

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Monday 13th March 2017 in Nayland Village Hall @ 7.30 p.m.

1. **Present:** The Chairman, Committee members and about 70 members and friends.
2. **Apologies,** Martin Wright, Jill Slater, Prof. & Mrs. P. Grootenhuis, Terry & Keith Bannister, Frank & Dipak Warren, Jonathan & Ruth Pearson, Dick & Adrienne Strover and Sir Bob Russell
3. **Minutes of the Previous** AGM on the 14th March 2016 were approved and signed.
Proposed; John Partridge Seconded: Colin Ramsell
4. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
5. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated in advance. Taken as read.

Chairman's Update: The Chairman announced that with great regret the Hon Secretary of over thirty years standing had decided to retire following her recent bout of ill health and that of her husband James. The Society President and immediate past Chairman were invited to make a tribute to Andora's extraordinary contribution to the Society. A presentation of a gift was made and Andora made a speech of thanks in response.

Programme for 2017:

In conjunction with the Parish Council a village clean up will take place on the 8th April.

The Annual May Bank holiday Footpath Walk on 1st May Chris Hunt will lead a footpath walk around Polstead following the trail relating to the murder of Maria Marten.

On May 16th a visit has been arranged to Otley Hall near Helmingham

Open Gardens will take place on 11th June, new gardens welcome.

On the 26th June Open Meeting features a talk by Darren Tansley on Otters in the Stour Valley

6. **Hon. Treasurer's Report:** The accounts were presented by David Heigham, Hon Treasurer. and approved by the members
7. **Election of Chairman, Officers and the Committee for 2017/18.** All candidates had been proposed and seconded and the meeting unanimously approved their appointments as follows.
Chairman: Mike Hunter Proposed by John Partridge Seconded Tom Gardiner
Vice-Chairman Martin Wright
Hon. Treasurer: David Heigham
Hon. Secretary: Jill Slater
Committee Members: John Alexander Tom Gardiner Lucy Carpenter
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8. **Any Other Business:** There was none

The Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Following the AGM internationally renowned architect **Francis Terry** informed and educated an appreciative audience in equal measure as he spoke in defence of neo classical architecture against the allegation of "pastiche" design. A fascinating array of slides showed some of the impressive buildings designed by him and his father and also gave unusual examples of new art forms absorbing and transforming historical influences. His talk prompted an invigorating question and answer session demonstrating the interest he had engendered in his talk. The vote of thanks was given by immediate past Chairman John Alexander.