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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 27th August 2019

Present: HG, HW, AS, PR, JW, JC, DM, AH, CW, TS, KB, LM, SK

Part I

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GW, BK	
Declarations of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">None	
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes were approved.	
Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Literary Festival (KB): KB is waiting for a reply from the organisersBoard photos https://favershamsociety.org/trustees/9/15: Some have now been put up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joint Meeting with Whitstable Society 17th Sep: This is a small exploratory meeting. LM would like to join CW and HG.• View of Graveney Marshes: There is a publicity drive for this happening and Gill Connelly is organising.• Copyright Infringement attached. The paperwork from MM has been sent. He is querying why he is being invoiced. The Board approved HG responding suggesting we feel our copyright has been infringed and that we will not supply further photographs. HG will also raise that the watermark has been removed.• Fire Safety Officer – Paul Jessett (HG). Paul Jessett has agreed to become the FSO and will be answerable to the Board via AH.• Roof (JC). JC has met with two builders. The weather is not a significant concern so the work can happen this year.• Simon Algar Meeting 3 September (HG). This meeting is to explore our involvement in the conservation area review. The meeting is at 4.30pm• Boss (HG). The Town Caretaker is now arranging for the installation of the boss. AS raised a public query as to why the boss features dragons.• Business Continuity Plan (AH). AH has met with JW and Christine, and concentrated on the VIC. We are now waiting for Christine's approval. It will then be submitted to Swale Borough Council. It needs to coordinate with the Museum Plan and this will be addressed in future.• Cleve Hill. An application was made for additional hearings. We asked for additional hearings on battery storage facility, need and heritage. The Planning Inspectorate did not accept our proposal. There will be an open floor hearing on 10th Sept. There will be a hearing on the Draft Development Consent Order, and another on Environmental Matters, and on compulsory acquisition. We have | |
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	<p>indicated that we will intend all three hearings. There are three more deadlines relating to the proceedings. We wrote to express disappointment at their decisions but did not receive a satisfactory reply. However, they expressed that the decision will be made on written evidence primarily. There is a meeting with Helen Whately's representative and RSPB, which HG will attend. We will then write an open letter to Helen Whately. Friends of the Earth appear to be moving to a position in favour of the development. PR asked for the schedule be distributed to the Board. HG will send the link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPs & Clive Foreman: HG wrote to Clive to offer life membership. • No 12 Exhibitions. Numbers went up and down, but we averaged 100 per day. New members signed up. We also have a new member of the Environment Committee. The Board gave sincere thanks to all involved in the exhibitions. A new members meeting will be held early in the new year. 	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The railway station work has taken two years but now remedial works are planned. It would not have been achieved without the support of Helen Whately. • One of the new councillors has also intervened to see if there are hazardous chemicals at Ordnance Wharf. • Giles Klech was approved as a member of the Environment Committee. • We have encountered a degree of negativity among those who have engaged on Cleve Hill but are not members. That we are very middle class, NIMBY and not appealing to younger people. HG suggested an exhibition of Faversham working lives and East Kent Packers. LM suggested that non-creek working Faversham stories are harder to access and therefore he supports such an exhibition. The Board agreed. HG also suggested this will be addressed at the Historic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PR and HW to prepare a specification and get quotes for work to finish the Long Gallery.

Swale conference.

- Faversham Future Forum: Health and education are now represented. It is likely that councillors will come out in favour of a new neighbourhood plan. If it does, the Society will want to play a part in it. AS raised that a new plan should include Boughton and Selling. HG said that conversations have taken place and this is understood on the Forum.
- EKR: The new planning conditions have been accepted. They are limited to 40 in and 40 out. The critical question is whether KCC lives up to its promise to put in counters. We have been asked to provide evidence of dangerous activity by EKR lorries and report to the police.
- Listed Buildings. We have still not been turned down for our application for listing of Ordnance Wharf,
- Swale has now received a listed building application for the refurbishment of the Railway Station. JC raised that irrespective of whether it receives consent, there is still a need to keep pressure on about the quality of the refurbishment. JC raised that we should support the application but not let up on the drainage and other issues. PR raised that we should keep up pressure on the lifts if possible.

Museum

- The Museum Committee has changed the meeting dates to coordinate with GPC and the Board
- The museum is short of volunteers and it may have to close on Sunday mornings. There has not yet been response to the newsletter article. SK said she would put out something on social media.
- One of the Camera Club members has volunteered to help set up exhibitions.

- Visitor numbers are up in August.
- The Long Gallery: HG asked whether the new archaeological finds might go into the Long Gallery. HW and Rachel are working on it, and it is moving, but slowly. PR suggested we could pay someone to spend two to three weeks concentrating on finalising this. HW and PR will prepare an options paper for Board

Planning Committee

- Bramble Hall Farm was refused, based on no additional housing outside settlements.
- Cherry Orchard went to appeal and the informal hearing will be held in October.
- **Planning Applications**
- **Almshouses:** The Board approved the Committee's position
- **8 London Rd, Teynham:** The Board approved the Committee's position
- **Gatehouse, Ham Rd:** This was built as part of the Gunpowder Works. In the course of converting this house they would like to add extensions to this. On the side, the extension will inroach the proofing house. JC raised whether the Society should discuss preservation of the stairs. The Board approved the Committee's position.
- **Railway Station:** The Board approved the Committee's position
- **Abbey Wharf:** The Board approved the Committee's position. JC raised concerns about the developers plans in relation to traffic movement. As explained that there is a condition in relation to this and AS committed to looking carefully at this.
- **18 London Rd:** The Board approved the Committee's decision
- **52 St Mary's Rd:** No materials have been submitted. The Board approved the Planning Committee's position.
- Preston School Room: This is an application for an extension. The Board approved the Planning Committee's position.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swale Landscape Review: There are 7 sites around Faversham. AS has explained the status of each site. AS has made comments on the sensitivity definitions. We have been asked about the site Gladmans wish to pursue, and HG questioned whether we could strengthen the sensitivity definition in any way. AS explained it is as strong as possible already. • KB will attend the next meeting on 16th September. • The Board approved the Planning Committee minutes <p>GPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing further to add. Maria Heather and JW have not been able to sit down and work on ToRs as yet. • The Board gave its thanks for the compliance work. 	
<p>Committee Structures and ToRs</p> <p>Board's Delegation Powers (DM)</p> <p>b. Review of ToRs</p> <p>c. Board TG Publications, Education, Talks & Events(HG)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Society's articles say very little about Committees. • The articles suggests that we can only delegate if the Committee has two or more directors. • DM does not agree that Committee can only be two or more Directors. It does not address the issue of co-option. DM believes we should conclude that unless Trustees specify otherwise that our Committees are advisory at present, and that we can choose in future to delegate powers should the Board wish. • DM proposed that we proceed in a common sense way. • HG raised delegation to individuals and accountability, and how we record this. • DM suggested that the Board resolved it will only delegate to a Committee if that Committee has two or more Trustees. JC proposed this. KB seconded. The Board approved. • HG asked that the new ToRs to be sent through the next Board. GPC must and Planning must be drafted. • Should Board meetings be out of sync with the requirements for approval from the Planning Committee, the PC minutes will be sent via email and the Board asked to meet virtually to discuss. 	

<p>Newsletter and Journal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG proposed that the Society newsletter be sent out as a PDF to existing members, and will be printed and distributed, and that it will also be put on the website and mobile. JC proposed, LM seconded. The Board agreed this arrangement. • HW raised that it should be promoted more widely. HG explained that we needed to halt promotion while dealing with a member query. 	
<p>FTC consultation on No.12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board recorded that it is the Town Council's proposal that the VIC move to No. 12 and the Society did not propose this. • FTC need to find a social good for the premises. • HG views it as unlikely the Town Council will rent the premises commercially • JW's concern is that should we wish to relocate the VIC we would have empty premises at 10/11 Preston St. • HG proposed that a delegation from the Board should meet with the Finance and Policy Committee. • The issue will then be returned to the Board. • AH, HG and JW will attend the meeting. • DM raised whether we should have a clearer position before holding a meeting and that the delegation could meet first. • The Board approved the meeting taking place 	
<p>Future of Open Houses and awards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moira and Helen are happy to help someone else take over this but do not want to continue organising. • The model does not work in terms of insurance • HG is going to meet with Moira and Helen on Friday and will bring potential ideas back to Board. 	
<p>Swale Migration Stories</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This idea originated on Sheppey. • If the bid is successful, we will get some money for assisting. • HW's concern is that the proposal is vague, and we can't understand the level of commitment needed. • HG will write to the proposer to see if we can gather more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG to email the proposer.

	<p>information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG also suggested that the Society needs a new representative on Historic Swale. 	
Historic Swale Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG and PR will have a discussion on this. 	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SK volunteered to take the minutes at the next Board meeting as KB will not be in attendance. • KB gave apologies for the next Board meeting 	
Officers Report	Chair's Report	

NOTES:

Part II

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Confidential matters		

Next Meetings

Date	Agenda
24 th September 2019	Board of Trustees
29 th October 2019	Board of Trustees
26 th November 2019	Board of Trustees