

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

held on Monday 14th July 2008 in the Church Hall at 8pm (preceded by Executive Meeting at 7.30)

Alan Hodges welcomed everyone and introduced Steven McGuire, co-opted member of the Executive Committee.

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2008: There were no issues of accuracy.

VILLAGE FESTIVAL

The Chairman considered that the Festival weekend had been very successful and had lit a fire for the future. Most events had worked very well; Nayland Primary School choir singing folk songs in the village hall followed by the film Akenfield with an introduction by Dr Ronald Blythe started the festivities.

On Saturday Chris Hunt had led a successful walk, the Conservation Society reported that much interest had been shown in their exhibition of Nayland past and over 70 items had been brought along for valuation, the duck race had met with great enthusiasm as the spectators filled Fen Street. Bar profits had been good although numbers at the Barn Dance were lower than hoped especially after parents with children went home.

The entertainment provided; by the Nayland Primary School Choir, Stoke by Nayland Middle School Jazz Band, Nayland Choir and the Village Player' had been greatly enjoyed. Refreshments, cakes and ices from the WI had as always been greatly appreciated and the RBL's barbecue went down very well.

Throughout the weekend there was a spectacular exhibition of flower arrangements by HortSoc in St James's and the fine display by the Art Group in the village hall bar had resulted in the sale of two pictures, and the promise of new members.

Some discussion took place on the merits of the Festival. Chris Hunt felt the first effort was a learning curve for the future. It was felt the dates had clashed with other local events, in particular the Tendring Show and Bures Festival and the meeting felt greater consideration should be given to this in the future. It was generally felt that, as hoped, the whole village got behind the Festival and gave it good support. It was felt if a second Festival is planned it would be in 2010, but some activities might be repeated next year.

It was agreed that letters of thanks be sent to Fen Street residents for giving their blessing to the Duck Race. A thank you and donation would be sent to Nayland Primary School Choir and Stoke by Nayland Middle School Jazz Band.

COMMUNITY TIMES

Concern was expressed over the privately run commercial magazine that contained news from Stoke by Nayland, Leavenheath and Polstead. The meeting considered this a threat to Nayland's Community Times particularly should there be a swing by advertisers to the rival magazine. Revenue from advertising in the Community Times was necessary for reproduction costs of the magazine and surplus funds were used to aid village groups, such as the Playgroup/Woodland Corner, Youth Club, Village Hall, Art Group and Over 60s, and individuals who applied for grants from the Community Council.

It was agreed a leader be prepared for the front page of the Community Times, expressing the Community Council's concerns and to encourage loyalty by its readers and most particularly by village groups who have items to submit.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from Daphne Berry thanking the Community Council for the grant given to the Over 60s who had really enjoyed one outing and were looking forward to the next. Daphne also expressed appreciation of the Art Group in being asked to display their work in the Festival which had brought them rewards.

Andrew Gowen reminded the meeting of the availability of grants from Babergh District Council. He would pass information on to the Over 60s Luncheon Club and RBL who may be able to benefit.

TREASURERS REPORT

Bryan Smith gave income and expenditure details on the Festival. A profit of £511 had been made but this figure will be reduced by donations to Nayland School Choir and Stoke by Nayland School Jazz Band.

The Treasurer was thanked for producing his summary so quickly.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

A letter had been received from Teresa Moriarty, on behalf of Woodland Corner, requesting a further grant from the Community Council. The meeting agreed they needed more information regarding the Playgroup's funding shortfall before making a decision.

SOCIETY REPORTS

Teresa Moriarty said the building would be complete in 2-3 weeks. There was a delay with handrails for disabled access. Some members of the CC Executive have visited the site. They were very impressed by the project and felt it would be great asset to the community

David George reported that the Royal British Legion continue their medicine run and transporting elderly patients to the surgery. There was no news on the possibility of parking provision at the surgery.

Andrew Gowen said that the Village Hall Lottery was taking off slowly with 13 members to date. The roof had been repaired, the electrics in the main hall were completed and the floor would be repaired would shortly be repaired. Damage to doors would require a claim on insurance.

Jenny Smith said the Village Players' had thoroughly enjoyed performing the Olde Tyme Music Hall. Auditions for their Panto 'Beauty in the Deep' were continuing.

A report from the Bowls Club said they were doing well in the HNS Trophy and the final was on 10 August. They were doing well in the Summer League.

Joan Moore said HortSoc were pleased with their floral decorations in the Church for the Festival. Their annual garden meeting is on 18 July and the annual Flower Show is on 2 August. In September Joy Jones will give a demonstration of flower arranging. The joint meeting takes place in November and HortSoc will have a stall at the Christmas Bazaar.

No-one had come forward to take over from Joan as Secretary of HortSoc, so they were still looking!

Teresa Moriarty said Nayland Choir enjoyed singing 'Songs from the Shows' which was a departure from their usual style. A 'Come and Sing' Mozart's Requiem is planned for Saturday 27th September from 10.30 with a performance at 5pm. In early December there would be a concert of traditional carols (with plenty of audience participation).

Jill Badman reported on the Conservation Society's very successful afternoon for the Festival. On 14 October Adrian Waters would be talking about Sudbury's Common Land.

Andrew Gowen said two further recruits had passed their training for First Response. There have been an average of 10 calls per month. They require further equipment and are holding a fundraising coffee morning on 20 September, 9.30 at Parkers, 43 Bear Street.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The possibility of producing a village calendar would be investigated.

FUTURE EVENTS

Village Hall Garden Working Party: 25 October at 9am. Refreshments will be available.

Bonfire Night: To be held on 5th November. The Fireworks have been purchased.

Christmas Bazaar: To be held on 6th December.

Christmas Tree: To be erected on Sunday 14 December.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 September in the Church Hall at 8pm (*preceded by the Exec at 7.30pm*).