given away grants of some £1500 during the year and still had a surplus of over £1200.

b. Of our activities:

- The Community Times continues to stand out as our 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 on village activities, allows our local businesses to advertise and provides us with tips and interest articles. We are particularly grateful to Lorraine for this. I have to admit that we have excluded some controversial articles which have disappointed some members of the village but we cannot get involved in arguments that could lead to legal proceedings for which we are not insured.
- The quiz in 2005 and the quiz we have just had is a fun village event and we could have many more teams. A number of people some of them single approached me afterwards saying they were unable to get a team together. Perhaps next year we should have a Clearing House of names of people who want to take part so we can organise them into teams. The use of different team names allows us to be anonymous should our ignorance be too embarrassing.
- We had another successful bonfire night making £740 and a Christmas Bazaar making £316.
- We shall hear more of this from our Treasurer, we have had another successful fund raising year and we have also provided some useful community activities

c. We did not have a Street Fayre during 2005 but we are already planning for the Street Fayre on 16<sup>th</sup> July this year. It has a 'Bastille Day/ French Revolution theme which gives us plenty of scope and all it needs is enthusiastic participation by all our Village Societies. The format will be similar to previous years and let us pray that we have good weather although the shower of rain did not dampen the enthusiasm at our 2004 Fayre. We are having a planning and recruiting party for the Fayre at Parkers on Saturday 20 May.

d. Our societies have also had a very good year with the Village Players and the Nayland Choir doing us proud with their productions. The Conservation Society's Meadow project is developing well and the good old British Legion has been planting trees to commemorate wars of old. I do feel that our village community is fortunate in the diversity of its different societies. The establishment of a monthly over 60's lunch under the auspices of the Church has been particularly successful with some 35-40 regular diners and the Village Lunch is another successful event. All these activities would not take place without the enthusiastic band of supporters who are prepared to give their time and energy to make them work.

e. Sadly during the last year we lost John Slater, Margaret Thompson, Rosemary Stone who have all played an important role in our village during their life time and very recently we have lost Fred Ridd who was the Stoke by Nayland policeman for many years.

f. I am grateful for the few stalwarts that turn out twice a year to renovate the Community Council garden plot at the Village Hall. It is beginning to look good as are the other plots being managed by the Societies. We shall need to develop them further if we are to enter the Anglia in Bloom competition which is the subject of a later agenda item. Anyway please note we are having a gardening morning from 9am on Saturday 8 April.

g. This is the end of my last year as Chairman and I am very grateful for all the support you all have given me over the last 3 years. We are very fortunate that Alan Hodges has agreed to take over from me and I wish him well. I am keen to stay on the executive committee as I enjoy being part of the Community Council team. I am delighted to announce that Hazel Gardner has agreed to act as secretary for a trial period. So everybody must be nice to her as we want her to take it on permanently.

h. Finally I want to thank everybody in the Community Council Team and Society representatives for the support they have given the Council and the work they have done in the village 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 Nayland would be a less enjoyable place to live in without them.

Ken Willingale, the Council President, thanked Andrew for the enthusiasm and hard work he had done over the last 3 years on behalf of the members.

3. **Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the Accounts.** Paul Watson reported a surplus of **£1218.29** on the year after allocating grants of **£1250**. The Council Funds at the end of the year were **£14,091**. this was a very satisfactory position. The accounts were noted as they had not been checked. The AGM formally authorised a subsequent General meeting to adopt them on its behalf.

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;

<b>President</b>	Ken Willingale
<b>Vice-President</b>	Roy Evans
<b>Chairman</b>	Alan Hodges
<b>Vice-Chairman</b>	Jenny Smith
<b>Secretary</b>	Hazel Gardner
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Watson
<b>Legal Adviser</b>	Suffolk Acre

6. **Parish Council Representative.** Bryan Smith.

7. **Election of Individual Members.** The following people, who were not representing Societies, were elected as Individual Members: Mandy Cook, Joan Moore, Lorraine Brooks, 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, Lorraine Brooks, Joan Moore, Andrew Gowen and Ken Willingale.

9. **Any Other Business.**

a. **Anglia in Bloom Competition.** The Meeting unanimously agreed to enter the competition this year. A committee of Joan Moore, Alan Hodges, Bryan Smith, John Dowding, and reps from the school and Youth Club was agreed immediately with the list for others to join open. Hopefully Mr George Dawson, an organiser, will speak at the Hortsoc AGM on 27 March to which all are invited. The Horticultural Society would lead but supported by the Community Council. A date for the first meeting will be promulgated.

b. **First Response.** Most societies had not met and had still to discuss the idea. It was agreed to publish an article in the Community Times and ask for volunteers. We need at least 12 before we can go ahead.

10. **Dates of meetings.** The following dates were agreed.

**Wed 7 May; Tues 4 July; Tues 19 Sep; Mon 13 Nov; Wed 24 Jan 07; Mon 12 Mar (AGM)**