

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the AGM held on 5th March 2014 in the Village Hall

Jenny Smith welcomed members to the meeting.

- ◆ **There were 32 members present:** Jenny Smith, Bryan Smith, Lorraine Brooks, Ken Willingale, Colin Ramsell, Tricia Hall, Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Neil Barbrook, Iain Wright, John Parsonson, Karen Elliott, Julie Wooding, Rachel Hitchcock, Andrew Gowen, Wendy Sparrow, Mary George, Ian McKay, John Spooner, Richard Cave, David George, Alex & Jo Murrison, Mike Hunter, Chris Hunt, Roy Chapman, Sue Carbutt, Christine Thompson, Sara Strover, Peter Mann, Rosemary Knox & Nick Moriarty
- ◆ **Apologies were received from:** Pat Bray, Trevor Smy & Emma Elkin
- ◆ **Minutes of the last AGM** on 6th March 2013 were approved (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Colin Ramsell*).

◆ **Chairman's Report:** Jenny Smith gave her report.

I am only able to report on meetings held from October onwards due to the fact our Chairman, Alex Badman, moved away from the area. Alex was thanked for his time as Chairman and we gave him and Jill our best wishes for their new venture. Alex completed the Christmas tree fixture before he moved and this means we have a permanent, secure, fixture for the future.

Roy Norfolk was also thanked for replacing the community notice board outside the Old Forge.

In October the annual Quiz Night was organised by Rachel Hitchcock and the Woodland Corner team and was very successful. We thank them for their efforts. We understand Rachel has volunteered for this year.

Bonfire night was a resounding success again. It stayed dry and we had record crowds attending. Our thanks to all who helped- particularly Anna and Tony Boon for running the barbecue.

The Christmas Fayre continues to be successful and I would like to thank the school for their entertainment.

Earlier this year the question of the future of the Village Post Office was raised, with the possibility of relocation. The Community Council sent a letter to the Parish Council pledging their full support in making sure this vital amenity remains in the village.

The C.C. Executive Committee has gained 3 new members. We welcome Neil Barbrook and John Parsonson last year and Julie Wooding this year.

This brings me to the point of thanking all the committee for their support over the past year. I would like to point out that in particular thanks go to Lorraine who now handles the roles of Secretary, Editor of the Community Times and publicity and has been an enormous help to me as Chairman over the last few months.

As from tonight, I am resigning as Vice Chairman. I am delighted that Neil Barbrook and Colin Ramsell are willing to stand as Chairman and Vice Chairman. They will receive tremendous support from fellow members.

A final word. We are delighted to have received a Babergh Community Achievement Award for 2014. Congratulations go to all the Committee Members and thanks to the Parish Council for nominating us.

- ◆ **Treasurer's Report:** Bryan Smith read out highlights of the year as follows, but had detailed income and expenditure sheets available.

<u>Profits/Income</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Grants</u>	
Bonfire Night	1,695.42	Village Hall	1,000.00
Christmas Fayre	133.06	Over 60s (<i>Old Peoples Club</i>)	244.00
Community Times	1,647.76	Wiston Church (<i>Gate</i>)	500.00
Quiz	273.05	Community Centre	47.99
Calendar	805.70	Notice Board (<i>Old Forge</i>)	120.00
Grants from Freemasons	500.00	Display Boards	239.00
		<u>Expenditure</u>	
		Village Picnic	214.44
Profit this year	£2,273.33		
		We hold First Response money of	1,092.67
		& Royal British Legion funds of	130.00
		We hold grants yet to be paid:	
		Conservation Soc. (Book & Dig)	1,000.00
		Nayland Choir	500.00
		Parish Council Play Equipment	1,000.00
<u>Assets</u>			
Petty Cash	201.07		
Current Account	4,944.78		
CCLA Deposit Account	<u>15,356.35</u>		
Total	£21,097.20	Unencumbered assets are therefore	£17,374.55

The Treasurer thanked Andrew Gowen for examining the year end accounts with his normal due diligence. The accounts were adopted (*proposed Iain Wright, seconded Neil Barbrook*) and will be lodged with the Charity Commissioners. Bryan reminded the meeting that he will be standing down as Treasurer in 2015.

- ♦ **Election of Officers:** The following Officers were elected: **Chairman** Neil Barbrook (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Jenny Smith*), **Vice Chairman** Coin Ramsell (*proposed Neil Barbrook, seconded Bryan Smith*). The following Officers were re-elected en bloc: **President** Ken Willingale, **Vice President** Bryan Smith, **Treasurer** Bryan Smith, **Secretary** Lorraine Brooks, **Executive** Jenny Smith, Tricia Hall, Julie Wooding, Karen Elliott & Iain Wright, **Individuals** Claire Prescott, Vicki Sargent, John Parsonson, **Legal Advisor** Katie Wright (*proposed Chris Hunt, seconded Rachel Hitchcock*).

It is hoped the vacancy for a Parish Council representative will be filled when they are back to full compliment of councillors. Publicity will be covered by Lorraine Brooks and Hazel Gardiner has kindly agreed to distribute posters.

Neil Barbrook introduced himself to those who do not yet know him; he moved to Star Cottage 15 months ago and joined the CC executive committee last July.

- ♦ **Any Other Business:**

- ♦ **Fundraising Activities:** Selling raffle tickets at the monthly Farmers Markets in the autumn leading up to CC events had been successful. When to resume this fundraising would be discussed at the next meeting. Other ideas for fundraising would be welcome. **Action by:**

- ♦ **Nayland Post Office:** The Community Council will fully support the Parish Council to ensure this vital amenity remains in the village.

- ♦ **Correspondence:**

- **Babergh Achievement Award:** The Parish Council nominated the CC for an award in the group category. This was successful and the award ceremony will be held on 3rd April.

- ♦ **Grants:**

- ♦ **Village Hall:** A grant request had been received for £1,000 towards their Endowment Fund for the long term future of the Hall. The grant was agreed (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Tricia Hall*). **Bryan**

- ♦ **Community Times:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all who support the CT; proof readers, Colin and the distribution team, Bryan for managing payments, Pat Bray for village news, everyone who contributes copy and the advertisers. She thanked Graham Griffiths for hosting the village website. Rachel Hitchcock thanked Lorraine for her commitment to the CT. **Lorraine**

The CT is 25 years old this year - please let Lorraine know your ideas to celebrate this.

Already being considered is some colour in the celebration issue, a reprint of the first issue and a CT/village quiz.. There will be a display of all back issues to browse and refreshments available alongside the calendar photo competition on 5th May in the Church Hall.

- ♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all who support the calendar; sponsors, those who enter their photographs or contribute historic images or help with sales.

Plans are in hand for the next calendar competition to be held on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May - deadline for entries is 26th April. It is hoped Executive members will enter and encourage others and society members will enter photos of their activities. Photos of Wiston are also being encouraged. **Calendar Team**

Confirmation has been gained from 10 sponsors, two more are being sought.

Spingold Graphics provided the best quote this year and have assured the same quality as our current calendar.

It was agreed to display 6 framed photos selected from those included in the calendar over the last 5 years. This would promote availability of unframed A4 prints of most of the photos in previous calendars, priced £10 (*proposed Bryan Smith, seconded Claire Buller*). Iain Wright suggested the framed prints could be hung in the Village Hall between use. A raffle will be held with the winner choosing a framed print of their choice.

◆ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- ◆ **Picnic in the Park:** Iain Wright proposed holding the event again on Bank Holiday, Monday 25th August, keeping it very simple with bring your own picnic and music.
- ◆ **Fun Village Quiz - Friday 3rd October:** Rachel Hitchcock kindly agreed to organise the quiz again.
- ◆ **Bonfire Night - Wednesday 5th November:** It is noted that Dynamic Fireworks hold their half day pyrotechnics training course at Mersea in September.
- ◆ **Christmas Fayre - Sunday 7th December 12-2pm:** Catherine Burbidge is willing to help with Santa's presents again.

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- ◆ **RBL:** Alex Murrison said there are a few remaining seats for their coach outing to visit the Cutty Sark including a river trip to Greenwich. There will be an event to commemorate the start of WW1 on 4th August. This will involve a service at the war memorial, a presentation in St James Church and an event combined with the Village Players.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Bryan Smith said they are rehearsing for their spring production, *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson. Performances of this very moving play will be on 10th, 11th and 12th April - the audience will leave with tears of joy.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Lorraine Brooks said on 18th March Michael Warren will give a talk on *Through the Year with a Horticultural Photographer*, the Spring Show is on 22nd March with coffee and cakes available, the AGM and Fun Quiz will be on 15th April. The coach outing on 11th June to Kew Gardens is full but there will be a reserve list in case anyone booked is unable to come.
- ◆ **Choir:** Ian McKay said they are celebrating their 20th year with: a spring concert on 23rd March '*The Sacred in Song - enchanting choral music from nine European countries and five centuries*', a summer concert on 28th June in two halves (1 *Gilbert and Sullivan – Trial by Jury* and 2 Popular songs and anthems with a spiritual or film theme, such as *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* and *Mama Mia*) followed by a barbecue.
- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said the group is at full capacity. They are planning visits to: Kersey Mill on 26th March, an art display at Woodbridge on 18th June and purely social afternoon to Newton Golf Club for a cream tea on 23rd July.
- ◆ **Woodland Corner:** Rachel Hitchcock said the numbers attending were good. They are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Nayland Playgroup with an event on 10th May; if anyone has memories they could share please contact Rachel 263169.
- ◆ **Village Cinema:** Chris Thompson said their last film, '*Philomena*', had been very good. Future films booked are: '*Blue Jasmine*' for 21st March, '*Nebraska*' for 25th April, '*Gravity*' for 30th May and '*Senna*' for 20th June.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Mary George said the Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 12th May.
- ◆ **Nayland Fire Station:** Karen Elliott said two new recruits have completed their training and are operational and fire fighter who moved away has now returned
- ◆ **First Responders:** Karen Elliott said they need additional volunteers.
- ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said their January meeting about *The Donkey Sanctuary* had been very enlightening and a talk in February by the Chaplain at *Chelmsford Prison* most interesting. On 17th March their 57th annual lunch will be at the Anchor Inn and on 21st April John Stewart will talk about *First Aid by St John Ambulance*.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** John Partridge said this is their 40th anniversary year and they hope Leigh Alton's book *Timber Framed Buildings of Nayland* will be available.
- ◆ **Youth Club:** They returned on 25th February after a long winter break with times now 7pm to 8.30pm, extended back to 9pm from April to July. The activity schedule will be displayed around the village. They have approx 15 regular attendees but more are needed to keep the club viable. They need more volunteers to help supervise the sessions.
- ◆ **Table Tennis Group:** Neil Barbrook said they are now playing table tennis in the village hall on Monday afternoons 2pm-3.30pm. It is aimed at beginners and social players and all ages are welcome.
- ◆ **Date of next meeting:** will be on **Wednesday 7th May 2014**, Church Hall, 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm.
Meetings for 2014/15: Wednesday 2 July, Wednesday 3 September, Wednesday 29 October, Monday 12 January 2015 and Wednesday 4th March 2015 the AGM.

The meeting ended at 8pm