

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2007

Parish Council Representative: Patricia Fuller had replaced Brian Smith (retiring member) on the Parish Council and the Secretary was requested to invite Mrs Fuller to attend the next meeting. The Community Council looked forward to welcoming her in July.

Village Hall Gardens: Andrew Gowen reported that there was a poor response to the last Village Hall garden working party. It was agreed to have three sessions each year, the next working party date would be 2nd June in time for Open Gardens and an autumn clear-up on 6th October.

Kneeler for Church Project: Joan Moore presented a kneeler representing the Community Council. The committee applauded and congratulated Joan for the generosity of her time and workmanship.

Correspondence: A letter of appreciation had been received from the Playgroup for the allocation of £2,000 set aside towards professional fees incurred in the development of the proposed new Playgroup building.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported a quiet period. In addition to the £2k ring-fenced for the Playgroup, £350 had been set aside for the Youth Club and £1k for the Village Hall PA system.

Community Times - Lorraine Brooks: Pat Bray kindly volunteered to be a future coordinator. Anna Boon said she had received no enquiries for the role of Advert Manager and reiterated that the task was not arduous. No selling was involved only the taking of phone calls, e-mails, etc, the passing on of new advertisements to Lorraine and sending out of invoices. Increased effort was therefore necessary to find a volunteer.

Digital Cinema: The Chairman confirmed a highly successful first evening with good community involvement. He thanked Claire Prestcott for producing the posters. The Village Hall benefited from a profit of £400. A questionnaire revealed 60% of the audience wanted an interval, 8% thought ice-cream would be nice and a small percent requested the occasional documentary. Five more events had been arranged for this year: 29th June - The History Boys, 28th July - A Hawaiian Evening including a South Pacific sing-along, 5th October and 7th December – not yet selected, 29th December - Special children's cinema at no cost. Outgoings for the Digital Cinema were very low, ie £90 for hire of equipment and £75 returnable for membership.

Emergency First Response: Andrew Gowen said that the team had responded to 10 requests in April and 3 so far in May. Thirteen people had received training, eleven were on rota; four more were subject to training. He put out an appeal for more volunteers. The work of the Emergency First Response was not arduous, caused little personal inconvenience and no involvement in road or traffic accidents. The area covered was only Wissington and Nayland. He told the meeting that whether action was needed or merely support to the caller was necessary, the work was extremely rewarding. Andrew recorded his delight when, after a call to from Nayland County Primary School, he had been invited to explain the work of the Emergency First Response to the children at their assembly. A Social Evening to launch Nayland's Emergency First Response had been arranged for June between 7.30 pm and 9.30 pm, the speaker to be Jonathan Needle, Eastern Ambulance Trust.

PA System for the Village Hall: The Chairman told the meeting that this would be installed within the fortnight for the use of all Societies to include microphones, speakers and loop system.

Playgroup: A report from Teresa Moriarty for the Playgroup stated that the draft bid for the capital grant to fund the new childcare building which will be the home of Nayland Playgroup was submitted on 4th May. The final deadline for the bid is 18th May. As with all grant applications, we will be working until the last minute to fine tune our document to be sure that we put forward the best possible business plan. Our architect has designed a beautiful building for us. We intend to hold an open meeting once our planning application has been submitted so that the whole community will have the opportunity to see the plans and voice their opinions. Meanwhile we are holding a 'name the building competition'. All entries to Playgroup or to Teresa by 1st June. We have begun to incur those professional fees now so will be making a formal application for the funds, which the Community Council generously pledged, very soon.

Village Hall - Andrew Gowen: Andrew suggested that an Endowment Fund be set up to aid long-term maintenance. The Hall, he said, could not survive on its rent money although bookings were good. Such a fund could only be accessed with the approval of both the Parish and Community Councils. Therefore a business plan needed to be drawn up for approval by these bodies. The suggested Endowment Fund

for the Village Hall had been raised at a Parish Council meeting and would be discussed the following month. It should be made known that legacies dedicated to the Village Hall would be greatly valued and publicity given to this idea. The Chairman added that the proposal would be put before the Community Council before commitment.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman said he was looking ahead to a possible Street Fayre in 2008 and considered now was the time to be planning this event. Would members come prepared with ideas for the July meeting.

Future Events: Bonfire Night – Monday, 5th November.

The Chairman requested Andrew Gowen to put in an order for the same number of fireworks as last time and to lay in a supply of wine. The Village Hall Management Committee had made a request for the clearance of the debris of last year's bonfire.

Christmas Bazaar – 8th December. The Chairman said he thought for the bazaar this year there should be more in the way of Christmas decorations and it was agreed to have a red and green theme, garlands, balloons etc. Playgroup to make glittery stars.

Date of next Meeting: 16th July 2007 in the Church Hall at 8pm.