



**IHBC South East Branch Committee Meeting
Westerham Village Hall, Kent**

Wednesday 8 June 2011.

MINUTES

Present: Sean Rix (Chairman), Peter Mills, Lone Le Vay, Debbie Gardner, Chezel Bird, and Lauren Shephard.

1 Apologies

Andrew Norris, David Kincaid, Ollie Chapman, Eimear Murphy, John Campbell, Jo Evans and John Davey

2 Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed.

3 Review of secretarial arrangements

Lauren Shephard has kindly agreed to take over as secretary from the next Committee meeting. It was noted that these minutes are now posted on the IHBC website. Peter Mills will carry on circulating what he gets although there was some discussion about other branch events not cascading down.

Beverley Mogford at Guildford BC is now a national membership assessor. We will be running an event later on in the year led by Jo and Beverley. This will be for all those interested in joining or upgrading. The S E branch will be part of a pilot study to see if non-members are being put off by the form-filling which needs to be done – Sean Rix is happy to provide advice.

4 Arrangements for the AGM

The AGM will be held in Margate on Friday 30 September. The theme will be 'Seaside Regeneration' and it might be subtitled 'Turnering the corner'.....see below.

A venue to seat about 50 people will be needed. The day will include talks in the morning on Margate covering (probably): New conservation areas in Cliftonville, site specific issues including Dreamland, and the role of grant aid. The Branch AGM will take place in the half hour after lunch, and there will be site visits afterwards. The cost will be £35 for IHBC members and £40 for non-members.

A possible venue is the new Turner Contemporary art gallery, which has just opened, and has meeting rooms and a café.

It was agreed that the event if possible should be recorded on DVD and could be uploaded onto the IHBC website and used for CPD.

An approximate programme could be:

9.30	Registration and coffee
10.00-10.10	Welcome and introduction to the gallery
10.10-10.40	First presentation
10.40-11.10	Second presentation
11.10-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.00	Third presentation
12.00-12.30	Q and A Session
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.00	Branch AGM
14.00 -	Site visits – Cliftonville, Old Town, Dreamland, Gallery?
16.30	Finish

Chezel Bird will speak to Louise Dandy at Thanet DC to confirm dates, venue, catering and speakers (this has since been done and Louise Dandy has agreed to contact the Turner Contemporary to arrange this).

5 Past and future events

Past events:

The Hutton and Rostrum meeting in Westerham Village Hall on 24 March 2011 was on 'Stop the Rot'. About 30 people attended. The content was interesting and there were good examples.

Future events:

(i) Andrew Hargreaves at EH may still be able to lead a Walk and Talk session on the High Street 2012 – Sean Rix or Peter Mills will chase.

(ii) A thatching seminar at Littlebourne Farm near Canterbury is another possibility. Ollie leading this. It could be done in collaboration with a KCOG meeting – possible dates 2 or 9 September 2011. It would probably be a free event or a minimal cost of £5 or £10 each.

(iii) Hastings – Debbie Gardner confirmed that the Pelham Arcade has now been listed grade II* - this means that Assista grant may not be available – other issues may need time to sort out (including the pier) so a Hastings visit could perhaps be next year (2012).

(iv) Watts Gallery – museum and house now both open – it would also be good to get into the adjoining chapel. Possible visits 14 or 15 July 2011 and meal afterwards?

(v) Hadlow Tower Tonbridge – David Duce was involved with this and it's now finished – visit? Lauren Shephard to chase.

(vi) Paul Reid event ? He's always keen to do some training – flint/mortars. Or, David Smith ('Flintman') also does training days – is this something Eimear Murphy could chase?

(vii) 'Leadlock' – possibly have an evening seminar in Westerham – talk plus Q and A after.

(viii) Grafitti cleaning and other 'anti' methods – Sean Rix to chase.

(ix) Timber cleaning – 'Sand Piper' cleaning company – might be prepared to lead a training session.

6 Membership applications

None.

7 Any other business

Lone le Vay has been trying to change the signatures on the IHBC cheque book.

Council meeting last week. Mike Brown is Chair of Policy Committee and is looking at the implications of the new National Planning Policy Framework – there are now only three pages on the Historic Environment – these will replace PPS5.

SE Economic Forum – Peter Mills sits on this and represents the S E Branch.

The IHBC is going through a governance review – possible name change – Institute of Historic Environment (IHE?).

The IfA is promoting itself as a paragon of conservation through a report prepared by the Southport Group of the IfA. The IHBC is considering the position as archaeology is a different discipline to conservation.

Debbie Gardner wants to stand down as East Sussex rep and a replacement needs to be found. Sean Rix thanked her for her contributions to the work of the Branch over the last five years.

24 June 2011 – COGS meeting

8 Date of the next meeting

Watts Gallery on 22 July 2011.

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