

## Minutes from the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

- Members present: Rachel Hitchcock, Matt Cable, Claire Buller, Jo Metson, Vicki Sargent Heike Ellwood, Julie Clark, David Slater, Adam Lunn, Joan Border
- Apologies: , Mike Hunter, Robert Dossor
- Minutes of meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were approved (proposed Claire Buller, seconded Jo Metson).

### Matters arising including:

- **Executive Committee:** No new members

- **Fundraising Activities/Events:** None that isn't mentioned elsewhere

- **Community Defibrillator:**

*Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall, Fire Station and on the verge outside The Houses, Bures Road, Wiston. CO6 4LZ.. The defibrillators at the Village Hall and Bures Road, Wiston are managed by the CC; they are regularly checked and are registered with The Circuit, the British Heart Foundation System linked to the Ambulance Service. Site checks are reported to both the CHT Webnos system and the Circuit. The defibrillator at the Fire Station is also linked to the Circuit which means the Ambulance Service will refer 999 callers to the closest defibrillator.*

It was agreed, with thanks from the committee, that Adam Lunn will continue to monitor the Wiston defibrillator despite the fact that he will be moving (the defibrillator remains on his commute).

- **Online Ticketing Facility:** NaylandEvents.org

It was discussed that new ticketing arrangements would be required with the winding up of naylandevents.org – Matt has already made some progress on this and will lead.

- **Village Hall Gardening Morning:** Nobody from the CC had been able to go to the last gardening morning – it was suggested that perhaps an additional session might be a good idea now that the roof work is complete.

- **Community Involvement:** Ideas to help raise participation in village groups and events welcome. *An item headed **Volunteer Vacancies** is included in the Community Times, listing the various volunteers needed by different groups; please let Lorraine know if you have vacancies to be included. It would be helpful if everyone, when they see promotions for Nayland events on Facebook, could make a comment (however brief) and not just click on 'like'. All village groups would benefit from this.*

- **Resident Volunteer List:**

*This is a list of residents prepared to assist other residents who at times are unable to get out for themselves and would benefit from having a prescription collected, an errand run or some shopping dropped off. If anyone requires assistance or could give assistance if needed please contact Lorraine.*

### 1. Recent Activities:

**AGM:** It was agreed that the recent AGM and celebratory event held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 was a success and well attended.

**Village Hall store, move and skip hire:** It was reported that members had successfully moved all the stuff that had been stored temporarily in the changing rooms and that 2 skips had been hired to get rid of old/broken items from the Village Hall.

### 2. Correspondence: None that isn't mentioned elsewhere

### 3. Treasurer's Report to 30<sup>th</sup> April:

**Breakdown of profits to date:** Quiz £711, Community Times £685, Calendar £176.

**Grants paid:** £800 to Woodland Corner towards new acoustic rafts and £200 for maintenance of the Horse Watering area.

**Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £13,438 represented by Current a/c monies £12,893 and Cash on Hand £545. We hold £298 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: Horse Watering area £94.

**Therefore unencumbered assets are £13,910.**

**Expenses year to date:** £1,546 for 2025 defibrillator maintenance and the new Wiston device, £432 for permissive path maintenance, £444 for skips to clear the village hall store room, and £122 for hosting the AGM.

**(Matt Cable, Treasurer)**

### 4. Grants & Donations:

- **Permissive footpath maintenance:**

*We will continue to monitor the two stretches of permissive footpath - Stoke Road and Court Knoll to Allotment field - and call Dan Bowman back when needed (obviously being mindful of restrictions due to nesting birds). He carried out maintenance in March that will hopefully ensure that these paths remain accessible throughout the summer. Some local residents will do basic strimming/mowing. No further action required at this stage.*

- **Woodland Corner:** Woodland Corner were very grateful for the grant received for a project to improve the acoustics in their building which have become a problem as their numbers have grown.
- **Horse Watering:** The recent grant of £200 was well received and photographs provided of the most recent work.

### 5. Community Times & websites:

Thanks as always to all contributors. Heading towards the next deadline; please let Lorraine know if you have promotion or large items to include so adequate space can be reserved. It was noted that a volunteer was required to identify new advertisers – Jo Metson volunteered for this role and agreed to liaise with Lorraine.

### 6. Village Calendar:

Claire gave an update on the recent recent calendar photographic competition and thanks were expressed for all those who submitted entries or voted. The winning entries can be viewed at:

<http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar.html>

It was agreed that the price would remain at £7 and that we would order 200 copies. (Proposed Rachel Hitchcock, Seconded Claire Buller).

### 7. Forthcoming Activities:

- **Confirm hall bookings for future events:** Lorraine has kindly made Village Hall bookings ahead of time for key events – Rachel to circulate these dates to ensure that no changes need to be made and then confirm. In particular need to check date for Christmas Fayre.
- **Community Council's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: *Commemorative spread in Community Times.*** Members were grateful to Lorraine for producing and 8 page commemorative spread for the Community Times celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Community Council. Costs were approved to cover the additional printing costs. **(proposed Julie Clark, seconded Jo Metson).**
- **Bonfire & Fireworks: *Tuesday 5th November.*** Rachel Hitchcock, Claire Buller, Matt Cable & Jo Metson leading. As mentioned previously, new ticketing arrangements will be required. Matt Cable leading on this.
- **Christmas Fayre: *Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December.*** Some committee members were unlikely to be available on this date so may need to consider alternatives/availability of Village Hall.

- 8. **AOB:** Claire said that Leavenheath Village Hall now had a set of InPost lockers and suggested that this may be a possibility for Nayland Village Hall. Some income is generated and may be convenient given that we no longer have a Post Office in the village. Joan made a note to mention this at next Parish Council meeting.

- 9. **Date of Next Meeting:** This will be Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 at 8pm (Exec 7.30pm in the Church Hall).

## **Society Reports:**

### **Nayland Community First Responder Group**

Adam and Corinne attended the Nayland Church Fete on Bank Holiday Monday. It was a very busy event, with lots of inquisitive children visiting the stand.

The group were delighted to receive an unexpected donation of £100 from Nayland-with-Wissington Parish Council. This was particularly timely, as we had recently received new handsets for our dedicated Trust mobile phones. The donation was used to purchase new charging cables and personalised phone cases, making the mobiles more conspicuous if put down while attending a call.

The group attended the official unveiling of the first public access defibrillator in neighbouring Little Horkesley. Previously, the group had supported the village by delivering basic life support and defibrillator training, as well as providing advice on defibrillator purchase and positioning.

On a personal note, Adam and Corinne are due to move to Bures at the end of May. As Bures is within the five-mile radius of Nayland, and there is currently no active group in Bures, they will continue to respond with the Nayland group, from Bures, extending the reach of the group with other volunteers still being based towards Nayland. The public access defibrillator in Nayland-with-Wissington will also remain on Adam's commute to work, meaning he will continue to act as its guardian – if the CC agree to this proposal.

March and April numbers; 577 hours and 39 minutes booked on duty. 12 calls attended.

### **Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society:**

The Society's visit to Smallbridge Hall will take place on Thursday of this week and we have 32 members in attendance.

The Spring Litter Pick was well attended with twelve volunteers and on Sunday the 10th of May our annual footpath walk will take place, when Chris Hunt will lead us on a perambulation from Leavenheath Village Hall Car Park on a circular walk via Arger Fen.

Our next speaker meeting will take place on 23rd of June when Beartrice Prosser Snelling will give a talk on the history of Benton End the artistic home of Cedric Morris and the Suffolk School of Art.

The Society is currently in conversation with the Parish Council regarding the replacement of the small litter bin by the notice boards in the High Street. It is proposed that the Society will pay for a new larger bin to cope with the increased amount of refuse that is appearing in the village.

### **Royal British Legion:**

We held a Branch meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April with speaker Capt. Richard Channon RN (Rtd), describing his time in the Royal Navy's conventional and nuclear submarine Service for many years. This was a well-attended meeting which discussed our next activities - a visit to RAF Wattisham in July and to the Anglo-Saxon ship project in August. The RBL held its 'alternate year' St George's day lunch at The Anchor on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 37 people attended and enjoyed an excellent roast beef lunch. The after-lunch entertainment being a one2one between Chris Hunt and Air Commodore Robert Lightfoot (Rtd) AFC, who, apart from being a career RAF pilot, had been chief display pilot for the RAF in Lightning fighters, OIC RAF Falkland Islands, and MoD expert and Commander of the Royal Flight for the Sultan of Oman. Robert brought along his AFC award and a number of interesting items from his time abroad. At the invitation of a historical group in Colchester, members attended a memorial service for the crew of Lancaster UM-K2 DV177 based at RAF Wickenby in Lincolnshire, which was returning to base from a raid on Karlsruhe when it was attacked by an enemy night fighter and severely damaged. Unable to make a landing at RAF (USAAF) Boxted the aircraft crashed, killing all 7 crew members. The memorial stands by the Safestore site on Ipswich Road and the moving service was attended by RAF Air cadets, the bugler from the Boxted Silver Band, our Standard Bearer David Wiles and number of Nayland RBL Members. Paul White from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) will talk on the important work of CWGC and educational work of the CWG Foundation at an open meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. It is interesting to note that Paul looks after the 'scattered graves' of servicemen and there are several in Nayland and Stoke by Nayland churchyards.

### **Nayland Meadow**

The 800 m<sup>3</sup> of silt which came out of the pond has now been tidied up and landscaped ... within the next few weeks we will be hopefully able to get it suitable for sowing the grass seed .(when a decent amount of rainfall is forecast.,!,,)

The Boardwalk platform is completed subject to the safety usage signs, self closing Gate mechanism and insurance sign off. It should be open to the public very shortly. Please note that dog owners will have to be particularly careful with their dogs as they must always be on leads when on the platform.

Funding: Almost everything that we have been able to do over the last five years has been externally funded.

Our annual maintenance and normal running expenses have also been largely covered by government schemes such as countryside stewardship, which are being rapidly phased out so that annual expenses now exceed our income .

This is obviously not sustainable so we need to consider all available means to raise funds by. donations, fundraising events, legacies,,etc. Nayland Meadow is a great asset for the village, managed within the village, and needs financial support from the village. All suggestions or ideas as to how this might be achieved very welcome.

Management board: The existing board members are Martin Wright Chairman John Carpenter Rob Dryden Cameron Craig and myself. And we are pleased to report that Luke Speakman is joining us on the board with Amber Betts, who is a teacher at Nayland Primary School, coming to our next meeting with a view to also joining the board....both add youth , enthusiasm , and a strong beneficial connection with young people.

### **Nayland Baby and Toddler Group**

The group have been outside in the sunshine when the weather has been nice enjoying sand and water play. Our Toddler's hospital was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately although some weeks are busier than others we aren't quite making enough money to cover the rent, so we are considering our options for September, whether to reduce the amount of sessions we hold (maybe once a month) in the hope that when we do open more families attend, or whether we should put in for another grant. Remaining dates for this academic year..8th, 15th May. 12th, 19th 26th June and 3rd July.