

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 4 July 2006

There were 15 members present under the Chairmanship of Jenny Smith.

Apologies: Apologies received from Claire Prescott, Mandy Cook and Alan Hodges.

Minutes of Meeting held on 17 May 2006 were approved by members and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Street Fayre Update: Andrew outlined the arrangements for the Street Fayre and read the programme. This years' Street Fayre to be opened by Brian Watling. More volunteers were required to do a one hour shift on the gates; medical bags, and people who could use them would be available; plenty of commercial exhibitors had come forward at £25 per pitch and duplications had been discouraged; help was required from 6pm the previous evening; Iain Wright to provide trailer and cherry picker for erection of bunting; ladders tables and trestles in Carver's barn. Chairs would be needed from both halls.

Trish Hall reported that the special licence required from Babergh necessary to run the beer tent had been granted. Temporary cover was necessary, ie a gazebo – and no more than 499 persons to be within at any one time.

Orangzing to be available for children.

Jenny and Bryan to sell soft drinks.

Chris Hunt and Alan to deal with Societies' stalls.

Cars to be parked, as before, at Court Knoll in reply to a question by Elizabeth Wakefield.

Chapman's to be approached regarding electricity supply.

The Anchor to do the barbecue, and The White Hart to sell ice creams.

Community Times: The deadline for the next issue is 20 July. Lorraine Brooks said the best policy was to be early with items as this edition is usually full.

It was commented generally that the Community Times did not do so well in competition for community news sheets, one criticism was that it lacked young peoples' activities. However Nayland was competing alongside places like Needham Market. The village Youth Club appears not to want involvement. It was agreed that the recent Activity Day had been successful.

Emergency First Response: Reported by Andrew Gowen that this had been put on hold temporarily, but that the first meeting would take place in September chaired, it was hoped by Brian Watling. However, a co-ordinator was still needed.

Anglia in Bloom: Joan Moore said that the portfolio had got off in time with special acknowledgements to Lorraine Brooks for the map. Extensive publicity had been given to the event and there would be plenty of photo opportunities. The Village Hall would be open between 12.30 and 3.00 pm and it was hoped that members of Societies would be there with their display boards. In total the inspection would last 1 hour and 40 minutes. The judges would travel down Bear Street, taking in Parkers Way gardens, to the Village Hall where the Chairman of the Parish Council would make a short welcoming speech. Display boards in the hall would promote Societies' special interests, the Art Club would use easels for their display. There would follow an inspection of the village hall gardens and the Judges would continue to Pop's Piece to be met by Foster Jones who would drive them in his Humber to the remainder of the selected sites – either the Meadow or Plantation projects – then Harpers Hill Wildlife Country Site finishing at Nayland County Primary School who would display their Nature Project. The school would be nominated for a Young Peoples' Award.

A result would not be given on the day but there would be plenty of feedback and certificates given to all who came up to standard.

The designated clean-up day was Monday 17 July. Andrew said he would hose the village hall gardens on the morning of the 19th to freshen them up. A vote of thanks was given to Joan for her efforts in co-ordinating this event.

Society Reports:

The Royal British Legion: The medicine run continued. Two emergency cases had been taken to hospital because of delay by ambulance and two other people, non urgent, had been taken to the hospital.

Playgroup: Fund raising for a new building was underway beginning with a Musical Salon morning and a Sponsored Nayland Marathon. A licence had been obtained to collect money in buckets. The run around the village, starting at the school, was approximately one mile. One competitor had already realised a sponsorship of £250.

Horticultural Society: Two planned visits had had to be cancelled through lack of support. The next event was the Annual Flower Show and entry forms were available at the post office.

Choir: Practices under Emma Hughes were underway for singing La Marseillaise and a medley from Les Miserables at The Street Fayre. The autumn programme included a visit to Nayland House, singing at the WI Group Meeting and a performance of The Messiah at Christmas.

Conservation Society: Things had gone a little slack after Open Gardens. There had been a talk on Cuttings from old Suffolk Newspapers. Wendy Sparrow's book, Memories of Nayland in the Twentieth Century' was about to be published. The date of the next open meeting is 10 October when Peter Driver will talk on Suffolk Curiosities.

Bowls Club: The Charity Bowls Match had raised £500 of which half would be given to Child Line and half to the Air Ambulance service.

Village Players: Rehearsals were underway for a performance at the Street Fayre. Auditions to be held at 5pm on Sunday 9 July and also on Wednesday 12 July at 7.30 for Aladdin.

Over 60s: There were still a few seats left on the coach trip to Southwold on 18 July. An Afternoon Tea had been arranged at Bulmer's Farm. Andrew Gowen remarked on the excellence and quality of the monthly over 60's lunch. Lunches cost £3 and still made a profit which would provide a free Christmas lunch and a gift.

Parish Council: All were welcome to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council. Someone had been found to repair the village furniture. His name was Mohamed.

Treasurer's Report: It was announced that Paul Watson had resigned and was leaving the area. As there were no volunteers for the post Bryan Smith had nominated himself as the new Treasurer. This nomination was keenly supported by Andrew Gowen and Ken Willingale and agreed by the meeting. It was noted that no audit had been carried out last year. Andrew to assist in this matter.

Grant Applications: Two had been received

- 1 Five hundred pounds requested by The Conservation Society towards publishing Wendy Sparrow's book. The book was nearing completion after 10 years research and it was proposed to sell copies at £8.50 each which would not cover costs. It was suggested by Barry Wakefield that £300 be given at present – similar to the help given to Mary George. The proposal was made by Andrew Gowen and carried by the meeting.
- 2 Request by Village Players for help to replace the old grey curtains which were not fire proof and were falling to bits. Joan Moore pointed out that these must produce a Health and Safety risk.

Nick Moriarty had produced a detailed costing which amounted to £795.76 plus possible extras for track fittings. The Players to do the fixing themselves and curtains would be obtained from the same company who made the velvet curtains. Andrew Gowen said the village was lucky to have this society and proposed that a grant of £500 be given. This was seconded by David George and agreed by the meeting.

Chairman's Report: The Vice-chair read a short report by Chairman Alan Hodges who expressed sadness at losing Paul Watson as treasurer of the Community Council and wished him well for the future. On behalf of the Community Council he thanked

Andrew Gowen for the organisation of the Street Fayre and felt the village would give a good account of itself in the Anglia in Bloom competition. He thought the Community Council should be more open in asking local organisations and individuals to come forward for financial support to assist in activities for the benefit of the village as a whole.

AOB: There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26 September 2006