

Dedham Vale Society

Registered Charity No. 246007

Summarised minutes of the AGM
held on 22nd September, 2014
at Polstead Village Hall

- The chairman welcomed 8 trustees and 46 members of the Society to the 76th annual general meeting.
- The minutes of the last AGM and the accounts for 2013 were adopted.
- The Essex and Suffolk planning reports for the year, as published in the newsletters, were discussed.
- The treasurer explained the accounts for 2013. The Society's Fighting Fund has increased by £5,000 to £25,000 and that several years' repayment of Gift Aid was due.
- Michael Archer and Francis Terry were re-elected as committee members.
- The membership secretary reported that there were 884 members from 550 addresses and that there had been 37 new members during the last 12 months.. Ideas for broadening the demographics of the membership were discussed.
- The Charities Commission's position on an issue relating to the Castle House Trust was brought up and it was agreed that the committee would look into the matter further.
- The president made his report on the past year.
- Simon Amstutz gave an informative and entertaining talk, with slides on *Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Suffolk and Essex*