

Minutes from the meeting held on 4th May 2022 in the Church Hall

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

- ♦ **There were 14 members present:** Rachel Hitchcock, Matt Cable, Lorraine Brooks, Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Kate Bevan, Jo Metson, Luke Rumbelow, Laura Erith, Trevor Smy, Chris Hunt, Tracy Le Grys, Kathryn Niven, David Slater.
- ♦ **Contributions from:** Andrew Gowen, Mike Hunter.
- ♦ **Apologies:** Sophie Williams, Julie Clark, Maggie Ryan, Mike Hunter, Iain Wright, Sally Dalton.
- ♦ **Minutes of the last meeting** on 5th January 2022 were approved (*proposed Jo Metson, seconded Kate Bevan*).

MATTERS ARISING:

- ♦ **Executive Committee:** Rachel Hitchcock said we have a fabulous team on the Exec and it is lovely to be able to meet in person again. However, as always we welcome new members to join our enjoyable friendly committee. **Action by:**
- ♦ **Fundraising Activities/Events:** We have a good deal of activities being planned currently but as always future ideas and support are welcome.
- ♦ **Community Defibrillator:** Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station. A training session has been booked for Weds 29th June at 7pm in the Village Hall. Tracy Le Grys helpfully found a provider, a charity called Gryphon First Aid Unit, who will run the event for us. They don't charge but ask that we make a donation to the charity. The session will cover use of the defibrillator, CPR and basic first aid. *Rachel Hitchcock & Tracy Le Grys*
- ♦ **River Stour Water Level Gauge:** Rachel said that work on riverbanks is probably best carried out in autumn and this project will be picked up again nearer the time. Other works may occur which could be tied into this. *Rachel Hitchcock*
- ♦ **Nayland 10k Fun Run:** nayland10k.co.uk on **Sunday 10th July**. It will be starting again from Littlegarth School. Luke Rumbelow said tickets are going well; currently 400 runners are booked. As usual about 30 volunteers from the Nayland community to help with marshalling from about 9.30-11.30am; there is a feel-good vibe and volunteers as well as runners enjoy the event. Please contact Luke 07598 821663 rumbelow_2000@yahoo.co.uk or Rachel Hitchcock 263169 rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com if you can help.. *Luke Rumbelow*
- ♦ **Online Ticketing Facility:** NaylandEvents.org – This facility continues to be very useful to event organisers and is well used. If you are interested in selling tickets using this system get in touch with Justin Dowding.
- ♦ **Village Hall Garden Morning:** A small group of volunteers donned tools for the spring gardening session held on 2nd April. Tracy Le Grys was thanked for representing the CC.
- ♦ **Recent Activities:**
 - **Annual General Meeting - 2nd March:** Rachel Hitchcock said the meeting had gone well. *The minutes were distributed and are available on naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Meetings*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt Cable gave his report on finances.

- **Breakdown of profits:** Community Times £549.50, Village Quiz £393.96, Calendar £158.88.
- **Grants paid:** Nayland Choir £128, Village Hall replacement doors £10,000. We received £270.36 as a return of grant funds provided to the Post Office Project.
- **Expenses:** £1,561.21 for the Jubilee Street Party, of which £1,047.44 was for mugs which will be for sale. Village Hall hire for Christmas Fair £54.
- **Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £22,682.26 represented by Deposit a/c monies £10, 732.94, Current a/c monies £11,375.28, Stripe a/c £117.12, Cash in Hand £456.92. We hold £268.50 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000, Lizzie's Fund Walk £201. **Therefore, unencumbered assets are £12,212.76.**
- ♦ **GRANTS & DONATIONS:** There had been no grant applications or donations.
- ♦ **Correspondence:** There had been no correspondence not included elsewhere.

- ♦ **Community Times & Websites:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all for contributing to recent issues. Heading towards deadline; early submission of copy and/or reservation of space would be much appreciated.

Lorraine Brooks

Matt Cable has kindly offered to assist with advertising; payments will begin going direct to him. Spingold's print cost is increasing from £226 per issue to £300. The origins of the CT were to provide good communication within our village and for years advertising did not cover costs (income from an annual Grand Draw paid for printing), then it eventually become profitable, peaking in 2015. It may be useful to have a few more advertisers but it's about balance, the CT should not become an advertising rag like some others.

- ♦ **Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said the competition and display of 150 photos will be back in the Church Hall on Saturday 14th May, 1pm-4pm as it used to be and also available to view online on 14th/15th – via naylandandwiston.net - as it has been for the last 2 years. Residents will be able to vote for their favourite photos.

Lorraine Brooks
Wendy Sparrow
& Sally Dalton

#o Metson and Gill Boardman kindly agreed to help set up at 9.30am, Kate Bevan and Matt Cable will assist in taking down the display from 3.50pm and Jane Matthews will kindly help with refreshments and chatting to visitors from 1pm.

As previously reported the cost of printing has increased to 300 copies = £579 +vat, 250 copies = £499 +vat. Matt Cable has kindly agreed to assist with sales and the CC hope to have a stall in the High Street and consider other selling opportunities. The calendar team were thanked for their hard work.

- ♦ **Forthcoming CC Activities:**

- **Calendar Photo Display - Saturday 14th May:** 1pm-4pm Church Hall and online. This will include a display on the History of the Community Council.

Lorraine Brooks

- **Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee: Nayland Street Party on Sunday 5th June.**

Deadlines: for ordering the mugs was 30th April; for reserving table seats 5th May.

Commemorative Mugs: Deadline has passed but there are a few mugs left.

Street Party: seat bookings stand at 400.

Claire Buller
& Planning
Committee

Claire Buller said the location of the tables will be from the War Memorial to Church Lane. At midday there will be a Jubilee Peal of the Church bells, Revd Stéphane will open the Street Party. A young 'Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret' will lead a parade of children in Kings & Queens fancy dress – all participating children will receive a gift. There will be a soloist singing 1950s music before the BYO picnic. To entertain children there will be magic, balloon modelling and Punch 'n' Judy and temporary tattoos. At 1.30pm there will be 1950s entertainment by the Choir, the School Choir and Ukles. The street will be adorned with red, white and blue as well as party goers to add to the celebratory atmosphere. The village hall is booked in case of bad weather and for toilets, parking, etc.

Screening of the Jubilee Pageant and refreshments: The VHMC are leading on this. At the end of the Party, an announcement will be made, asking those going to take a chair with them to the village hall.

Iain Wright

The committee meet next on 9th May. Letters will be sent to local residents regarding parking. The bunting will be put up on the Friday; chairs will be taken to the High Street on the Saturday. Julie Wilkinson will be taking photographs of the event.

1950s Exhibition: on 5th-6th June in the village hall. Wendy Sparrow (262820 or wsparrow150@btinternet.com) is leading and would be grateful for 1950s memorabilia to include.

Wendy
Sparrow

Claire and the Jubilee team were thanked for their hard work planning this important event.

- **Bonfire & Fireworks: Saturday 5th November.**

This is booked with experienced pyrotechnic display operators Firework Crazy, based in Gt Dunmow; a 3-year commitment secured the price of £3,500 for this year and £2,500 for 2023 and 2024. Availability and cost for Saturday 5th prevented us booking Dynamic Fireworks.

Rachel
Hitchcock

SOCIETY REPORTS

- ♦ **HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said it was good to be holding events again but the Spring Talk and Spring Flower Show in March and AGM Fun Quiz in April had not been particularly well attended. Their Morning Market will be on 7th May and they are taking bookings for a coach outing on 22nd June to the lovely gardens at East Ruston Old Vicarage in Norfolk. They are pleased that Guy Niven has joined the HortSoc committee.
- ♦ **First Responders:** Tracy LeGrys said they now have a third responder on board, Jenny from Little Horkesley, and a fourth one accepted on to one of the next training courses so they will soon have four active members of the group.

- ◆ **Art Group:** Kathryn Niven reported that the art group is doing well and that we have around a dozen members, with weekly attendance at the church hall usually around 8 - 10. They have two artists who each come along monthly and teach watercolour painting/ drawing skills. They went on a trip to Ipswich before Easter to see the John Constable exhibition at Christchurch Mansion and really enjoyed it. They used the community minibus (based in Hadleigh) who were a pleasure to deal with and offered a very reasonable price. They are hoping to go out again some time.
- ◆ **St James' Church:** Chris Hunt said with Easter out the way we can now look forward to the next major Christian festival - Christmas!! Services continue at the churches in the benefice and short services on weekdays are also held, full details are in the CT and the church notice board. The Community Pantry at St James is being well used and is regularly stocked up. Our thanks to all who contribute and help with this project. The Wednesday coffee morning is popular and again, the help given to this in providing cakes which are delicious!! and helping is much appreciated. The main recent event has been the Church Fete on Bank Holiday Monday. Earlier than usual because of Jubilee celebrations and indeed the first Fete for three years. Visitors turned up to make the day a success - the 2022 Nayland Church Fete was a credit to the organisers. At the recent annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council Chris stood down as Churchwarden and member.
- ◆ **Nayland Land Co:** David Slater said the second section of hedge laid in the autumn is begun growing well; 14 nesting boxes of varying size have been installed, including an Owl box near the weir. They are looking into installing new information boards on the footpath relating to 1) planting of wild flowers, and the stag beetle castles in Richards wood, and 2) the Pond. They hope to tap into a mains water supply for the livestock rather than having to rely on the pond.
- ◆ **Parish Council:** Laura Erith said the Annual Parish Assembly had been poorly attended; Highways, Caley Green and the Village Hall roof were the main topics - the documents will be uploaded to the website. Dead Lane (a footpath part of St Edmundsbury Way running through Wiston) has been brutally improved! A complaint will be made to SCC about the use of the road plainings and the flints and how they have ruined an ancient country byway. SCC are looking into the issue of the tall reeds on Caley Green; their Ecologist, Andrew Murray-Wood, visited the site and agreed they are out of control and need topping, funding for the work will be considered by another SCC department. Ned Cartwright will temporarily step back as PC rep on the CC due to a family bereavement but would like to be kept informed. The Council remains one councillor short and issued a plea for residents to consider joining the PC.
- ◆ **Royal British Legion:** Andrew Gowen reported they had an enjoyable lunch at the Anchor on Friday 22nd April to celebrate St George's Day at which he tried to explain why a saint from Turkey ended up as our English Patron Saint. On 3rd May they visited the Boxford Fruit Farm and the Stoke-by-Nayland Hotel's impressive facilities. Both Fruit Farm and Hotel are still owned and managed by the Peake family. Konings is their tenant and just produces the fruit juice. We were all impressed by their modern green approach to farming and managing their hotel. They produce their own electricity and the majority of their fertilizers. David Pryor will be giving us a talk about Sutton Hoo at our meeting in the Church Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd May. We are happy for non members to join us at our meetings or on our visits.
- ◆ **Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter reported that National Grid have yet another public consultation on a new grid line from Norwich to Tilbury passing through the eastern part of the DVAONB and across land to the south of the village close to Little Horkesley; Babergh District Council have finally agreed to take action at the Society's request upon the breach of planning use at the site on the far side of the A134 from Caley Green where commercial storage has been taking place on agricultural land.

There was poor turnout on 23rd April for the spring village litter pick organised jointly by the PC and the Society with only 7 people participating. The annual Footpath Walk takes place on 8th May, meeting at 2.45pm in the car park of Crown Public House in Acton. It will be led by Chris Hunt, which means there will be a lot of fun en route! Open Gardens will take place on 12th June with 23 gardens opening (which may be a record). On 27th June Nick Amor will talk on *'Keeping the peace in Medieval Suffolk'*.
- ◆ **AOB:**
 - **Community Involvement:** Having heard that more support is needed for village activities and volunteers are needed for various village organisations Rachel Hitchcock and Lorraine Brooks agreed to include an appeal in the next issue of the Community Times emphasising the diverse range of groups within the village; there is something for everyone.
 - **Nayland Fete:** Members commented how wonderful it was to have this event back and how much fun they had attending. It is a huge commitment and they were grateful to the organisers and all the volunteers who make it happen.
- ◆ **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be on **Monday 4th July** at 8pm (Exec 7.30pm) in the Church Hall.
 Meeting dates for 2022: Monday 5th September & Wednesday 26th October.
The meeting closed at 9pm