



# THE FAVERSHAM SOCIETY

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## FLEUR DE LIS HERITAGE CENTRE

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**Vice-Presidents:** Jacqueline Hitchcock, Michael Frohnsdorff, Jenny Parry and Margaret Slythe

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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

#### **Part I**

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TS, BK, GW,</li></ul>	
<b>Declarations of interest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	
<b>Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The minutes were <b>approved</b>.</li></ul>	
<b>Matters arising</b>	<p>a. Board Photos and Bios (HG): No update</p> <p>b. Long Gallery (PR &amp; HW): This is progressing but there is nothing of significance to report. JC raised items from the Maison Dieu and HW confirmed they are safely stored at present. HW confirmed that she has</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JC to look into feasibility and cost of acquiring the Old Gate</li></ul>

	<p>corresponded with Maison Dieu as well.</p> <p>c. Fleur Gallery 13-30 December (HG): This is going to be used by the bookshop for Christmas gifts and bric-a-brac. Wendy has suggested there are lots of volunteers wishing to help with this.</p> <p>d. Conservation Area Appraisal (HG): This appears not to be progressing at the moment, but HG will pursue.</p> <p>e. Key Holders (JW): JW now has the full list of key holders. The Board has <b>confirmed</b> it is comfortable we are in control of all keys to the building. The Board <b>thanked</b> JW for her considerable work on this.</p> <p>f. Old Gate Rd (HG JC): The Land Registry does not have entry for ownership of the old gate and the wall. It transpires that the Monks Close Wall is owned by the properties that back onto it. The fabric of the gate and wall need repair. JC asked the Board's view as to whether the Society could claim ownership of the Gate and Wall. Views were expressed that it might be too big a liability. AS suggested that there is precedent for un-owned land to fall to the Crown Estate. Annual insurance would be the substantial cost associated with ownership. HG expressed that the benefit to the Society would be contribution to the maintenance of the history of the town. The Board <b>agreed</b> that the feasibility and cost of ownership would be looked into.</p> <p>g. Andersons (HG): HG will continue to pursue.</p> <p>h. Boss (HG TS): This is now in place. The Board <b>thanked</b> Clive Foreman and Tim Stonor for their effort.</p>	
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not met</li> </ul> <p><b>Museum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitor numbers have continued to be down this year. One difference to consider is whether the Gallery being closed affects the Museum.</li> </ul>	

- John Clarkstone will now represent FSARG on the Committee.
- Health and safety has been raised – and HW will raise this with JW to bring to GPC at a future date. HG advised waiting until the new health and safety report is presented to GPC in the new year.
- Last year some people at the Maritime Museum were interested in the Pollocks ships plans that were donated to the Fleur. A visitor is coming to view them this week. They are seeking a grant from the National Archives to archive their Pollocks collection - and may seek our help for that bid. It might be possible for the Society to receive some of that grant in order to archive our collection. This would be a good new strategic partnership should we work productively with them.

#### **Planning Committee**

- Oare Creek footpath: The deadline has now passed but the footpaths group has commented in a similar way to which AS would have responded.
- Redborough Barn, Stalisfield: We have consistently opposed this kind of development in areas in which it is unsustainable. The Board **agreed** this position
- 57 Park Road: The Committee believes this is harmful to the conservation area. JC raised that the proposal, however, replicates what has been done to the neighbouring property. The Board **agreed**, however, that the Society should still object.
- Derbies Court: The Board **agreed** this position
- The Board **approved** all Planning Committee minutes.
- KB and JC will attend the next Planning Committee meeting.
- An architect that will be designing the replacement building for Iceland has asked whether the Society will host a public meeting

	<p>to discuss the use of this space. The Board <b>agreed</b> it will host a meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EKR: Of the three other conditions that have been EKR expansion permission, the Society should focus on the noise condition. The Board <b>agreed</b> with AS' planned comment.</li> </ul> <p><b>GPC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of new members was reported to the Board. A list of those who have left the Society was also reported the Board.</li> <li>• The demographics report was also presented to the Board.</li> </ul>	
<b>Space Review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was started last week by AH and JC and is a work in progress.</li> </ul>	
<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town Council has decided to move ahead with a neighbourhood plan. The Faversham, Future Forum is providing technical support but the Council will lead.</li> <li>• The first meeting went very well and there is an understanding that the process needs to be completed by the end of next year. Swale are being cooperative. The Chairs and Clerks of those parishes which abut onto Faversham to ensure they feel consulted in the process.</li> </ul>	
<b>Our Beautiful Town</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This has its premier on Friday night. The tickets have have now all gone. There are more performances planned in the new year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Cleve Hill</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final opportunity to make submissions has now passed. A final round up submission has been published on the Society's website. The Inspectorate is considering what position to put to the Secretary in State.</li> <li>• We do not expect to hear anything until the new year.</li> <li>• The Society today made a further post-deadline submission regarding the fire risk. It is based on a report on a fire at a solar facility in Arizona by the state regulator there. It supports the Society's position.</li> </ul>	

<b>Policy Review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AH is going to look at policies over the next two months and come back in the new year.</li> <li>• JW will send AH policies and KB will assist AH with the policies work.</li> </ul>	AH and KB to progress this
<b>Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an FOI going into Swale and it should provide more information on what is happening with housing.</li> <li>• Swale owns three housing units, with housing associations owning the rest.</li> </ul>	
<b>Organisational membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HG had suggested we may do this in the context of the heritage hub. However, there are organisations outside the heritage hub that might want to join anyway.</li> <li>• HG suggests one organisation one vote and a £50 membership. There was extensive discussion as to whether the Society would need policy to maintain its independence from organisational members.</li> <li>• KB, LM and DM will draw up a paper on this for the Board's consideration.</li> </ul>	KB, DM and LM will put a paper to Board
<b>No. 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was clear that the public meeting that the situation through 2020 will remain as it was in 2019. HG suggested that the festivals should be able to use No.12 for the duration of those.</li> <li>• The Heritage Map will come out in January and will be used by visitors in town and will clearly identify where the Fleur is.</li> </ul>	
<b>Fleur Roof</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JC has realised that he needs to extend the area for work as there are leaks that are not covered.</li> <li>• JC will need to get more quotes. HG expressed concern about finding more issues and JC confirmed he will seek contingency in quotes.</li> </ul>	
<b>Magna Carta</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HG will draft a statement saying we are opposed to any move to sell the Magna Carta but we support loaning the artefact to other</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HG to draft statement</li> </ul>

	<p>museums. The Board <b>approved</b> this action.</p>	
<b>Open Faversham</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JC raised that we will need volunteers to start organising this starting in January.</li> <li>• AS suggested talking to John Owen and Peter Landon.</li> <li>• HG raised that it is critical to engage other groups in the idea.</li> <li>• LM raised whether trying to do four events in two weekends is too intensive for the initial year. JC suggested that as 'Open' events draw visitors from outside Faversham so it is possible for this to be successful.</li> </ul>	
<b>Swale Car Parking Review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CW raised concerns about this review. He suggested it is out of date and not reflective of development around Faversham. CW would like to put a paper to Environment Committee before asking Board for approval. HG suggested it does not need to go to the Environment Committee</li> </ul>	CW will draft paper for Board.
<b>Website Updating</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are other areas which need attention that SK has not yet got to. The Board <b>thanked</b> SK for her contribution</li> </ul>	
<b>Heritage Harbour and Bridge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bridge will be taken out on 9<sup>th</sup> December to be inspected. It is important progress towards the new bridge.</li> <li>• The Heritage Harbour group is also meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Head of Highways is coming to the meeting. A representative from Malden is also attending as Malden is preparing to be a heritage harbour.</li> </ul>	
<b>Traffic and pollution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mid Kent Environmental Health Group, including the manager and deputies came to meet the Society. They agreed that Faversham has a problem. Monitoring is now going to be extended.</li> <li>• The group does not have any power to do anything to solve issues, but can declare that there is a problem with pollution within Faversham which will strengthen our opposition to any applications</li> </ul>	CW to draft paper on TfSEP

	<p>that will increase traffic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HG raised the bench on the corner of East St and Crescent Road and whether we can campaign to get it removed as it is a health risk.</li> <li>• CW raised the Transport for the South East Programme. CW would like to draw up a short statement supporting the plans and to convince central Government to ratify the organisation.</li> </ul>	
<b>AOB and next meetings</b>		
<b>Officers Report</b>	<b>Chair's Report</b>	

**NOTES:**

Part II

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Confidential matters		

**Next Meetings**

Date	Agenda
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Board of Trustees
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Board of Trustees
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Board of Trustees