

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the AGM held on 4th March 2015 in the Village Hall

Neil Barbrook welcomed members to the meeting.

- ◆ **There were 31 members present:** Neil Barbrook, Lorraine Brooks, Jenny Smith, Bryan Smith, Ken Willingale, Colin Ramsell, Claire Buller, Vicky Sargent, Julie Clark, Colin Moule, Iain Wright, John Spooner, Wendy Sparrow, Penny Allen, Alex Murrison, Ian McKay, Chris Hunt, John Partridge, Tony Price, Jane Barbrook, Sybil Wade, Ian Hewes, Tricia Fuller, Gerry Battye, Peter & Julie Browning, Mike Hunter, Christine Thompson, Sara Strover, Peter Mann, Nick Moriarty..
- ◆ **Apologies were received from:** John Parsonson, Rosemary Knox, Pat Bray, Rachel Hitchcock
- ◆ **Minutes of the last AGM** on 5th March 2014 were approved (*proposed Bryan Smith, seconded Colin Ramsell*).
- ◆ **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Neil Barbrook gave his report.

My first year as Chairman seems to have gone very quickly and during that time we've organised some good traditional village events and been able to help some of the village organisations and societies with grants.

At the Community Council we're lucky to have a dedicated group of people who make things work, and I would like to thank all those who have helped during the year and especially Lorraine and Bryan who have been on hand to provide me with useful advice and who do so much for the CC.

As Alex Murrison said at a recent meeting, Nayland is very fortunate to have so many thriving societies and organisations and I believe having an umbrella group like the CC enhances the sense of community and provides mutual support.

This year we have organised most of our usual events. The Village Quiz in October. A big thanks to Rachel Hitchcock for organising this again. There were 22 teams enjoying the popular evening and it was also a good fundraiser. The Bonfire Night was a great village event with about 650 attending. We had a team of 26 helpers on the day so thanks to all of them, especially to Claire Buller and her team who ran the barbeque and drinks. The 300 sausages went before the end and thanks to Kerridges for supplying them. Fred Bugg and his team once again came up trumps with the bonfire as did Iain Wright and team with the fireworks but special thanks to Tony Boon and Tom Gardiner for a very well structured display. The Christmas Fayre was another good community event and the Christmas Tree with its new baubles was another success. Big thanks to Claire Buller and the team for arranging the tree and Nayland Dental Surgery for use of their electricity.

The community Times continues to be a must read for the parish with its bi-monthly update on Nayland and Wiston news. Once again a massive thank you to Lorraine for producing this award winning publication. A big thank you also to the Calendar Team who organised the community photographic competition and produced another successful Village Calendar.

We were pleased to provide grants this year to help several village organisations and societies. We would like to see a few more groups coming along to our meetings so we can support each other.

Finally, returning to Lorraine, Bryan and Jenny. Firstly Lorraine who we all know does so much for the village, not only as secretary of the CC, editor of the Community Times, producer of the Village Calendar, but also her role with the Horticultural Society and her help with websites and publicity for other groups. It is only fitting that this year she has won a Babergh Achievement Award. Thanks should go to Rachel Hitchcock for putting together the nomination with letters of support from others. Lorraine was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

On to Bryan and Jenny. Jenny is stepping down from the CC, which over the years has seen her as Chairperson twice. Although Bryan is stepping down as Treasurer we are delighted he will be continuing on the Executive. Apart from maintaining our accounts, Bryan has supported our events which needed a good deal of planning. I understand Bryan has held many other positions in the village including on the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee.

Ken Willingale thanked Bryan and Jenny for their commitment over the years to the CC and presented them with a garden centre voucher and wine. He reminisced about the formation of the Community Council and Village Hall Committee when he was made Treasurer and his first entry was the proceeds of a collection when a hat was passed round.

- ◆ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bryan Smith gave highlights of the accounts. He reported a good year with income up for our main activities; Community Times, Bonfire Night, Quiz and Christmas Fayre. Income from the Calendar was marginally down but still made a good profit. Expenses were slightly down so we can be content with our good house-keeping.

Grants, totalling £3,800, were made to Nayland Choir, Village Hall, Parish Council (Playground Project), Conservation Society, Luncheon Club for the over 60s and Woodland Corner. In addition it was agreed to write

off the balance of a long-term loan to the Parish Council which stood at £595. Despite these grants totalling £4,395 we still posted a profit of £137.68.

We thank Andrew Gowen for his due diligence in examining our accounts. Our annual returns were submitted to the Charity Commission on 19th January.

The position of our assets today is: Cash £31.79, Current A/c £5,54783, Deposit £15,421, totalling 21,001.06. This includes £794.67 that we hold for First Response and £355 held for the Services Fund. An outstanding grant of £500 is held for the Conservation Society. **Therefore, unencumbered assets stand at £19,351.39**

♦ **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The following officers and committee were re-elected en bloc: **President** Ken Willingdale, **Vice President** Bryan Smith, **Chairman** Neil Barbrook, **Vice Chairman** Colin Ramsell, **Secretary** Lorraine Brooks, **Executive** Tricia Hall, Julie Clark, Iain Wright, **Individual** Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, John Parsonson, **Parish Council Rep** Rosemary Knox, **Legal Advisor** Katie Wright. (*proposed Jenny Smith, seconded Ian McKay*)

♦ **Nominations:** Colin Moule was elected onto the Executive (*proposed Neil Barbrook, seconded Claire Buller*).

♦ **Treasurer:** Iain Wright agreed to take on the role (*proposed Neil Barbrook, seconded Alex Murrison*). It was agreed that in the current Nat West bank mandate, the accounts detailed in section 2, be changed in accordance with Sections 5 and 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended. It was agreed that there will be four signatories; existing signatory Bryan Smith remaining, the other three existing ones removed, and three new signatories added. These will be Neil Barbrook, Iain Wright & Claire Buller (*proposed Lorraine Brooks, seconded Jenny Smith*).

♦ **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

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▪ **Nayland Post Office:** Members are not aware of any news regarding the future of the PO.

♦ **Correspondence:** None

♦ **Grants & Donations:**

▪ **Carpet Bowls Group:** A letter of thanks has been received following their grant of £350 for a device that rolls the carpet onto a storage frame.

▪ **Village Stiles:** Neil Barbrook reported that the project for replacement of stiles, with a mixture of kissing gates and self closing gates, on the footpath northwards from Bear Street is about 99 per cent completed without a financial contribution from the CC as other grant funding was available. We are considering trying to replace another stile which is the one after the footbridge turning right towards Gravel Hill.

Neil

▪ **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 Bryan Smith, seconded Claire Buller*)

▪ **Table Tennis Group:** A grant request had been received for £250 for a new table tennis table. The group which meets weekly has grown to 15 members. The grant was agreed (*proposed Iain Wright, seconded Claire Buller*)

♦ **Community Times:** Lorraine Brooks thanked everyone who supports the CT; the proof readers, Colin and the distribution team, Pat Bray for village news, all those who contribute copy and the advertisers. She thanked Graham Griffiths for hosting the village website.

♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks thanked the calendar team and all who support the Calendar: sponsors, those entering their photographs or helping with calendar sales including our local shops.

Plans are in hand for the next calendar competition – deadline for entries is 25th April with the display on Monday 4th May. More entries are needed in the photographic competition and the Exec were asked to participate and spread the word. It is hoped society members will enter photos of their groups' activities. Photos of Wiston are also being encouraged.

Calendar Team

♦ **Forthcoming Activities:**

▪ **Picnic in the Park: Sunday 19th July** (*provisional*)

Iain Wright said Mandy Cook was willing to organise the music but further volunteers were needed and little response had been received from his email. Claire Buller was willing to organise a Pimms stall. It was felt a barbeque involved too much work. It was suggested that perhaps if Iain itemise what tasks needed to be covered with times they are needed the tasks may seem less onerous - this may encourage volunteers to come forward. It was felt if the event is going ahead, advance promotion in the April CT would be needed.

Iain Wright

▪ **2015 Dates:** *Quiz Friday 2nd October, Fireworks Thursday 5th November, Christmas Fayre Sunday 6th December.*

- **Street Fayre - July 2016:** Claire Buller will form a sub-committee at the next CC meeting. The event 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

- ♦ **RBL:** Alex Murrison reported they will be visiting the Tower of London on 25th March - it is open to non-members and there are a few seats left on the coach, contact Andrew Gowen 262534 if interested. The St George's Day lunch at the Anchor is fully subscribed. They will visit Bletchley Park on 5th July. The next regular meeting will be on 23rd March.
- ♦ **Choir:** Ian MaKay said they were close to the end of the rehearsals for their concert *Songs from the Jazz Age*, which is a new style for many of us and we are hoping to attract more people to the village hall on Sunday 29 March at 7.30pm. There will be a cash bar open before the concert and during the break.
- ♦ **Village Players:** Nick Moriarty said performances of the witty thriller *Dead Ringer* will run 16th-18th April. When the Prime Minister drops dead on the eve of a general election a charismatic look-alike is hired to fill in - he grows to like the role until he discovers the PM was in fact murdered.
- ♦ **Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said the group is at full compliment. Vernon Lever was their first visiting tutor of the term and Howard Leyshom, retired principle of Greyfriars College, came along to give critique this week.
- ♦ **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 a colourful start to the horticultural year and a good excuse for a coffee morning. There are a few seats left for the June outing to the Savill Garden in the Royal Landscape and a cruise on the Thames in the shadow of Windsor Castle.
- ♦ **Cinema:** Christine Thompson said at their last film, *A Night at the Cinema 1914*, Lynn Whitehead who has worked in the costume department of the National Theatre, gave a talk on *How the War Changed What We Wore*. The next films are; 20th March *Magic in the Moonlight*, 24th April *Mr Turner* and 22nd May *The Imitation Game*.
- ♦ **Parish Council:** Gerry Battye reminded the meeting that this was election year for the Parish Council.
- ♦ **Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said they were having a annual lunch party on 16th March to celebrate their 58th anniversary. This year is the centenary of the National WI and Nayland branch are planning an open event for September. Buckingham Palace have also invited representatives from branches to attend a garden party; Pat Bradford will be attending for Nayland.
- ♦ **Conservation Society:** John Partridge said the speaker for their AGM on 9th March will be Marcia Whiting on *The Life of Sir Alfred Munnings - with special interest in the local area*. The Bank Holiday May Walk will be on 4th May and Open Gardens will be on 14th June - more gardens are needed, contact Andora Carver on 262970 to include your garden.
- ♦ **Table Tennis Group:** Neil Barbrook thanked the CC for awarding the grant. He said the group had grown and were thinking of challenging other local teams although they didn't want to take matches too seriously! They meet on Mondays at 2-3.30pm at the Village Hall and more members would be welcome.
- ♦ **Book Club:** The club run by Stephanie Deering are currently reading '*Ayls Always*' by Harriot Lane and '*Secret Daughter*' by Shilpi Somaya.

Bryan Smith congratulated Neil on his first year as Chairman. He added that the Community Council has had a successful year but does need more support; if people don't come forward to help there is a risk it could fold. He would like to think people would miss the Community Times, Fireworks Night and Christmas tree and the grants.

- ♦ **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be **Wednesday 6th May** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm
Meetings for 2015/16: Wednesday 1st July, Wednesday 2nd September, Wednesday 28th October, Monday 11th January 2016, AGM Monday 7th March 2016 (*Village Hall with VHMC AGM*),

The meeting closed at 8.30pm