

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Monday 12th March 2018 in Nayland Village Hall @ 7.15 p.m.

1. **Present:** The Chairman, Committee members and about 80 members and friends.
2. **Apologies,** John & Lucy Carpenter, Michael & Suzanne Cullen, Robert & Clare Dosser, James Finch, Tom Gardiner and David & Caroline Lowe
3. **Minutes of the Previous** AGM on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were approved and signed.  
Proposed; John Partridge Seconded: John Alexander
4. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
5. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated in advance. Taken as read.

**Chairman's Update:** The Chairman reported that the Court Knoll Exhibition held at Nayland Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February had been a great success with over 130 guests and visitors attending. He also advised that planning issues were a continuous cause for concern, the most recent example being the inappropriate grant of planning permission for a large dwelling at Beachams Farm with the consequent impact upon the bridle path leading to Gravel Hill. He was also pleased to announce the addition of Suzanne Cullen to the committee.

### Programme for 2018:

In conjunction with the Parish Council a village clean up will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. On May 16<sup>th</sup> a visit has been arranged to Belchamp Hall, a Queen Anne mansion located to the west of Sudbury.

Open Gardens will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> June, new gardens welcome.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> June our Open Meeting features a talk on Pargetting.

6. **Hon. Treasurer's Report:** David Heigham, Hon Treasurer, presented the accounts which were approved by the members. The chairman explained that the latest account from Suffolk Archaeology in the sum of £7590 had been received after the year-end so that the surplus for the year was a little deceptive. He also explained the entry in the receipts relating to Leigh Alston who had agreed to repay the payment made to him for the book project, which had been abandoned.  
Accounts approved. Proposed by John Partridge, Seconded by Bryan Smith
7. **Election of Chairman, Officers and the Committee for 2018/19.** All candidates had been proposed and seconded and the meeting unanimously approved their appointments as follows.  
Chairman: Mike Hunter Proposed by John Partridge, Seconded by Jill Slater  
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:**

The Chairman announced that as a mark of appreciation for the huge amount of work carried out by Richard Wiles to the woodland areas at Horkesley Lock and Richard's Wood (adjacent to the Land Company's field) the committee had decided to award a plaque to Richard. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting but was given a round of applause. The plaque will be attached to the fencing adjacent to Richard's Wood in due course.

The Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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Following the AGM Gainsborough House Director **Mark Bills** gave a superb talk on Thomas Gainsborough supported throughout by an excellent range of slides. He concluded the address by giving details of the latest developments in connection with the exciting expansion of Gainsborough House in Sudbury. Vice Chairman Martin Wright gave the vote of thanks