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Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, 22nd February 2022

Present: HG, DM, KB, JW, HW, LM, MH, JC, CW, TS

Part I

| Agenda Item | Minutes | Actions |
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| Apologies | <ul style="list-style-type: none">AH, BK, SK, AS | |
| Declarations of Interest | <ul style="list-style-type: none">None | |
| Minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">JW proposed, DM seconded, the Board approved the January minutes | |
| Matters arising | - MH asked to raise TS Hazard as AOB | |
| Committee Reports | Board Standing Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> |

- HW raised that the minutes suggest the Standing Committee is making decisions regarding the Osborne Plaques that are within the Museum Committee's remit. KB apologised for clumsy drafting and will change the record – the museum committee is responsible for accession to the museum.

- HW asked whether the premises will need to be vacated while the security system is upgraded. JC said he was unsure of the answer, but he does not see why people would need to stop using the building.

- HG asked for the Board's permission to sign the insurance papers. HW will send the FSARG inventory to HG. Only that which is on the inventory will be insured. The Board **approved** that HG sign the insurance papers.

Museum

- The Museum should be able to open over Easter.

- Leigh has started working on the archives and a new will also start working on them tomorrow. JW has also sent details of a student who is interested too. Pat Reid is now history expert on the Museum Committee. The Board **agreed** Pat Reid's membership

Environment

- There is a report on waste water management and an article will go in the newsletter

- Lower Thames Crossing – we have registered interest and CW has circulated a paper. The Board conveyed their support for CW's paper and it will form the basis of content for the newsletter. It has been suggested there is a meeting with Helen Whatley about the crossing but DM suggested waiting until there is more detail. CW believes the M2 will not be widened but rather run as a

smart motorway. However, there are lots of uncertainties surrounding this.

- CW has also drafted a paper on local traffic and air pollution. There is unlikely to be a control scheme regarding air pollution for the reason that lorries are getting much cleaner, and pollution levels are falling. It appears cars are now much more of a problem and traffic volumes are falling. CW is working now on school streets and pollution, CW suggested that achieving targets of lower car usage will be a focus for politicians, but unpopular, and it is likely that a grassroots campaign by schools and school children might be necessary. The Board supported the principle of a campaign in schools but did not conclude whether the Faversham Society should be driving this. HG suggested that anti-idling messaging can be included in the newsletter. This will be explored further in the Environment Committee

PEEP

- PEEP will divide into different working groups that will report via PEEP to the Board.

Planning

- Site selection for housing will be consulted on until 28th March. There will be a special meeting of the Environment Committee. At this stage it is only site selection but we will take the opportunity to look at conditions that should be put down on particular sites. DM said it needs to be times appropriately and the opening document of the exhibition may alarm people if shared widely at present. DM raised that he did not understand why the large sites were not included, and HG explained that they are within the Local Plan so we are not able to comment in this context. HG will check the messaging around this as he agreed we do not want to set hares running. HG raised that the Society needs to look at sites it is interested in and begin making a case regarding conditions.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abbey Fields: The work that we looked at commissioning has been done largely by Ray Harrison, and the next appropriate step will be to commission a planning barrister. HG has consulted a barrister and he believes there is a case for substantial harm, and we are waiting for a quote. JC raised that he believes this to be significantly important as to warrant the spend. HG raised that he is expecting this to be within the pre-agreed budget. The Board thanked Ray Harrison for his work on this to date.• Planning Applications:• DM raised whether work needs to be done to promote tree preservation orders. HG explained that councils are not bound by TPOs.• George Wilson has asked us to organise a public meeting on this development. KB suggested it is important that we treat developers equally and facilitate meetings for local people to put their views to developers who ask this of us. We will ensure our rationale for facilitating these meetings is clear in the advertisement. MH suggested this is quite far from Faversham. DM believes that we are doing the right thing but we should think about messaging to support how we do this. KB agreed – and it was agreed we should make clear that we are facilitating an opportunity for local people to be consulted on developments and that we are a neutral chair, but will at future reach a position on any new development.• Love Lane: TS asked if we have made representations on Love Lane to date. HG confirmed that we have. TS raised the land to the south, where we have made comments on trees and multiple junctions, suggesting that multiple junctions are not necessarily negative. Love Lane is a 40mph street and it should be reduced the 30mph – if there is an opportunity to remind them then it should be taken. The turning circles are large and this is not desirable as it may exacerbate speeding issues. There are a lot of parking courts on this development, which is not desirable – and this should be opposed. It is more efficient to instead have street parking. HG asked whether TS could send drafting of these points over, and he will submit, and copy and paste in future. | |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleve Hill: Graham Thomas is taking retirement and will be leaving at SBC. This raises questions about which planning officer will be taking responsibility for this and HG will suggest DM can brief the new officer. DM raised that there is not much activity regarding Cleve Hill at the moment, and this may be an opportunity to re-energise activity. JC asked whether DM had been following the story regarding the ship that is on fire in the Mediterranean which is full of lithium batter cars. DM confirmed he is, and there appears to be reluctance to report on battery fires. HG asked whether we can follow up with KFRS to see if they have any update on the Liverpool fire. • Local Plan: It is unlikely that there will be a local plan before the deadline of 2023. This may create serious planning issues. | |
| VIC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance has been dealt with • The draft least was circulated to Board. The reason for it still not being signed is that it was challenging for us to take a large amount of the downstairs floorspace. • The formal opening is on Saturday morning and trustees are encouraged to attend. • Work has been undertaken in the former long gallery. Shelving is almost complete in accordance with Wendy's plans. | |
| 60th Anniversary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be a volunteers' event on 21st May at Doddington Place. Richard Oldfield will fund the cost of refreshments. HG suggested we hire a bus for those volunteers without transport. We will advertise this via Leigh's volunteer list - HG suggested that there is a plan for an exhibition for the 60th anniversary on the space next to the VIC – and that will be an opportunity to invite members to talk with us and view the exhibition. | |
| AGM & Annual Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AGM is the 1st June • KB will be putting together content for the 2021 annual report • HG has requested a speaker from UoK regarding the archives and a speaker on the anchorites. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a large number of trustees up for re-election. Laurie, Sophie, Anne, Katie, Andrew, Tim and Brian are up for re-election. HG asked that trustees up for re-election state their intent on whether they will stand again soon. Jan will email asking if they will stand again. This will be discussed again at the March Board. | |
| Alan Swann Bequest | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We still do not know the terms of the bequest | |
| Arrangements for March Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DM will chair this Board in Harold's absence. | |
| AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TS Hazard: MH wanted to raise that several tiles were blown off in the storm, and the high tide was the highest it has been since 2013. The town warehouse was under water again. There has been opinion that the roof may be in danger of collapse. The Board approved HG writing to English Heritage to ask that Hazard is put on the heritage at risk register. Repairs have been instructed for repairs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> |
| Officers Report | Chair's Report | |

NOTES:

Part II

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| Confidential matters | | |

Next Meetings

| Date | Agenda |
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| 29 th March 2022 | Board of Trustees |

Future Business