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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 25th February 2020

Present: DM (Chairing), KB, TS, SK, AS, BK, JW, CW, AH, JC

Part I

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HG, LM, HW, PR	
Declarations of interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under finances section, the budget should have been approved. The Board approved this and the minutes will reflect this.• On the penultimate page – re. temporary bridge. There is only one footpath – amended to ‘it includes a separate footpath’.• Helen Whately has been misspelled – this will be corrected.• The minutes were approved	

<p>Matters arising</p>	<p>a. Policy Review – H&S [AH &KB]: This process has been started and AH has collected nine existing policies. AH will distribute a list of the titles to the Board.</p> <p>b. Organisation Membership KB, DM and LM: KB will draft something to discuss with this group</p> <p>c. Magna Carta letter: The Board noted this</p> <p>d. Mall Crossing https://favershamsociety.org/pedestrian-crossing-mall-forbes-road-junction/ : The Board noted this proposal and supported it as a solution. TS and AS raised other proposed crossings in the town. Stonebridge Way will be considered by the council on Monday and the crossing proposal for the Abbey School is being finalised. TS suggested the Society ensures it is supporting proposals where appropriate. The Board agreed this approach. AS raised that she would like to see a crossing on Newton Road/South Road for the Cross Lane route. TS suggested that the 20s Plenty project's detailed designs include a solution for this. TS suggested the Faversham Society support this from a historic perspective. The Board gave support and will give future support in whatever way it can.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AH will distribute list of policies to Board • KB will draft organisational membership policy
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There does not seem to be any further action the Society can take to encourage Swale to monitor lorry activity. <p>Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These minutes were accepted by Board <p>Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listed building matters: The Georgian Group are now happy with plans for 1-2 Market Place. • 2-3 Court St: Faversham Town Council has also objected • Newton Place Surgery: There has been a proposal to increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

	<p>essentially double the size of the building but now cannot because of funding restraints. The new proposal is for a smaller extension. AS suggested that the Society support the new proposal and express regret that the larger extension could not proceed. The Board approved this position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land East of Love Lane: The Board approved this position. • Waterside Close: The Board approved this position • 32 Broomfield Road: The Board approved this position. • Next meeting 16th March: KB will attend this meeting and take minutes. <p>GPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a new volunteer running bookings for the Fleur Hall – the Board approved Jill Fordham as a new member of the GPC. • JW thanked TS for the donation of Kent Peg tiles for the roof. The Board thanked TS and Anna Stonor. • Three new members were approved. • There are also members moved back from lapsed and these members were approved. • Historic Swale – AS raised that the Faversham Historians have now booked a space at this conference. • JC raised that Kate Lee’s membership has lapsed from the Society. AS explained Ms. Lee is in poor health. 	
<p>Finances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BK and JW met with John Shipley, who will be the Society’s new independent examiner. • BK provided a refresher of the accounts document for the Board. • BK will send the final accounts to KB for inclusion in the annual report • BK presented the accounts to the Board • TS noted the significant income in second-hand books and praised this. • TS also asked about the increase in expenditure on advertising and 	

	<p>promotion – BK explained a large proportion of this was on the website and budgeted for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TS also asked about the increase in outreach expenditure. BK explained there was increased expenditure on gardens • Hillary Wheelan, a former trustee of the Society has left over £6000 to the Society from her estate. We have thanked the family. The Board discussed a dedicated purpose for the donation. • JC proposed the accounts. The Board approved. The Board thanked BK for his work. 	
<p>AGM</p> <p>a. Assembly Rooms Booked</p> <p>b. Speaker [DM]</p> <p>c. Timetable for paper for AGM needs to be produced</p> <p>d. HG JC & PR up for re-election</p> <p>e. KB has agreed to collate and edit at the Annual Report [KB&JW]</p> <p>f. Need to have new Organisation Membership rules for the AGM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date is 27th May at the Assembly Rooms • Prof. John Butler will speak. He wrote the book <i>The Search for Beckett's Bones</i>. He will talk on pilgrimage. • Pat Reid is standing down as a trustee. • KB will email annual report contributors next week to kick off that process. • KB will prepare a draft organisation member policy before the next Board meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KB to email volunteers for contribution to annual report
<p>21st March FV FS Response to Heritage Strategy https://favershamsociety.org/event/historic-swale-conference/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Society has booked four tables. The Creek Trust and Heritage Harbours groups will also have tables. FSARG will also be involved. 	

<p>Events</p> <p>VE Day (FTC & St Mary of Charity both have events which we have been invited to support</p> <p>b. Dunkirk (Barges and a talk?)</p> <p>c. Welcome to Faversham for new residents (JW)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS asked whether the Society has been asked to contribute towards the flower festival for VE day. • The Board approved the Society's involvement in the Dunkirk celebrations. • The Board agreed with plans for a new residents' welcome. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Cleve Hill</p> <p>Meeting in St Mary of Charity 30th March</p> <p>b. Leaflet and web page with an online petition c. https://favershamsociety.org/cleve-hill/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The examiner's decision is expected at the end of February. The Secretary of State then has three months to make a decision. • The VIC is receiving enquiries regarding a leaflet. • DM raised that another solar power station is being proposed in Suffolk. • Leafletting will happen in March and will require volunteers. 	
<p>Bridge and heritage harbour</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a heritage harbour meeting next week. KCC will give an update on progress on the bridge. 	
<p>SBC Draft Corporate Plan – Deadline March 1st What evidence do we want to present AS has made some suggestions https://www.swale.gov.uk/assets/Consultations/Corporate-Plan-2023/Corporate-plan-2020-2023-v2-0-consultation-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS has suggested changes to wording to make this clearer. AS will submit these directly with Board approval. The Board approved. 	

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Traffic and pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CW has asked Michael Payne to attend a Board meeting in order to make him aware the Society is involved in the neighbourhood plan. And also to demonstrate that Faversham is at the forefront of town transport models with the 20s Plenty project. • CW suggested it would be nice to promote Faversham as a walking town. As it stands the town is a perfect place to pedestrianise. CW suggests that the Faversham Society should be a major player in promoting and advancing this agenda with ideas such as pedestrian corridors and new crossings. The Board agreed that it should support this agenda. • AS raised that there are other areas where crossings should be improved and that the example of the North Lane crossing is within the Faversham Creek Streetscape Strategy • TS raised that a 20mph speed limit is the starting point. He also suggested that it is about improving pedestrian capacity of a town not about completely getting rid of cars. TS also raised cycling and that the Environment Committee might want to get some good thinking on this area and how we might improve conditions for cycling. TS raised that the Town Council might appreciate input on cycling. It was agreed that as appropriate and useful, the Society should form a considered position. 	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Officers Report	Chair's Report	

NOTES:

Part II

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Confidential matters		

Next Meetings

Date	Agenda
31 st March	Board of Trustees
28 th April	Board of Trustees
26 th May	Board of Trustees

Future Business

- Standing Orders for conduct of committees
- Review of Policies
- Business Continuity Plan and Policies
- Fundraising