

# NAYLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### Welcome by Chairman

The Chairman Trevor Smy, said last year has passed so quickly it's quite scary. We seem to have given Covid the push but it still keeps its presence felt.

This last year we have managed a full programme of events with our Spring and especially Summer Shows well supported, with more children's entries than previous years. This is very pleasing, because we need to get the next generation interested.

On a different note, we have not fared so well this year so far, with our first Speaker and Spring Flower Show poorly attended, a trend I hope will not continue. We are trying to put on interesting and enjoyable events for all to enjoy, so please let us know if we can improve things.

Now, my thanks to the many people who support us. I will name a few but there are my more. Andrew Gowen for making sure our books are in order, Justin and Lorraine who keep me on my toes with computer stuff, Pat Bray who spreads the word to the press. There are many more so thanks to all of you. Not forgetting the Committee for all the time they give to running the Society.

On a sad note, we have lost some long-term members this year. Due to age and mobility some have not been very active at our events of late. Alex Murrison, Sheila Sessions, Joy Jones, John and Pam Baker have all given valued support over many years.

We have lots of things coming up. The Morning Market on 13<sup>th</sup> May should have plenty of vegetable and flower plants for sale. Also we have a raffle and are always grateful for donations. We have a trip to Bressingham Gardens on 21<sup>st</sup> June and are now taking bookings.

As you may be aware, we are running a Tallest Sunflower and Hollyhock Competition this year and are actively trying to get Nayland School involved but it's open to all, so let's see if we can get plenty of entries.

### Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Richard Freeman, Anne Channon, Sheila Wildish.

### Minutes of 2022 AGM

The Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no matters arising. Colin Ramsell proposed, and Jo Border seconded acceptance of the Minutes, which were approved by those present.

### Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts

The Statement of accounts was circulated. There were no matters arising. Richard Cave proposed, and Andrew Gowen seconded acceptance of the statement of accounts, which were approved by those present.

### Secretary's Report

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising.

### Election of Committee and Officers

Richard Cave kindly chaired the election of officers and committee members.

Officers and Committee were unanimously voted as follows: Chairman, Trevor Smy; Secretary, Jane Barbrook; Treasurer, Margaret Smy (*proposed Richard Cave and seconded by Andrew Gowen*); Colin Ramsell, Sheila Wildish, Shirley Whitnell, Anne Spencer, Jenny Court (*proposed by Richard Cave and seconded by James Carver*).

Trevor thanked Richard for chairing the elections. He also thanked the committee for their work and support in 2022/23.

When the meeting was closed, it was followed by a light-hearted quiz compiled by Trevor Smy.