

Summarised Minutes of the Dedham Vale Society during 2008

The committee meeting on 25th February, 2008

was attended by the president, chairman, treasurer and secretary
of the Society and 5 members of the committee.

The following matters were discussed:

- The recent publication of NATS 'Proposed Changes to Airspace' and the consultation process, which will continue till 22nd May.
- The repairs being carried out to Stratford lock by the River Stour Trust.
- The probable new planning application by Buntings, Great Horkesley.
- The approval of a planning application to rebuild the study centre at Flatford Mill.
- The forthcoming summer party on 19th June.
- The development at Bathside Bay, Harwich.
- Light pollution.
- CPREssex.
- The Society's response to government white papers.
- VAT on repairs and extensions to listed buildings.
- Traffic monitoring.
- The covenant to the National Trust of land in the Vale.
- The Abberton reservoir scheme.
- The Dedham village statement.
- Tesco land at Manningtree.
- The proposed expansion of Manningtree station car park.
- The Honorary Treasurer's report.
- Membership figures.
- The newsletter.
- Arrangements for the 2008 AGM, at which Paul Gallifant agreed to give a talk entitled '70 years in the Vale'.
- The date of the next meeting – 30th June, 2008.

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was attended by the chairman and secretary of the Society
and 5 committee members.

The following matters were discussed:

- The situation with aircraft noise, now that NATS consultation has ended.
 - The possibility of a planning application by Buntings, Great Horkesley in the autumn.
 - The summer party.
 - The involvement of the National Trust with land in the Vale covered by its covenants.
 - The probable new car park at Manningtree station.
 - An application to build a new house at Shelley Grove Farm, Dedham, which has been refused.
 - Membership figures.
 - The tea room at Flatford.
 - The budget of the Dedham Vale & Stour Valley Project.
 - 'Environmental' housing.
 - The date of the next meeting: 27th October, 2008.
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was attended by the president, treasurer and secretary of the
Society and 7 committee members.

The president gave a moving tribute to the chairman, Wilf Tolhurst, who had tragically died in a sailing accident. The committee then unanimously elected Charles Clover to be the next chairman. The following matters were discussed:

- Ways in which the committee might honour the memory of Wilf Tolhurst.
- Developments with NATS since the initial feedback on the consultation.
- A canoeing event on the river organised by the River Stour Trust.
- Plans for summer parties in 2009.
- The new car park at Manningtree Station.
- The RSPB shelter at Flatford.
- Suffolk Preservation Society's attitude to environmental housing.
- The Society's involvement with CPREssex.
- The caravan park at Rushbanks Farm, Wissington.
- The scrapyards at Dedham.
- Arrangements for the 2009 AGM.
- The possibility of the Vale being given World Heritage Site status.
- The extent to which the Society should be involved in issues outside its boundaries.
- The date of the next meeting: 23rd February, 2009.