

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

Registered charity no.268104

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2014 in Nayland Village Hall

1. **Present:** The Chairman, Committee members and about 70 members and friends.
2. **Apologies,** Prof. & Mrs. P. Grootenhuis, Suki Cohen, Rosemary & Gerald Knox, Jennie Jenkins, Mary Knapp, Anne Channon, Fiona Storey, Bill Starling
3. **Minutes of the Previous AGM** on 13th March 2013 were approved and signed. Proposed: Richard Cave
Seconded: Jeremy Cohen
4. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
5. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated in advance. Taken as read.

Chairman's Update:

Committee :Jill Badman, Pauline Heigham, Clemency Doxey have resigned from the committee and we thank them for their hard work and support. We welcome Jill Slater, Bill Starling and David Heigham

Planning Thrift Farm: the Society objected to an application for additional sheds

33 Bear Street, 2 storey extension to a Victorian cottage, will, we consider have a negative impact on the neighbouring listed building (no 35) and constitutes overdevelopment of the site.

Future of Nayland Post Office: the Chairman read out an official statement re the retirement of Patsy Ford, the sub postmistress. This statement will be put on the Society's website

The Annual May bank holiday Footpath Walk on 5th May will be at Wiston.

The Society's 2014 programme includes Launch of the Archive project, a 40th anniversary celebration On June 27th and hopefully to launch of Leigh Alston's book on the Timber Framed Buildings of Nayland in October.

6. **Hon. Treasurer's Report:** The accounts were presented by John Alexander in the absence of Jennie Jenkins. The Land Company and the Conservation Society's accounts were jointly proposed by Barry Wakefield
Seconded: Pauline Heigham and carried unanimously.

7. **Election of Chairman, Officers and the Committee for 2014/15.** All candidates had been proposed and seconded and the meeting unanimously approved their appointments as follows.

Chairman: John Alexander Proposed by Barry Wakefield, Life President.

Vice-Chairman Martin Wright

Hon. Treasurer: David Heigham

Hon. Secretary: Andora Carver

Committee Members: Jennie Jenkins Jill Slater
Mike Hunter John Partridge
Bill Starling

8. **Constitution:** Amendment to the Constitution regarding winding up of the Society was postponed until the June meeting because insufficient advance warning was given before the meeting

9. **Any Other Business:**

Anniversary Limited Edition tea towel designed by Richard Bawden was available to purchase.

The Archive Project was launched to co-incide with the AGM. This comprises over 20 collections of photos and images presented to and purchased by the Society. Lorraine Brooks has scanned them and, with Andora, prepared the captions. Tony Price has created a searchable facility of 22 subject headings and keywords.

Lorraine was presented with a Dendrobium orchid and Tony with a collection of "interesting ale" as tokens of thanks for their many hours of work on this project

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

The Dedham Vale – Worth Fighting For

Paul Gallifant, committee member of the Dedham Vale Society, then showed some fascinating old photographs of Dedham, Nayland and the local area in the 1960s and 70s, followed by some stunning seasonal views of the Vale, which certainly proved that the Dedham Vale *is* worth Fighting For.

Martin Wright proposed the Vote of Thanks