

# **Summarised Minutes of the Dedham Vale Society during 2015**

## **The committee meeting held on 19th January 2015**

The following matters were discussed:

- W & H Parks' proposal for the greenhouse site at Great/Little Horkesley
- Progress at last on the flagpole project in memory of Wilf Tolhurst
- Plans for the 2015 summer party at Whalebone House, Langham on 19th June
- The possible extension to the AONB
- Stour House and Coach House, Dedham
- The possibility of a meeting with CBC planners
- Alterations to footpaths in Dedham and the reservoir at Thorington Street
- The new plans for a large housing development in East Bergholt
- The Society's accounts
- Ideas for inclusion in the newsletter
- The date and venue of the 2015 AGM: 28th September, 2015 at Nayland village hall
- Ideas for future social meetings and lectures
- The date of the next meeting: Tuesday 24th March 2015

## **The committee meeting held on 24th March 2015**

The following matters were discussed:

- Date for the erection of the flagpole on Langham church, in memory of Wilf Tolhurst
- Plans for the 2015 summer party at Whalebone House, Langham on 19th June
- The possible extension to the AONB
- A future meeting with CBC planners
- The lack of enforcement action at Thrift Farm, Nayland
- Pressure on the Vale from prospective planning applications, including those at East Bergholt, Langham and Lawford
- The role of parish councils
- The Society's accounts
- Ideas for increasing membership
- The date and venue of the 2015 AGM: 28th September, 2015 at Nayland village hall, at which Jules Pretty, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Essex University will give a talk on Suffolk Coasts
- Ideas for future social meetings and lectures
- Ideas for recruiting young interns
- The date of the next meeting: Monday, 6th July, 2015

## **The committee meeting held on 6th July 2015**

The following matters were discussed:

- The expected planning application by W & H Park for the greenhouse site at Great Horkesley
- The dedication ceremony for the flagpole, in place at last, on the tower of St Mary's church Langham, in memory of Wilf Tolhurst
- The successful 2015 summer party and plans for 2016
- The proposal for a major housing development at East Bergholt
- The Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project Forum
- A meeting of the National Association of AONBs
- A CPREssex meeting
- The Stour & Orwell Society's summer party
- Ideas for a parish council briefing
- DVS's response to the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Management Plan 2015-2020
- The application for an extension to Littlegarth School
- An application for a hay barn at Josselyns, Little Horkesley
- The Society's accounts
- Contributions to the summer newsletter
- Membership of the society and publicity
- The forthcoming winter lecture on 1st December at which Dr John Ashdown Hill will talk about the search for the remains of Richard III
- The forthcoming AGM on 28th September at Nayland village hall, at which Jules Pretty will give an illustrated talk titled "This Luminous Coast: reflections from the coasts of Suffolk and Essex"
- The increase in activity at Wormingford Airfield
- The date of the next committee meeting: 7th October, 2015

## **The committee meeting held on 7th October 2015**

The following matters were discussed:

- The proposed extension to the AONB
- The expected planning application by W & H Park for the greenhouse site at Great Horkesley
- Plans for the 2016 summer party
- The proposal for a major housing development at East Bergholt and elsewhere
- Gas pipeline markers
- Cutting of verges
- The postponement of the plan for new pylons
- Plans for a conference with the Project and parish councils
- The Honorary Treasurer's report and the a preview of the 2015 accounts
- Following the eventual success of the flagpole project on Langham Church, the possibility of making further investments in the Vale
- Contributions to the winter newsletter
- Membership of the society and publicity
- The possibility of appointing a press officer
- The forthcoming winter lecture on 1st December at which Dr John Ashdown Hill will talk about the search for the remains of Richard III
- The 2015 AGM, minutes of which were signed and the wonderful talk by Jules Pretty
- Arrangements for the 2016 AGM to be held at Langham Community Centre on 26th September, 2016
- A possible meeting and lunch with other amenity societies at Greyfriars in Colchester
- The fact that most of the proposed changes to footpaths in Dedham had not been implemented
- The date of the next committee meeting: 11th January, 2016