

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

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Registered Charity 268104

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at Nayland Village Hall

Monday 12th March 2024 @ 7.30 p.m.

1. **Present:** The Chairman, Committee members and about 80 members and visitors.
2. **Apologies,** Beth Baker, Keith & Terry Bannister, Michelle Bradshaw, Suzanne Cullen, Peter & Mig Drew, Laura Erith, Richard Evans, Mary Fairhead, Lesley Jameson, Colette O'Shea, Kevin Sheath and Jane Wilson.
3. **Minutes of the Previous** AGM on the 6th March 2023 were approved and signed.
Proposed; David Heigham; Seconded: John Alexander
4. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
5. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated in advance. Taken as read.

Chairman's Update & Programme for 2023:

The Chairman reported that tonight, we shall enjoy listening to local resident Mick Inkpen

Our June meeting will be the formal celebration of the Society's 50th anniversary when members will be invited to a drinks reception followed by memories of the Society delivered by four speakers. The village hall will also be full of an exhibition of the Society's activities over the years. This event will be limited to members only so if you aren't already a member please remember to join the Society as soon as possible!

In October Nigel Amies will be speaking to the Society on the topic of the Home Guard and our last talk in November will be given by David Pryor about the reconstruction of a Viking Longship by the organisation known as the Sutton Hoo Ship's Company.

Open Gardens will take place in the village on Sunday the 9th of June. The number of potential gardens to be open is looking promising at the moment but I am struggling to find car park attendants so if you are interested please give me a call or speak to me after this evening's meeting.

Other significant dates include our spring litter pick held jointly with the Parish Council which will take place on Saturday the 20th of April and our Spring Footpath walk will take place on Sunday the 12th May when we shall meet at Bures Car Park at 2.15 pm and Chris Hunt will lead us on a circular route to Mount Bures

6. **Hon. Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of Richard Evans, Hon Treasurer, the Society's former treasurer David Heigham presented the accounts which were approved by the members.
Proposed by David Heigham Seconded by Martin Wright. 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.

Vice Chairman Martin Wright 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 Mandy Cook, Seconded by Martin Wright

Vice-Chairman Martin Wright

Hon. Treasurer: Richard Evans

Hon. Secretary: Mandy Cook

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

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 a superb talk by internationally renowned children's book author and illustrator Mick Inkpen. His speech was supported by examples of his wonderful illustrations. Mick described his career from its early beginnings to his worldwide published books. Vice Chairman Martin Wright gave the vote of thanks and the meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.