



# THE FAVERSHAM SOCIETY

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## FLEUR DE LIS HERITAGE CENTRE

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### **Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Present: HG, KB, AH, HW, CW, TS, AS, LM, JC, DM, MHe, MHa,

#### **Part I**

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>BK, SK</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>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Zoom talk with Clive Foreman is taking place tomorrow night. There are over 35 people attending. This will require a volunteer to take forward the talks now that we have proof of concept.</li></ol>	

	<p>b. KB and new volunteer Alice Beckett will take forward the town leaflet and FS messaging project</p> <p>c. HG submitted the paper to Swale.</p> <p>d. KB raised that the Board needs to confirm its policy regarding attendance at the Fleur during lockdown. The Board <b>confirmed</b> that the policy is as per the last lockdown. The Board also <b>confirmed</b> the newsletter will only be distributed in electronic format for the duration of lock down.</p> <p>e. LM presented a paper on the process of the Succession Planning Group to the Board. LM suggested that an action plan will be brought to Board in future. DM suggested that the model proposed for understanding Society activity might not be useful in making decisions. LM explained it is not a decision-making tool but a step in the process. AS raised concern that wisdom doesn't include planning – LM suggested it could very well be included. MHa discussed whether this work includes producing a strategic plan. LM suggested that this work will give strategic direction to the Society. MHe raised that he felt two things were missing: natural environment, and also how we find out what those who aren't members of the Fav Society might think. The Board thanked LM and SK for their work. HG raised that volunteer numbers is key to achieving the Society's objectives.</p>	
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Board Standing Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KB confirmed that the access issues created at the Fleur are just temporary.</li> </ul> <p><b>VIC Paper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS raised that two places cannot be staffed at once</li> <li>• MHe suggested he is happy that the Standing Committee look into this - but has concerns. MHe is uncertain as to whether a permanent position there would be a good idea.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standing Committee to explore VIC location with FTC.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DM can see value in looking further into this – and believes it might be the best position for a VIC – however, understands it is more complex.</li> <li>• HW supported looking into this but is unsure about the scope. HW raised that deciding what to do with the Fleur space would be</li> <li>• AS raised concerns about whether 12 Market Place would be commercially viable.</li> <li>• The Board <b>approved</b> the Standing Committee exploring what a move might entail and report back to the Board.</li> <li>• <b>. Environment</b></li> <li>• Has not met</li> </ul> <p><b>Museum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been a leak in the cellar that has damaged some artefacts. HW is taking advice on how to restore them. However, they were already in poor condition. They are printing blocks. HG raised that there must be a move to get artefacts off the floor in the cellars, as flooding is unlikely to cease. MHe suggested we move items out of the cellars. HG and HW suggested the Gallery or Fleur Hall.</li> <li>• <b>PEEP</b></li> <li>• <b>Has not met</b></li> </ul> <p><b>GPC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Has not met</b></li> <li>• The membership report was <b>approved</b></li> <li>• The Board <b>approved</b> the Chair having access to lapsed member lists.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b></li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brogdale Road: The Board <b>agreed</b> No Comment on this application</li> <li>• Mutton Lane: TS asked why we would oppose Lower Road. CW, JC and MHe all suggested support for AS' position. The Board <b>approved</b> the position.</li> <li>• Preston Lane: JC, MH and DM suggested the Committee should not object. The Board <b>approved</b> that the comment be amended to state that the Society believes the Georgian Group should be consulted.</li> <li>• Provender Walk: There should be no comment.</li> <li>• With the above amendments the Planning Minutes were <b>approved</b></li> <li>• <b>The Board thanked AS for her paper on the permitted development scheme</b></li> </ul>	
Finances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BK could not attend so this item will roll over to the next Board</li> </ul>	KB to add to next Board agenda.
<b>Swale Local Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SLP has been through the Local Plan Panel. The consultation will occur 8<sup>th</sup> Feb until 23<sup>rd</sup> March. AS proposed putting it on the agenda for the next meeting.</li> <li>• HG proposed that the Environment and Planning Committees put together headline recommendations to form our response for the next Board meeting.</li> <li>• MHe suggested it will be hard to get further amendment to the Local Plan so the Society should be wary of spending so much time. KB and HG raised that the Society has to take a position. MHa suggested the need to link to the Neighbourhood Plan.</li> <li>• This will be on the agenda for the next Board.</li> </ul>	<p>KB at add to Board agenda for next meeting</p> <p>AS and HG to summarise points for Society submission from the Environment Committee and FSPC.</p>
<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The public survey is now being analysed and the business survey is happening this week</li> <li>• The call for sites is happening this month, and another survey will be distributed to community group.</li> <li>• The aim is for a draft plan in May or June.</li> </ul>	

<b>Cleve Hill</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DM provided an update.</li> <li>• The developer is now going to come up with the detailed planning papers so they can be judged on appropriateness. One plan on archaeology has been submitted so far.</li> <li>• The battery safety plan will be included in these. We will have an opportunity to influence the detailed plans with Swale.</li> <li>• One of the companies involved in the joint venture is being sued over faulty solar power stations. The judgement is expected in May.</li> <li>• There was a newspaper article saying the timeline has slipped, with development potentially beginning at the end of this year.</li> <li>• There will be a piece in the next Faversham Society newsletter and will be on the website.</li> </ul>	
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EKR Letter: The Board <b>supported</b> this being sent to KCC. MHe suggested copying to Anthony Hook.</li> <li>• 1 Market Place: HG suggested writing to the Swale Borough Councillor responsible for that area, and also prepare comment that it is inappropriate for the listed building. The Board <b>agreed</b>. TS suggested the heritage statement is thin, and that visual impact and traffic considerations are important. JC raised that the request for opening hours to 2am is inappropriate. HG and AS agreed that the objection shouldn't wait until the next Planning Committee meeting, but should go asap.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS will draft the objection to 1 Market Place and send to the Planning Committee and Board for comment.</li> <li>• HG will send the letter re. EKR to KCC.</li> </ul>
<b>Officers Report</b>	<b>Chair's Report</b>	

**NOTES:**

Part II

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Confidential matters		

**Next Meetings**

Date	Agenda
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021	Board of Trustees

**Future Business**