

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes from the Meeting held on 8 November 2010 in the Church Hall

1. The meeting was chaired by Barry Wakefield and there were 19 members present. Apologies were received from Teresa Moriarty, Steve Maguire, Mandy Cook, Jenny Smith and Claire Prescott
2. Matters arising from the meeting on 23 August 2010. There were none not covered later in the meeting.

VILLAGE FESTIVAL

3. The Chairman felt the event had been a grand occasion, however, some constructive criticism had been received and taken on board. The Festival committee recommended holding the event annually. The Treasurer said that although the event made a loss of £1,804, assets in the form of electrical equipment, unsold T-shirts, glasses and stage banner were held which amounted to £2,180.

After discussion it was decided to hold another Festival in July 2011 and build on the impetus gained this year. Iain Wright agreed to lead the sub-committee with the first project meeting being held before Christmas.

BONFIRE NIGHT

4. The Treasurer said income had been just above last year and hot dogs, sparklers, etc all sold well. He said there had been a lack of helpers and expressed thanks to Wayne for his support with manning the barbecue. He added that the barbecue equipment had been left in a filthy state by the previous organisation who used it and reminded the meeting that it should be cleaned after use.

David George pointed out more lighting was needed along the passageway for next year. Thanks were expressed to Fred Bugg for his help once again with the bonfire.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FAYRE

5. The Fayre will be held on 4 December from 12 noon to 2pm. There will be a Christmas Cracker Competition, the Primary School Choir will be performing, and Father Christmas will be in attendance. The W.I. and HortSoc requested their usual tables. It was felt the Community Council's raffle table needed decorating to attract more customers. Applications for tables should be submitted as soon as possible to Steve Maguire at 6 Heycroft Way (263472). Helpers are needed from 9.30am to help set up and decorate the hall.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

6. The Christmas tree will be put up on Sunday 12 December at 9.30am. Carols will be sung round the Christmas tree with Boxted Silver Band on Wednesday 22 December at 7.30pm.

GRANTS

7. Display Boards: A card of thanks had been received from the Art Group for funding the display boards. They will be kept in the Church Hall.

8. Dishwasher for the Village Hall: Iain Wright said the Village Hall Management Committee supported the provision of a dishwasher in the Village Hall and would fund installation. He had a quote of £2,620 plus VAT for an industrial dishwasher with a three minute cycle. The Community Council agreed to cover the capital cost including VAT, based on this figure but two further quotes will be obtained.

9. Village Hall Endowment: Andrew Gowen said their annual grant application would be withdrawn this year in view of the purchase of the dishwasher but would be requested next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

10. Bryan Smith reported on finances including that the Festival made a loss of £1,804.37p, Bonfire Night made a profit of £782.57p and profits from the Community Times and the calendar currently stood at £1,855.00 and £369.50p. Total unencumbered assets stood at £16,745.83p.

COMMUNITY TIMES

11. Iain Wright felt the photographs of the Festival had been disappointing due to the quality of reproduction of the Community Times although the website version in colour had been fine.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

12. Lorraine Brooks said calendar sales are slower than last year, not helped by missing the opportunity of selling them at the Flower Show. The calendars are now in profit with another 170 available to sell. It was agreed to produce a calendar for 2012.

COMMITTEE

13. Barry said he would not be able to continue as acting Chairman beyond the AGM. A new Chairman was needed as a matter of urgency. He added that Steve Maguire would be resigning from the Executive and Andrew Gowen wished to record that he would not be seeking re-election to the Executive at the AGM

JUBILEE TREE

14. Barry updated the meeting that the Copper Beech had been felled but the Parish Council would be replacing it with a Hornbeam tree. Chris Hunt said this would be done within 2 years and a replacement plaque commemorating the Silver Jubilee of George V and Queen Mary placed on the site.

SOCIETY REPORTS

16. RBL: David George said that James Carver would be leading the church parade.

17. Art Group: Colin Ramsell said they have had two visiting tutors this term with 10-12 members attending regularly. Their Christmas dinner will be celebrated in January at The Lion.

18. Bowls: Sylvia Bond said the club are currently middle of the second division. They have attracted 3-4 new members.

19. Transition Nayland: Will Hitchcock said they have some new members and Jules Pretty has become patron of the group. They are in discussions with the Primary School about installation of a solar scheme on the school roof.

20. HortSoc: Lorraine Brooks said in September they had visited Place for Plants and organised a Flower Festival in St James Church. Donations from this raised £150 to benefit St Helena Hospice and East Anglian Children's Hospice. In October a talk on *Vegetable Growing* proved popular and they planted native daffodils on Caley Green and Parker's Way entrance – these will put on a show to mark HortSoc's 30th anniversary in 2011. On 11 November at the joint meeting with Conservation Society Colin Hawes will be talking about Stag Beetles and they will have a stall at the Christmas Fayre. HortSoc now has a website: www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk. Their coach outing in June 2011 would be to Great Dixter and Merriments Gardens in East Sussex.

21. Conservation Society: Jill Badman said they too will be at the Joint meeting – where they will be displaying their recent purchase of David May postcards. Some of these have been produced as greetings cards and will be available at the meeting or from the Post Office and Forget Me Not. They now have a website: www.naylandconservation.org.uk.

22. Fundraising Committee: Jill said they had made about £600 at the NSPCC Coffee Morning on 30th October and had 2 big boxes of toys for the children. They were organising a Frank Sinatra Evening with a supper on 20th November and there were a few tickets left.

23. Women's Institute: Elizabeth Wakefield was pleased to say that they had some new members. They had a very interesting and informative outing to the recycling centre at Great Blakenham. Their AGM will be held on 15th November and they will be having a stall at the Christmas Fayre.

24. Woodland Corner: Tricia Hall said they had a very successful cake stall in September making £174. The Duck Race at the Festival sold out and they gave £46 to the Community Council. They are having a sponsored Pedal, Push and Scoot this week and will have their usual tombola at the Christmas Fayre.

25. Parish Council: Chris Hunt said there was nothing to report. Lorraine reminded him that readers of the Community Times had requested advice on clearing snow for an autumn issue.

26. Village Players: Bryan Smith said they were rehearsing for *The Holly and The Ivy*, which was a Christmas tale with a difference. Performances were on 9, 10 and 11 December at 8pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are available at the Post Office.

NEXT MEETINGS

27. The next meeting will be held on Monday 10 January in the Church Hall at 8pm, with the Executive meeting at 7.30pm. The AGM will be on 9th March.

Proposed Meetings for the rest of 2011 are: Wed 11 May; Wed 6 July; Mon 12 September; Mon 14 November; Mon 9 January 2012; AGM on Wed 7 March 2012.