



IHBC EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH MEETING

Tuesday 31st October 2017

At: 7pm, The Organ Grinder, Portland Street, Newark

MINUTES

Present

Liz Mayle

Rob Walker

Emilie Wales

Rosamund Worrall

Rose Thompson

Alice Ullathorne

1. Apologies:

Roy Lewis

Christopher McKinney

Fiona Newton

Kelly Appleton-Swaine

Chloe Oswald

2. Introduce New Branch Committee Members

Secretary, Emilie Wales – Conservation Officer at ENGIE in North East Lincolnshire.

Branch Rep, Rose Thompson – recently vacated role of branch treasurer. Assistant Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas for Historic England, East Midlands.

Vice Chair, Rosamund Worrall - Historic Environment Planning Adviser, Historic England, East Midlands.

Treasurer, Alice Ullathorne – Heritage Strategy Officer, Nottingham City Council.

Liz thanked everyone for volunteering for new roles. The branch feels refreshed, no more is there a fear of not being able to hold a branch committee. Rob previous Vice Chair equally expressed thanks and best wishes.

Stephen Bradwell, previous Branch Secretary wrote to pass on his thanks to the Committee/Branch for the book token he received and wrote:

“I have enjoyed being part of the Branch and its activities over the past few years, but this was the right time to handover - we seem to have a good group of younger members looking to get involved and to take the Branch forward.”

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting & Matters Arising

Minutes agreed as seen.

4. 2018 April Meeting & AGM.

Liz has spoken to both Justin Webber at Leicester and Chloe Oswald in Derby in relation to hosting. Both have come up with some great ideas, some proposed as dry runs for the 2019 annual school. Committee concluded that the events would be decided by the host as a surprise.

April date tbc with venue based on availability.

AGM **September 7th 2018** with venue based on availability

5. Annual School 2019 - organising committee.

Emilie to send out an email invitation to all members to respond within 1 week.

Separate email to be sent to those who have expressed interest with details and thanks.

Chair to contact Justin to ask if he would be willing to be Organising Committee Chair. Alice and Justin then to liaise with Fiona to arrange venue and date of first meeting asap – early Dec.

List of interested members will then be passed on and Organising Committee Chair will then ask for volunteers to take the lead on the following positions; Sponsorship, Communications, Speakers, Tours, Local Information. Liz will attend as many as able with Ros stepping in, in her absence or, attending as well.

6. Chair's Report & Business Plan

Hope we can all work together to ensure Annual School and next year's AGM run smoothly. Business Plan agreed Thursday 26th October. Some contact has been made with Collywestern slate quarry and Ancaster stone quarry to perhaps arrange an additional event.

7. Treasurer's Report

Deposit Account **£190.36** – Current Account **£555.03**

8. Branch Reps Report

First virtual meeting has taken place with varied success. Business Plan Agreed. It was mentioned that there was a need for an Apprenticeship sub group. HE seen to be going down a one person fits all approach, we need to monitor how this pans out.

Next Council Plus meeting is 30th November 12 – 5 pm Holborn, St. Andrews, theme '.....' with drinks after. 3 branch members to attend, Rose, Ros and Alice.

No applications were received for the 'Consultant Policy Advisor' role advertised. This will need to be modified and re- advertised. Revision to NPPF not thought to be imminent, and no suggested changes to heritage policy, however changes to other planning sections may have some impact. Results to recent surveys were also read out, describing member demographic, engagement and the use of technologies such as social media.

9. Membership Report

7 unpaid subs – 4 new affiliate members since September – 1 affiliate re-joined following 2yr absence.

10. County Rep's Reports

Leicestershire – no update since AGM next meeting to be held in December, written report included below.

Lincolnshire – written report included below. It was announced that Kelly has accepted a new role outside the area and as such will be leaving her role as Lincolnshire county rep. The item of new county rep will be discussed at the next LCOG on 1st December.

Nottinghamshire –

Derbyshire –

Northamptonshire - N/A

11. Communications Officer

Post AGM update is almost complete. Website has been updated following committee elections and business plan.

Liz to write up some narrative about the past years events and meetings to be uploaded onto the website.

12. Any Other Business

Non arising.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 5th December 2017, Organ Grinder, Newark.

Written Reports:

Leicestershire –

The last Conservation Officers Forum was held in January, the intention is to still hold the Forum every six months but a meeting was not possible to convene in the Summer so an Autumn or Winter meet is likely. The newly appointed Historic England officers covering the county will be invited. There have been tentative discussions about occasionally joining up with the Northamptonshire Officers Forum particularly if a training event or visit of interest for all officers can be set up or falls at a convenient time.

Updates and feedback received throughout the year from the authorities within the county are as follows (this is by no means an exhaustive list of activities!):

- Blaby – new conservation area designated in Croft
- Charnwood – Martin Jones has been appointed as Conservation Officer filling a vacant post
- County Council - John Sharpe continues to provide standard advice to authorities (in particular for Oadby and Wigston BC and Blaby DC)
- Harborough – considerable amount of case work and enforcement cases to deal with
- Hinckley and Bosworth – have undertaken public consultation on selection criteria for a local list. The drafting of a Heritage Plan for the Borough has commenced with some successful consultation workshops. The Council are finalising a submission of a first-round application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver a Townscape Heritage scheme within Hinckley (this will be a second attempt at obtaining funding).
- Leicester – Jeremy Crooks has taken voluntary redundancy, his Conservation Officer role is not to be advertised. Article 4 directions for all relevant properties on the adopted Local List have been confirmed. The Greyfriars THI continues to progress well. A new appraisal and management plan for Churchgate Conservation Area has been drafted. Work has been ongoing for the replacement roof on the grade II* listed engineering building at the University of Leicester. The local Buildings at Risk register is to be updated.
- Melton – Toby Ebbs provides specialist advice on a consultancy basis for 2 days a week only
- North West Leicestershire - John Sharpe continues to administer the ongoing Coalville shopfronts improvement scheme
- Rutland – last information received was that vacant Conservation Officer post is being covered on part time basis by an officer from South Kesteven

Lincolnshire –

LCOG met on Friday 29th September and were hosted by Heritage Lincolnshire. The following was reported and discussed:

- Mark Simmonds was introduced to the group as the new Conservation Officer for South Holland.

- County matters included:
 - o TH being awarded in Cleethorpes
 - o Victoria Mills in Grimsby has completed urgent works and NELC will be running a design competition with RIBA for its re-use
 - o Heritage Action Zone application has been submitted for Greater Grimsby
 - o Lincoln transport hub is nearing completion
 - o The new Arches software being trialled at City of Lincoln Council is due to have a soft launch in March 2018
 - o ELDC's Local Plan is being examined by PINS at Inquiry stage.
 - o Boston's shop front guide has been formally adopted by the council

- Historic England clarified recent changes in team responsibilities:
 - o South covers Boston, South Holland and South Kesteven and falls under Dale Dishon
 - o North covers North Kesteven, East and West Lindsey, and Lincoln and David Walsh covers these
 - o For archaeology – Tim Allen covers the north including Lincoln and Helen Woodhouse the south

- DAC reported that their team was back up to full strength and that the diocese is being used as a pilot for the Explore Churches project with a focus on buildings with an RAF connection

After the meeting LCOG members were given a tour of the Old King's Head a former Tudor coaching inn which Heritage Lincolnshire have taken on as their current building preservation trust project. The building is at risk and will be renovated as a cafe with B&B. A second stage HLF application was submitted in August with decision in December.
