



**Minutes of Branch Committee Meeting:
Thursday 28 April 2016
At The Red Lion, East Haddon**

Attendance: Liz Mayle, Robert Walker, Fiona Newton, Simon Scott, Rosamund Willatts, Kerry Walmsley, Justin Webber, Sam Peppin Vaughan, Neil Robertson & Chris McKinney

Apologies: Stephen Bradwell, Jane Roylance, Roy Lewis, Kelly Appleton, Becky Waddington, Liz Blood, Ros Worrall, Chris Edwards, Jason Mordan & Kathryn Banfield

Thanks were expressed to Simon Scott & Haddonstone for the day.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed

Matters arising

The affiliates event had not been held because of Lincoln Castle not being available in the daytime on the dates required. Although Kate is going on maternity leave soon it may still be possible to continue with support from the new BES officer Carla Pianese or the Branch could run it themselves. The location might need to be reconsidered and perhaps Newark or somewhere more central could be considered.

Chairs Report

AGM –Friday 9th September. Philip Gaches is happy to do an event that will go with the AGM in the first two weeks in September at his workshop in Market Deeping. Afternoon event, possibly hands on training followed by meeting & food.

Action: Liz to agree with Philip Gaches. Kerry to look into a possible meeting room in Market Deeping. Possibly to be linked to the September LCOG meeting which may be at SKDC although RW understood that Matthew at WLDC may wish to swop his 10 June hosting with SKDC.

Branch Reps report

In Roy's absence Fiona reported on the recent meeting of F&R+ and the forthcoming meeting of Council+ in Derby

County Reps reports

Derbyshire – Derbyshire has a new format for meetings (two meetings annually - one meeting themed and the other based on a site visit/project). The theme of the meeting was 'Windows' and there was a useful debate on appropriate work on windows in listed buildings, properties in Conservation Areas and non-designated heritage assets.

Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust has secured a £29k HLF grant for a study to look into how they can alter their mode of operation to resolve specific HAR issues. They will be focusing on 12 buildings at risk across the county. Derbyshire County Council is to apply to HLF for a comprehensive HAR survey of Derbyshire. This will be carried out primarily by volunteers.

An appeal was dismissed for new housing at South Wingfield (AVBC) as the Inspector concluded that: the less than substantial harm to heritage assets (setting of LB and CA) outweighed the housing need (APP/M1005/W/15/3006136). *"These adverse impacts are too high a price to pay; they significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits".*

Neil Robertson will be moving from South Derbyshire District Council to take up a Conservation post at Hemel Hempstead District Council, at the end of May. We wish Neil all the best for the future. Penny McKnight was recently appointed Conservation Officer at Derby City Council.

Lincolnshire - The Lincolnshire Conservation Officers Group met at the North Kesteven District Council offices in March 2016. Projects around the county are progressing well. The H@R project in North Lincolnshire has picked up momentum and shop front schemes in Boston, Sleaford and Grantham are going well, with potential for another the Crowle in North Lincolnshire. In Lincoln applications to create the 'Transport Hub' around the station area are due in and for works and alterations at the Lawns. South Kesteven are now advising Rutland one day a week.

Leicestershire – Liz Blood University of Leicester have released new courses on the Heritage Practice Programme – see their website <http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/history/heritage> . There have been a couple of interesting Appeal Decisions, dismissing proposals to erect wind turbines in Leicestershire, on the grounds of heritage.

Northamptonshire – no report

Nottinghamshire – no report

Communications officer

A news bulletin was issued in March to the Branch.

Annual School bursary

The bursary had been advertised and only one application was received. The place has been given to Kelly Appleton from Heritage Lincolnshire who received a full school place.

Volunteer hours

Fiona reported on an initiative to measure volunteer hours in the IHBC. The calculations had been made (based to some extent on her experience on many roles in the EM branch) and it seemed that there was around 9.5 FTE in volunteer time. This will be monitored as part of the new corporate plan CP20 for increase in volunteer time and the branch will be asked again to review this in the future.

Any Other Business

At the IHBC event in Nottingham last month, Charlotte Stockdale suggested she was interested in volunteering for the IHBC Branch in some manner. Charlotte emailed Chris and discussed a little what the kind of volunteering could be.

Charlotte lives in Sleaford, has experience of National Trust property work, supervising volunteers and research, and largely wants to find out more about conservation work outside the National Trust.

It was suggested that outside volunteering like helping local groups with Neighbourhood planning might be an option. We could also possibly help facilitate shadowing. Charlotte could be invited to the next meeting to see what she might want to do.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12 July at Newark
