

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
held on 7th January 2008 in the Church Hall at 8pm (preceded by Executive Meeting at 7.30)

Minutes of the previous meeting: There were no issues of inaccuracy.

COMMUNITY TIMES

Lorraine Brooks and Bryan Smith were continuing to cover the duties of Advertising Manager.

Following concerns expressed at the last meeting that the amount of advertising in the newsletter was beginning to exclude village and society information, it was reported correspondence had been received, ideas had been put forward and research carried out.

This information was discussed. It was noted that we cannot increase the number of pages any further and the cost of advertising had not previously been increased. Members felt we were undercharging compared to other local magazines.

The Community Council's main aim was to maintain a good balance between advertising and village editorial. With this in mind it was agreed that the idea of halving the size of adverts be further explored with a view to putting this into effect for the June edition.

Alan Hodges, Bryan and Lorraine agreed to consult with advertisers and put forward the options available.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that Community Council Funds were currently £13,200. This figure included profit of £76 from the Christmas Bazaar and for this period the Community Times generated £560.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Alan Hodges said there had been an excellent atmosphere at the Bazaar, which had been superbly organised. It was felt the new decorations were very 'tasteful'! It was a shame that the Primary School were not there.

It was agreed that free entry and not asking for a percentage of profits from stall-holders be continued next year.

Thanks were expressed to Father Christmas and his Elfin and to Tricia Hall for organising Santa's sacks full of presents.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

Thanks were expressed to Clare Prescott for organising the village Christmas tree with its lovely new decorations, and to Chapman and Sons for the electricity supply.

VILLAGE QUIZ

The Village Quiz will be held on 29 February 2008 with last year's winners, Four Squares, compiling the quiz. They have promised 'something a little different'. Those wishing to participate should contact Jenny Smith or Alan Hodges. Entry will be £12 for a team of four, individuals can be paired up.

VILLAGE FESTIVAL

The 12th/13th July is the date set for this weekend village spectacular. The first meeting of the organising group, made up of the exec committee and societies will be on Monday 21st January 2008 in the Church Hall. A letter would be sent to all village societies asking for their ideas and inviting them to send a representative to this meeting.

SOCIETY REPORTS

The RBL had delivered 44 Christmas gifts to villagers living on their own with military connections. David George also reported an incident where an elderly resident had fallen and been unable to get up, laying there for 11 hours despite having a personal alarm. They said they did not use the alarm because they didn't want to worry anyone!

Teresa Moriarty reported delays on starting work on the new Playgroup building but work would commence very soon. The Playgroup was looking into extending the number of sessions provided. They would be holding a Salon Evening on 7th March and a Cake Sale outside Kerridge's on 9th February.

The Choir were starting rehearsals for their spring concert, Mozart's Mass in C to be held on 26th April.

Sylvia Bond was delighted to report that the Bowls Club were back in the top half of their division again.

HortSoc had a successful stall at the Bazaar, making over £100. Matthew Tanton Brown will conduct a quiz after the conclusion of official business at their AGM on 15th April. Their morning market will be on 17th May.

Andrew Gowen reported that First Response had a very successful first year receiving 81 call outs. They currently have 16 responders who are managing 24/7 cover but having 20 responders would be ideal.

Reporting on the Village Hall Andrew Gowen said finances were much improved thanks to support from the RBL, plant sales, the Country Music Club, Village Players, and film evenings. They now have £4,000 in their endowment fund which is a good start. It was noted this is for the future of the Hall – not for the day to day running of it.

Alan Hodges said that last cinema had been successful but the childrens Christmas film had disappointing support. He felt a review of the year was needed to help them progress.

The Conservation Society reported their AGM will be on 11th March when Ted Ingilby will talk about the use of lime, including mixing colours and how to renovate old buildings.

The Nayland Fundraising Committee will be holding a Coffee Morning on 2nd February in aid of NSPCC.

The Village Players next production will be Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile on 17th, 18th and 19th April.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the AGM on Monday 10th March at 8pm in the Church Hall to be followed by an Exec meeting.