



# THE FAVERSHAM SOCIETY

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## FLEUR DE LIS HERITAGE CENTRE

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**Trustees:** Harold Goodwin (Chair), Jonathan Carey, Matthew Hatchwell, Andrew Holden, Sophie Kemsley, Brian Kelsey, Anne Salmon, Laurie McMahon, Tim Stonor, Graham Warner, Heather Wootton, Christopher Wright, Sir David Melville (Vice-Chair), Jan West and Katie Begg.

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Present: HG, JW, DM, CW, HW, TS, MH, LM, SK

#### **Part I**

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AH, BK, AS</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 Board approved the October Minutes</li></ul>	
<b>Matters arising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Board appreciated letters of thanks from the Friends of Westbrook and the Christmas Lights Committee</li></ul>	
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<b>Board Standing Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Board agreed that planning applications will be considered directly by the Board until Anne feels ready to return to chair the FSPC.</li><li>- Membership report: this was approved by the Board. The Board was pleased to see so many new members and thanked Leigh for her work.</li></ul> <p><b>Museum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- HW presented the minutes. The Board approved the attached disposals lists.</li><li>- The Board <b>agreed</b> to delegate responsibility for approving disposals lists to the Museum Committee</li><li>- The museum will be open in December over the school holidays</li><li>- The Board <b>agreed</b> that the Society should purchase the roman ring offered.</li></ul> <p><b>Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Environment met once to form the Reg 18 consultation response.</li></ul> <p><b>PEEP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Has not met</li></ul> <p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Tanners Street:</b> The SBC Planning Committee has sent back an application from Tanners Street, and TS suggested that given circumstances, the Society does not make further comments.</li><li>- <b>Land at Lady Dane Farm:</b> MH raised the presentation by the developer. This raised the question as to why the Society has not taken a position on this development. Upon investigation, there</li></ul>	
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	<p>had been a communication from FSPC that the Society would not take a position on this. It was agreed that the Board would ensure it looks more closely at the planning applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ethelred Court:</b> JC advised that it may be fruitless to pursue this. A neighbour has contacted the Society to suggest it is in breach of planning approval conditions. SBC has acknowledged it is non-compliant and reached a compromise position with the applicant. JC suggested a letter of complaint to the Director of Planning. The Board <b>agreed</b> this approach.</li><li>- <b>Abbeyfields:</b> HG expressed his concern about this development. The Board <b>agreed</b> that the Society should maintain its strong objection to this.</li><li>- <b>Reg 18 Consultation Response:</b> This has been submitted. MH and HG proposed a members' meeting to discuss the Reg 19 response. HG will find a date The Board <b>agreed</b>. DM raised that we should seek to improve our engagement on social media if possible, to obtain more views from the town.</li><li>- The Board discussed at length the Society's position towards new development within the town. KB expressed her view that the Society's position will naturally be criticised, and this is not within the Board's control. DM raised that we must be very careful in how we represent our views on development to ensure we are not open to misinterpretation. LM suggested that we could raise our position with our local MP. KB agreed that a letter might be a good starting point. HG and KB will draft this letter and the Board will approve the text.</li><li>- SK gave an update on how she and Liz Vinson are using social media to promote the Society's work. SK said to just email to ask for content to be put out.</li><li>- Cleve Hill: A new letter has been received. The project has been sold. There are similar timescales. It is stated that the new owners will be consulted with expert organisations. DM proposed we write to the new owners and ask to be involved as a consulted organisation. The Board agreed. HG raised that we still need to publicise that the development is going ahead to keep interest</li></ul>	
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	<p>high. MH asked whether the Environment Agency would have capacity any more to thoroughly assess the project. LM asked whether the finances of the project are sound. HG suggested an additional letter to our MP on the issue of Cleve Hill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Board considered the planning applications.</li> </ul>	
<b>Society's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JW updated that Richard Oldfield is happy to host a garden party at Doddington Place for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. KB raised that we could use Doddington Place as a members and volunteers celebratory event, and have a more public event in town to celebrate and attract more new members and town engagement.</li> <li>• HG suggested we celebrate during our AGM month in May.</li> </ul>	
<b>Review of events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been a programme of online events but they have not been very well attended. The tree walk event was well attended.</li> <li>• HG suggested we might need to stop online events for a while</li> </ul>	
<b>AGM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This needs to be moved back to May</li> </ul>	
<b>FS News</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HG asked for contributions to the newsletter.</li> </ul>	
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

## NOTES:

### Part II

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Confidential matters		

## Next Meetings

Date	Agenda
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Board of Trustees

