



# THE FAVERSHAM SOCIETY

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### **Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Present: HG, DM, AH, JW, HW, LA, KB, JC, AS, JD,

#### **Part I**

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TS, LM, BK</li></ul>	
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None	
<b>Minutes</b>	MH proposed, AH seconded. The Minutes were approved	
<b>Matters arising</b>	None	
<b>Committee Reports</b>	<b>Board Standing Committee</b>	

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KB reported that the Exec Committee has met informally to establish that they would meet monthly and report formally to the Board.</li><li>• KB will draft a summary of the exec committee change for the newsletter by 13<sup>th</sup> April, along with a piece on AGM notices.</li><li>• <b>Environment and Planning</b></li><li>• Abbey Fields: There were so many responses to the Neighbourhood Plan that it is taking longer to respond than expected. Until the Plan gets to reg 16 it doesn't have much weight. Our work on Abbey Fields continue.</li><li>• Developers are getting more litigious because they expect the Neighbourhood plan to limit development.</li><li>• Our submission will go in on 5<sup>th</sup> April before the next Planning Committee. It is very important that as many Board members as possible attend the Planning Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April. you do not have to be members of the Society to attend.</li><li>• Planning: AS raised that we should be replying to the Lady Dane application, and that the Society should register to speak at the application hearing. HG agreed. AS said we should be commenting now and supporting the Housing Officer on the issue of affordable housing. In the application the affordable housing is clustered and not mixed in its provision. The Board supported making these comments. HG and AS will work with Stephen Atkin on a comment for submission.</li><li>• DM raised concern about the number of trees that are in the planning list for felling. MH will drop a note to the tree wardens to ask if there is anything we should be worried about. HG asked MH to let us know proactively if they have issues too.</li><li>• It looks likely that TS Hazard and Town Quay will come back to town ownership.</li></ul> |  |
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Land Trust had a pre-app meeting about access to the Engine Sheds and that went well. It looks likely we'll get a positive pre-app suggestion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Museum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HW reported on the museum minutes. The staffing is still an issue but we have two new volunteers this week.</li> <li>• JW raised an issue with the storage space in Tesco. It is damp and dark. At the moment we need the storage space. There are over 100 boxes of materials at the moment. JW will go and visit with HW to assess the situation.</li> <li>• Safeguarding: We might need to identify a senior safeguarding representative</li> <li>• <b>PEEP</b></li> <li>• Has not met</li> </ul>	
<b>Open Gardens</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AH raised the challenge we are having with insurance for Open Gardens. We have sought legal advice on our liabilities under Open Gardens. We need to be very clear that when people buy tickets that they accept liability for entering people's properties.</li> <li>• AH and JW will share when legal advice has been updated.</li> <li>• Each garden will have its own insurance, and it will be made clear that gardens will not open if they are not insured.</li> </ul>	
<b>Open Faversham</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LA updated the Board on plans for Open Faversham. LA will be coordinating plans for the Museum.</li> <li>• The theme is Everyday Life in Tudor Faversham. The ideas will appeal to all ages and cost up plans. The theme will stretch across multiple events and ideas and link to the Maison Dieu.</li> <li>• HG updated that JC is happy to do something on bricks. MH also plans to do something on the Westbrook.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HG raised that there are issues with the gunpowder in Faversham, and we need to bring people together on this. Catherine Richardson is keen to explore the Arden angle which will marry with the Tudor theme.</li> <li>• The Faversham Society is only insuring the things that it does – it is a marketing collaboration not a festival.</li> </ul>	
Lower Thames Crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Along with the further delays to the HS2 programme, the Lower Thames Crossing is now being re-phased by two years. Over £800m has been spent to date on plans, but there will be more consultation. It is now expected to be delivered by 2034.</li> <li>• NH was in touch with Kent Wildlife Trust and RSPB and we are coordinating our feedback. We have now been invited to join the Kent Planning Network for Nature. This should help with other proposals closer to home. MH has signed us up.</li> </ul>	
<b>AOB</b>	- HG will ask Catherine Richardson will speak at the AGM.	
<b>Officers Report</b>	<b>Chair's Report</b>	

**NOTES:**

Part II

Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Confidential matters		

**Next Meetings**

Date	Agenda
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Board of Trustees

**Future Business**

