Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

Registered Charity No. 268104

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held on Monday 11 March 2013 at Nayland Village Hall

1. **Present:** The Chairman, committee members and about 30 members and friends.

2. **Apologies:** Barry & Elizabeth Wakefield, Pat Bray, Suki Cohen, Fiona Storey, Jennie and Trevor Hoskins, Pauline Dossor, Pauline Heigham, Jean Dryden, Sally and Peter Grootenhuis, Olga Alexander, Sheila Grove-White.

3. **Minutes of the Previous AGM** on 13th March 2012 were approved and signed.
   Proposed: Richard Cave Seconded: James Carver

4. **Matters Arising:** There were none

5. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated in advance and taken as read.

   Update: The chairman welcomed John Partridge as a co-opted member of the Committee. His previous experience in planning and conservation matters will be a great asset to the committee.
   PLANNING: **The White Hart**: the Society is in touch with the Babergh Conservation Officer who has inspected the outside of the building and is hoping to visit the interior of the building. We will continue to monitor its condition as best we can.
   9-11 Mill St. The Appeal is to be decided on written representations and the Inspector's decision is due shortly.
   Horkesley Park: The application was refused by 10 votes to 4 at the Planning Committee hearing. Buntings have stated they intend to appeal. This may take place in the autumn.
   Future Events: 29th April: Carenza Lewis on the Nayland Dig results
   9 June: Open Gardens 24 June John Rix on farming in the Stour Valley
   14 October: Bill Starling on the Jane Walker Hospital
   11 November Joint Meeting with the Hortsoc: Badgers

6. **Hon. Treasurer's Report:** Jennie Jenkins thanked Bryan Smith for auditing the accounts. She also thanked all those who had so generously contributed funds to enable us to purchase the land beside Horkesley Road (Thrift Farm, Lot 3,). She noted that sales of publications were almost double that of the previous year. (This was mainly due to sales of the Jubilee Tea Towel)
   Adoption of the Accounts **Proposed:** Richard Cave **Seconded**: Jeremy Cohen

7. **Election of Chairman, Officers and Committee for 2013-14**: The following were re-elected:
   Chairman: John Alexander Vice-Chairman: Martin Wright: Hon. Treasurer: Jennie Jenkins
   Hon. Secretary: Andora Carver Committee Members: Pauline Heigham, Jill Badman, Mike Hunter Clemency Doxey and John Partridge who was co-opted and elected.

8. **Any Other Business:**
   1. Suffolk Local History Council Societies Day 16th March: the Chairman asked for volunteers to attend with Wendy who has prepared a display of the Society's recent achievements and is to give a short talk about the Society's work, and sell our publications. Unfortunately all the committee members were unavailable.
   2. Andora was congratulated on receiving a Babergh Community Achievement Award in recognition of her work over the past 34 years in the village and as Hon. Secretary of the Society for the past 20 years.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

John Walker then gave a really fascinating talk on: *Ten Years with Suffolk Timber Framed Buildings*
His presentation cleverly showed how buildings have evolved over the centuries and what they would have looked like in their original form. He also highlighted the difference between the framing styles of North and South Suffolk. For instance, chimneys tended to be at the High End in North Suffolk and in South Suffolk they were at the Low End of the building. He showed us several buildings in Hadleigh, particularly those in the High Street, where the wall tiles in the butchers shop hide the original timber studwork and what appear to be Victorian brick built houses are actually medieval timber framed buildings with a brick outer skin. He went on to demonstrate the development of kitchens which were attached to the house and often had no windows and no direct access to the main house. Evidence of this was clearly seen in photos of partly sooted roof timbers. Inventories with descriptions of buildings are also used to identify what the original structure looked like which helps to show what elements have been lost. Martin Wright gave the vote of thanks.