



**Minutes of Branch Committee Meeting:
Tuesday 18 July 2017
The Organ Grinder, Portland Street, Newark**

Present

Liz Mayle, Kelly Appleton Swaine, Roy Lewis, Jason Mordan, Robert Walker, Fiona Newton

1. Apologies

Stephen Bradwell, Rose Thompson, Ros Worrall, Chris McKinney, Paul Grundy

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting & Matters Arising

Agreed as a record
No matters arising

3. Chair's Report & Business Plan

Following the problems with the Stamford event not being free as previously thought the date of the AGM had not been finalised

4. IHBC Branch Survey

A branch survey had been received from Carla and the questions were discussed. Liz will complete the form as discussed and submit it.

5. Treasurer's Report

Rose sent her apologies. Latest accounts are Current account: £843.03 and Reserve account: £190.35

6. Branch Reps Report

There have been two meetings of F&R+ since the last branch meeting. Jill Kerry has been elected as Treasurer and Andrew Shepherd is the new Education Secretary.

The chair James Caird is working on governance issues especially as the charity commission say there are too many trustees with too similar skills

Special Interest groups are being developed to allow more informal grouping on a subject to carry out a particular task.

IHBC is developing an international policy. IHBC has joined FEMP a European skills umbrella organisation.

Policy committee is developing the panels (green, rural, consultations, legal & technical. Technical panel especially has been struggling and it is hoped it will become active again.

Roy and others are having a meeting with Historic England about the curtilage guidance.

Local Planning Authority Quality Assurance being developed.

Roy had attended a meeting with HE about Historic Areas Assessment and attended the South West Law in Heritage conference.

London and Scotland Branch are having conferences on Conservation Area 50 years.

7. Membership Report

New Members were reported.

Jason has not been receiving the emails for membership matters

8. County Rep's Reports

Lincolnshire – Kelly reported on a meeting in Skegness and a visit to the Esplanade Gardens.

The Conservation fair at Stamford still has 8 spaces to fill.

Nottinghamshire - Jason reported on Nottinghamshire which had met in Beeston Rylands to look at a CRT project of Weirside Cottages at the river. It is hoped that Mark Wilkinson being at Gedling will make a difference there after a fallow period. There is an EM Gardens Trust project to produce statements of significance for non designated gardens.

Fiona reported with regret the death of Peter Billson former CO at Nottinghamshire County Council and member of the IHBC.

9. Communications Officer

No report

10. East Midlands Branch AGM

The AGM had been planned to be linked to the Stamford 50 conference that had been thought to be free but had turned out to be £60 each. This was not in line with the Branch policy of cheap and cheerful events.

Alternatively a Branch event in Stamford on another day was considered a suitable option providing CPD but not clashing or competing with the event.

Friday 15th September

12.30 arrive onwards

1.00pm Food

1.45 AGM

2.15 Rob – Article 4 & LDO

2.45 Roy - Townscape

3.15 Stamford Alex Clifton Taylor

3.45 onwards walking tour

11. Vacancies on the Branch Committee

Circulate an email to the Branch informing them of vacancies coming up. Roles of secretary, vice chair and possibly branch rep. Interest from Ros & Emilie in a post.

12. 2019 Annual School

Leicester & Nottingham are the most likely choices for location. Fiona to look at possible venues suggested by Alice for Nottingham and contact Justin for similar in Leicester to enable her to look at options.

Look at potential walking tours for Thursday which might be theme related and wider tours on the Saturday. Who might be involved on the organizing committee?

A decision should be made before the AGM so it can be announced then.

13. Any Other Business

Three tickets are available for the Stamford conference. Steve to send an email and the first 3 to respond to get the tickets.

Date of Next Meeting: East Midlands Branch AGM Friday 15th September
Stamford.
