

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting held on 12th January 2015 in the Church Hall

Neil Barbrook welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 16 members present:** Neil Barbrook, Bryan Smith, Jenny Smith, Lorraine Brooks, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, Julie Clark, Iain Wright, John Parsonson, Colin Moule, Sue Clarke, Wendy Sparrow, Alex Murrison, Rosemary Knox, Diana Whiting, Mervin Farthing.
- ♦ **Apologies were received from:** Ken Willingale, Tricia Hall, Vicky Sargent, Pat Bray, Ian McKay, John Partridge.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last general meeting:** held on 29th October 2014 were approved (*proposed John Parsonson, seconded Colin Ramsell*)

MATTERS ARISING:

- ♦ **Executive Committee:** It was stressed a new Treasurer is urgently required; Bryan Smith will show them the ropes. Bryan will continue as Vice President, Lorraine is willing to continue as Secretary but will need to delegate jobs requiring mobility. Jenny Smith will be resigning from the Exec after the AGM, other members present are willing to continue. Those not present will be asked prior to the AGM. Please encourage new members and most urgently a new Treasurer. **Action by:**

All
- ♦ **Fundraising Activities:** Ideas for fundraising are always welcome.
- ♦ **Nayland Post Office:** Members are not aware of any concrete news regarding the future of the PO.
- ♦ **Village Hall:** The spring gardening session will be on Saturday 11th April from 9am. **Action by:**
The CC's Babergh achievement award framed certificate has now been fixed on the wall in the Village Hall.

All
- ♦ **Community Council Records & Asset List:** Lorraine Brooks said she is continuing to collect information relating to the history of the CC and would be grateful for any details, memorabilia or photos which could be copied or photographed. **Action by:**
Andrew Gowen has confirmed he holds a projector no longer required by the group that initially requested it and which he has repaired. The RBL use it regularly and other groups have access. We are already aware of display boards/Bryan, Father Christmas costume/School, Christmas bunting and tree decorations/Claire. Iain said there are some items in the outside store of the VH. Please let Lorraine know of other items.

Lorraine

It was necessary to replace Father Christmas' beard. Claire will collect and arrange safe storage of the costume.

Claire
- ♦ **CC Website:** Lorraine said the www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk is up to date. Regular visits will help it climb in search engine results. Please get in the habit of taking photos of CC activities, events, grant outcomes, etc for inclusion. **Action by:**

Lorraine
All
- ♦ **Village Christmas Tree:** Claire and her team were thanked for organising a fantastic tree, it had received many compliments. The Dental Surgery have been thanked for kindly supplying the electricity.
- ♦ **Correspondence:** A complaint had been received about parking by the Anchor in Court Street and on the bridge. It was suggested to the sender that they contact the Parish Council or Babergh.
- ♦ **Grants & Donations:**
 - **Nayland Choir:** A thank you letter has been received for the £500 grant to assist them during their 20th anniversary year activities.
 - **Village Stiles:** Neil Barbrook reported that although the funding application to replace stiles with gates on the footpath northwards from bear Street has been successful (for 50% of the cost) there are ongoing discussions to try and find a mutually acceptable solution to all parties. **Action by:**

Neil
 - **Luncheon Club for the Over 60s:** A thank you letter has been received from Olga Alexander for the £300 grant to support their Christmas Lunch.
 - **Woodland Corner:** A thank you letter has been received for the £500 grant towards the cost of a new computer system.
 - **Bowls Group:** An application has been received for a device that rolls the carpet onto a storage frame. The cost will be reduced by fitting it to their existing frame. It will fit in the hall storage cupboard. It was agreed to award a grant of £350 (*proposed Claire Buller, seconded Jenny Smith*) **Action by:**

Neil & Bryan

Treasurer's Report: Bryan Smith gave his year end report as follows:

Total expenditure £11,538.76 (£13,000.33 in 2013) Total income £11,409.55 (£10,727.00 in 2013)

Grants totalled £3,800 (£1791.99 in 2013) Profit on the year was £129.21

<u>Profit centres</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Expenditure 2014</u>	<u>Assets</u>	
Community Times	£1908.26	1647.76	down £150	Cash	182.34
Fireworks	£1586.71	1695.42	up £375	Current A/c	5,640.10
Calendar	£714.68	805.70	similar	CCLA	15,403.97
Quiz	£464.04	273.05	down £40	Deposit	
Christmas Fayre	£214.82	133.06	up £80		
					21,226.41

We hold £942.67 for First Response. Grant not yet paid: Conservation Soc. Book £500

Unencumbered assets are £19,428

There is a dispute with bank £24, on two banked cheques. We hold unused Father Christmas presents.

Action by:

- ♦ **Community Times:** Lorraine Brooks gave the usual plea for contributions.

A volunteer is needed to share the task of attending Parish Council meetings and writing a report on them for the CT. Bryan Smith kindly agreed to proof read this issue.

- ♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said there are a few calendars left, available at village shops.

The calendar team, now joined by Colin Ramsell, are willing to continue and the expenditure and print costs would remain the same for a 2016 calendar. It was agreed to go ahead, *(proposed Iain Wright, seconded Julie Clark)*

Calendar Team

More entries are needed in the photographic competition and the exec were asked to participate.

All

Closing date for entries will be 25th April

- ♦ **Recent Events:**

- **Bonfire Night - Wednesday 5th November:**

This was a great success, with about 650 attending and a profit of £1,586. Many thanks are due to everyone for their help including Tony Boon, Tom Gardiner & Fred Bugg.

The hot chocolate went well, hot dogs sold out (300 in 2 hours was good going!)

Fred Bugg will clear bonfire site when ground conditions permit.

- **Christmas Fayre - Sunday 7th December:**

The raffle did very well; those donating prizes have been thanked. The CC is grateful to Andrew and Sue Gowen for donating their profits from the mulled wine. There was a query on whether Transition Nayland are charged a table fee for the kitchen. Father Christmas hadn't been as busy this year but it was agreed it was vital he attended! His presents were very good but there are some left for next year. Claire suggested perhaps having refreshments and cakes in the bar area.

There had been mixed response on the success of the Fayre, mainly concerning the mix of stalls and performances. Not all stall holders were happy as sales could not be made during performances. It was suggested the choir and ukeleles would be sufficient.

It was also felt an MC is needed to announce performances, drawing of raffles and general information.

- ♦ **Forthcoming Activities:**

- **Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 4th March 7.30pm Village Hall:**

On the same evening as the VHMC AGM which will be at 8.30pm. The exec will meet at 7pm in the hall, the VHMC have their preliminary meeting in the committee room.

Apologies from John Parsonson.

- **2015 Dates:** *Quiz 2nd October, Fireworks Thursday 5th November, Christmas Fayre 6th December.* It was agreed that having the AGM on the same evening as the VHMC AGM was advantageous. We will check if the VHMC agree and book the hall for 2016.

- **Picnic in the Park:** Another picnic maybe organised if there is sufficient commitment to help run the event.

- **Street Fayre - July 2016:** Claire Buller will lead a sub-committee, commencing a year ahead, to organise this event which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Community Council. It is hoped all societies will participate. The theme is likely to be 1960s as the CC was founded in 1966.

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ◆ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said the group is at full compliment. They are planning their visiting tutors and outings and hope to go to the Munnings Gallery at Dedham this term.
- ◆ **Royal British Legion:** Alex Murrison said the Remembrance Service and Armistice day had been well attended. Their plans include a trip to the Tower of London on 25th March, a St George's Day lunch at the Anchor Inn and a visit to Bletchley Park in July. Members from neighbouring village branches which have closed would be most welcome to join Nayland & District branch.
- ◆ **Woodland Corner:** Sue Clarke said Christmas term had been full of activities including well received songs at Nayland House. Playgroup numbers are very good. Easter Holiday Club will run from 30th March - 2nd April. Fundraisers coming up include a Boden Party (clothes sale) on 26th February and a Cake Sale on 14th March.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Rosemary Knox said the PC had successfully nominated Rachel Hitchcock for a Babergh Achievement Award.
- ◆ **HortSoc:** Lorraine Brooks said they will be bursting back into bloom in March; on 20th Dr Twigs Way's talk will be '*An Incitement into Early Marriage: A Social History of the Allotment*' (*humour, history, politics & marrows!*) and on 21st the Spring Show will be a colourful start to the horticultural year and a good excuse for a coffee morning. Bookings are being taken for the June outing to the Savill Garden in the Royal Landscape with a cruise on the Thames alongside Windsor Castle.
- ◆ **Village Players:** Jenny Smith said the panto '*Jack and the Beanstalk*' had been very successful. Rehearsals are going well for '*Dead Ringer*', an interesting play directed by Mike Poole. Performances are on 16th-18th April.
- ◆ **Choir:** Ian McKay said the choir are rehearsing for '*Songs from the Jazz Age*' and new singers are welcome. The concert date is 29th March in the Village Hall.
- ◆ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said they enjoyed Carl Shillingford's demonstration about *Christmas Cooking* and the group carol service. Pam Baker will be taking them *Down Memory Lane* with a slide show and in February Chris Hunt will be talking about the *Trials and Tribulations of a Blue Badge Guide*. 2015 is the centenary of the National WI and Nayland branch hopes to organise a celebration involving the community.
- ◆ **Village Hall:** Iain Wright said they continue with maintenance tasks, including wooden flooring and barge boards and external painting. Booking levels are quite good but they have no footballers at present. Improved external lighting and extension of the hard standing to the rear would be useful.
- ◆ **Transition Nayland:** Julie Clark said they had a successful soup kitchen at the Christmas Fayre.
- ◆ **Book Club:** The club run by Stephanie Deering enjoyed a Christmas meal. Their last book was '*Custard Tarts and Broken Hearts*' by Mary Gibson, they are now reading '*Alys, Always*' by Harriot Lane and '*Secret Daughter*' by Shilpi Somaya Gowda for their next meeting in March.
- ◆ **Table Tennis Group:** Neil Barbrook said the group had an enjoyable Christmas meal at the Anchor. They have 10-12 people attending regularly but more would be welcome.
- ◆ **AOB:** Lorraine Brooks was congratulated as recipient of a Babergh Achievement Award. She thanked the CC for their 'very secretive' nomination and was delighted that Nayland had been so successful this year as Rachel Hitchcock had been successfully nominated by the Parish Council.
- ◆ **Date of next meeting:** will be **AGM Wednesday 4th March** (*Village Hall with VHMC AGM*)
Meetings for 2015/16: *Wednesday 6th May* in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm, *Weds 1st July*, *Weds 2nd September*, *Weds 28th October*, *Mon 11th January 2016*, **AGM Mon 7th March 2016** (*Village Hall with VHMC AGM*),

The meeting closed at 9.10pm