

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2012 in Nayland Village Hall

1. **Present:** The Vice Chairman, Committee members and about 70 members and friends.
2. **Apologies,** John Alexander, Prof. & Mrs. P. Grootenhuis, Suki Cohen, Toni Moule, Clare Partridge, David Heigham, Clemency Doxey, Pauline Dossor, Pat and Sheila Grove-White, Suzanne Cullen
3. **Minutes of the Previous AGM** on 8th March 2011 were approved and signed. Proposed: Jill Badman
Seconded: Mike Hunter
3. **Matters Arising:** There were none.

4. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated in advance. Taken as read.

Martin Wright, as Vice-Chairman, stood in for John Alexander and outlined the **Programme for 2012:**

June 26: James Grinter on Reemans & Royalty October 9: Richard Cawdell on The Lost Bands of Suffolk

Open Gardens 17 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 13 when Neil Catchpole

Dedham Vale Project officer, will talk about the Stour Valley.

Vice-Chairman's Update:

The Committee has lost Andrew Eldridge who stood down due to other commitments and we welcome Mike Hunter, who has already been working very hard.

Website: This must now be one of the best of its kind. Lorraine and Andora were thanked for keeping it regularly updated and for the quality of its contents, which includes two recent additions to the photo archive-The Bob Rudge Collection and the Thorpe family photos.

Planning:

The White Hart continues to cause concern.

Removal of the BT phone box, Bear St. The Society has adopted the Wiston kiosk which will be re-instated in Bear Street in due course.

The Sacred Heart: We supported the change of use.

Plans for our 40th anniversary in 2014 are already in hand. We are hopeful that the long awaited book by Leigh Alston on the timber framed buildings of Nayland, will be completed by 2014.

Richard Wiles was thanked for all his hard work on maintaining the planted areas near Horkesley Lock and the Nayland Meadow and in recognition of this we have decided to name the Meadow planted area *Richard's Wood*, which he has graciously accepted. Richard then acknowledged the support of the members.

Life President: It was proposed that Barry Wakefield be elected Life President of the Society. Members unanimously supported this recommendation. In accepting the role, Barry spoke about the importance of the Society's Constitution and that he sees the Conservation area as an ongoing living entity. His concerns are the state of the White Hart and the former Norfolk's bus shed in Mill Street.

5. **Treasurer's report:**

The accounts of the Society and Land Company were presented by Jennie Jenkins who stated that last year's income held up well.

6. **Election of Chairman, Officers and the Committee for 2012/13.** 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
	Mike Hunter	

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

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Anna Kettle then gave a fascinating talk about the history of pargeting, which can be defined as plastering with a decorative streak. Lime plaster is used because it moves as the timber frame shifts over time. Unpainted high relief plaster throws out a well-defined 3D shadow on the building which is what makes pargeting different to painting. This is also done internally particularly on ceilings. Its popularity has fluctuated over the centuries with the high points being in Tudor and Jacobean times.

Mike Hunter gave the vote of thanks.