

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

Registered charity no.268104

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2011 in Nayland Village Hall

1. **Present:** The Chairman, Committee members and over 90 members and friends (including visitors from Assington, Horkesley, Dedham and Stoke)
2. **Apologies,** Prof. & Mrs. P. Grootenhuis, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jones, James Finch, Martin Wright, Margaret Dowding, Rod Pawsey, Mr. & Mrs. J. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fehler.
3. **Minutes of the Previous** AGM on 9th March 2010 were approved and signed. Proposed: David Heigham
Seconded : Roy Evans
3. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
4. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated in advance. Taken as read.

The Chairman outlined the **Programme for 2011:**

June: Simon Cairns, Director of SPS October: Rosemary Knox on Jane Walker and her hospital
Open Gardens 12th June: If anyone would like to open their garden, please get in touch with
Andora or any Committee member. The Joint meeting with Hortsoc is on November 8th.

Chairman's Update:

Website: created last October and regularly updated. Lorraine Brooks was thanked for all her help and expertise in setting it up.

Removal of the BT phone box, Bear St. There is an ongoing investigation involving our County & District Councillors and the Parish Council. We believe the statutory consultation did not take place, especially taking into account that this classis K6 design box is on the Local List. We have demanded it should be replaced and will not rest until it is put back.

Fire Station Lights: Inappropriate in a conservation area, far too bright and on all night when not needed. A meeting was held at Mary Fairhead's house with the Fire Service, County Councillor, Parish Council and Cons. Society representative to discuss the situation. Mary Fairhead stated that the area is now landscaped, the lights are amended and Fire Service has done well to mitigate the situation.

5. **Treasurer's report:**

The accounts of the Society and Land Company were presented by Jennie Jenkins who highlighted two points: The Open Gardens income was down on the previous year due to a clash of dates with World Cup Football and stationery was slightly up due to costs involved with packaging the Nayland Cards collection.

Both the Society's Accounts and those of the Land Company were approved:

Proposed: Andrew Eldridge Seconded: David Heigham Carried unanimously.

6. **Election of Chairman, Officers and the Committee for 2009/10.** All candidates had been proposed and seconded and the meeting unanimously approved their appointments as follows.

Chairman:	John Alexander	.
Vice-Chairman	Martin Wright	
Hon. Treasurer:	Jennie Jenkins	
Hon. Secretary:	Andora Carver	
Committee Members:	Clemency Doxey	Margaret Dowding
	Pauline Heigham	Jill Badman
	Andrew Eldridge	

Mike Hunter was co-opted onto the Committee during the year and will continue in that role.

7. **Any Other Business:** There was none

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Hector Wykes-Sneyd then gave a fascinating illustrated talk about the history of Tendring Hall and the Tendring Estate, which now comprises 3,000 acres, 25 listed buildings, 1 ancient monument and employs 3 full time workers. The manor is mentioned in Domesday as belonging to William de Tendring, the Howard family owned it c. 1554 and Admiral Sir William Rowley purchased the estate in 1749. The Manor then owned 600-700 acres and the Rowley family increased this to 4,500 acres spread throughout Suffolk and Essex. The Hall was designed by Sir John Soane in 1784 and cost £9,000 to build. The tower of the original Elizabethan building was preserved although it was later demolished. The hall itself was demolished in the 1950s following its use by the army during WWII. The front door portico remains and is a listed building. The park was laid out by Sir Humphrey Repton. Currently the estate is run as an agricultural business with the emphasis on conservation and working with the local communities of Stoke and Nayland.