

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Monday 15th March 2021

at 7.30 pm held via Zoom

1. **Present:** The Chairman, Committee members and about 50 members and visitors.
2. **Apologies,** Penny Allen, James & Jeanette Finch, Tom Gardiner, Bob Russell & Frank & Dipak Warren
3. **Minutes of the Previous** AGM on the 9th March 2020 were approved and signed.
Proposed; Martin Wright Seconded: Suzanne Cullen
4. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
5. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated in advance. Taken as read.

Chairman's Update: Obviously the current Covid restrictions still affect the business of the Society and once again the committee have decided that Open Gardens cannot take place in June. However, as last year, we shall have a virtual Open Gardens, so that photos of contributing gardens will be taken over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of June and these will be displayed on our web site from Sunday the 13th of June. As Open Gardens remains our main source of fundraising viewers will be asked if they are willing to make a voluntary donation to the Society for the £5 entrance fee. The committee will decide in July whether there is the possibility of an autumn OG in late August or September but with the intention that it is limited to villagers only and not open to the general public. Members will be notified of this decision in due course.

We are also hopeful that the Society's film of Nayland, which is being shot by Stuart Howell will be available for viewing within the next few months.

The completion of the Court Knoll Project has been delayed by the Covid lockdowns but research on the many finds recovered from the excavations continues and as and when there is progress during the year members will be kept informed.

Finally, the committee continue to keep their eyes on all planning applications made within our parish and comment where appropriate.

Programme for 2021:

We have a full programme for speakers, either on Zoom or in the Village Hall and these include on the 28th June Peter Tatum speaking on the Stour Valley Footpath; on the 4th October Sir Bob Russell will talk about his childhood memories of Nayland and on the 8th of November Angela Bradding will speak about the restoration of the Assington Workhouse.

We are organising a community litter pick on the 24th of April and provided we are allowed to do so we shall run our Spring Footpath walk on the second May Bank holiday, namely the 31st May, when Chris Hunt will lead us on a walk from Boxford to Groton.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report: David Heigham, Hon Treasurer, presented the accounts which were approved by the members.

Accounts approved. Proposed by Martin Wright Seconded by Suzanne Cullen

7. Election of Chairman, Officers and the Committee for 2019/20. All candidates had been proposed and seconded and the meeting unanimously approved their appointments as follows.

Chairman: Mike Hunter Proposed by John Alexander, Seconded by Martin Wright

Vice-Chairman Martin Wright

Hon. Treasurer: David Heigham

Hon. Secretary: Vacant

Committee Members: John Partridge, Lucy Carpenter, Suzanne Cullen, Frank Warren

8. Any Other Business:

The Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Following the AGM we received an excellent talk from Jeremy Greenwood on John Nash's life in the Stour Valley. Jeremy is a published author on a number of 20th century artists and when he was a child he met John's brother Paul. Members of his family collected work by both of the Nash brothers. Subsequently Jeremy assisted Andy Friend in the preparation of the book "John Nash the Landscape of Love and Solace" and the exhibition bearing the same name held at the Towner Gallery in Eastbourne. Jeremy's choice of paintings and drawings mainly featuring the Stour Valley were excellent and it made a most memorable evening.