

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

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Registered Charity 268104

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at Nayland Village Hall on Monday 6th March 2023@ 7.30 p.m.

1. **Present:** The Chairman, Committee members and about 70 members and visitors.
2. **Apologies,** Martin & Katie Wright, Mandy Cook, Keith & Terry Bannister, Robert & Clare Dossor, Jonathan & Ruth Pearson, Mark & Annette Hitchcock, Lesley Jameson, Mike & Maggie Almond, Laura Erith, Suki Cohen and Jill & David Slater
3. **Minutes of the Previous** AGM on the 7th March 2022 were approved and signed.
Proposed; Richard Evans; Seconded: Colette O'Shea
4. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
5. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated in advance. Taken as read.

Chairman's Update & Programme for 2022:

The Chairman reported that in June, former Nayland resident Sir Bob Russell will make a presentation based on his childhood memories in Nayland. He was born and brought up in a house, since demolished, near the foot of Gravel Hill.

The October talk features Nick Amor speaking on the subject of Keeping the Peace in Medieval Suffolk.

The last speaker in November is Dr Sian Dawson who will present a talk entitled Petals & Paint Sir Cedric Morris Florilegium. Sian is a talented painter of flowers and she has painted many of the species of Iris and other plants propagated by Cedric Morris.

Open Gardens will take place in the village on Sunday the 4th of June a week earlier than usual. The Chairman reported that at the moment there are fewer gardens opening than usual for a variety of reasons so members were asked to consider whether they were willing to share the delights of their gardens with visitors. The Chairman made a plea to our many excellent gardeners on the Heights to consider opening their gardens as we often have many gardens open in the older part of the village and it would be a pleasure to spread the event more widely.

Other significant dates include the Spring Footpath walk which will take place on Sunday the 14th May starting at Wiston Church car park when Chris Hunt will lead us on a circular route up to Little Horkesley. The focus of the walk will be the topic of bombing in the Dedham Vale!

The spring litter pick will take place on Saturday the 23rd of April.

Finally, the Chairman reported that there are two matters which affect the village. Firstly, we are still seeking the possible introduction of a 20 mph speed limit or zone in the central part of the village. A speed survey took place at the end of January and the beginning of February which satisfied the relevant criteria but there is a long way to go before we can be confident it will happen. To calculate the degree of support for the scheme attendees were asked to sign the paper being circulated.

Secondly, the Society and the Parish Council have been disappointed with the conduct of Babergh District Council in relation to a number of planning and planning enforcement matters. Each organisation has prepared a consultation paper outlining their concerns and we have jointly requested a meeting with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and the Chief Planning Officer. The Chairman advised that he would let everyone know the outcome of our consultation in due course.

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

Proposed by John Partridge Seconded by Lucy Carpenter. Passed unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Richard for his work and also thanked Bryan Smith who audited the accounts each year.

7. Election of Chairman, Officers and the Committee for 2022/23.

Life President John Alexander took the chair and the chairman was re-appointed. All other candidates had been proposed and seconded and the meeting unanimously approved their appointments as follows.

Chairman: Mike Hunter Proposed by David Heigham, Seconded by John Partridge

Vice-Chairman Martin Wright

Hon. Treasurer: Richard Evans

Hon. Secretary: Mandy Cook

Committee Members: John Partridge, Lucy Carpenter, Suzanne Cullen and Colette O'Shea

Those present gave a round of applause to thank the committee for their efforts during the year.

8. Any Other Business:

None

The Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Following the AGM we received an excellent talk from local resident Mark Wilkinson on the topic of Postage Stamp Design. The speech was accompanied by a superb power point presentation showing the amazing quality of Mark's work. His presentation was well received by all those who were present and Colette O'Shea gave an excellent vote of thanks.