

WIGSTON CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2015 AT AGE UK, PADDOCK STREET

Present: Maureen Waugh (in the Chair), Peter Cousins, Peter Holmes, Ken and Val Beesley, Alan Kind, Mary Essinger, Colin Hames, Nicola Alexander. (9).

members: Richard Carter, Doris and David Smalley, Pat Harper, Roy Hughes. (5)

1. Apologies: Colin Towell and May Hilton, Roy Pearce.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2015 were approved.

3 Matters Arising

3.1 (3.1) Minute Secretary: There had been no further success in appointing a Minute Secretary.

3.2 (3.2) Bus timetables and seats: There was nothing further to report.

3.3 (3.4) South Wigston Station plaque renewal: Contact had not yet been made with Network Rail.

3.4(3.7) Wigston new baths disabled facilities: A detailed response had been received from Avril Lennox and this would be given to the Chair at a subsequent date for comment.

3.5 (10.2) Deposit of old Minutes at the Record Office: The following Executive Committee minutes had been deposited at the Record Office: 5/01/2000 to 7/12/2005 and 4/1/2006 to 3/11/2010 and AGM minutes: 1981 to 2010

3.6 (10.4) School name changes: The draft letter referred to at the last meeting had been circulated, agreed and sent to the Chairs of Governors and the Heads at each school. There had been no response. A Member again advised that the old school names are likely to continue as House Names within the schools.

3.7 (10.5) Libraries: It was again agreed that the Society should make a response to the consultation and individual members were urged to do so themselves.

10.5 Litter: It was reported that the South Wigston dedicated litter picker was now back at work. There were suggestions that the police and / or Traffic Enforcement Officers should become more involved but further discussion was needed on this matter.

4 Society Events

4.1 29 May 2015: Boys and Girls of WWI talk Blaby Road church: At the time of the meeting there were 37 bookings but the event had not yet been publicised in the Mercury.

4.3 9 June, AGM: All arrangements were in hand, but the Secretary will circulate a briefing paper.

All existing members are willing to stand for re election except May Hilton who had advised that she wishes to stand down. Alan Kind advised that although he was willing to remain on the Committee he may not be able to attend some meetings in the winter months. Roy Hughes is willing to join the committee.

Maureen Waugh wishes to stand down as Chair and Peter Cousins will take her place with Maureen taking Peter's place as Vice Chair.

After the meeting Peter Holmes confirmed that he would wish to stand down as Treasurer but remain on the Committee. Val Beesley confirmed that she is willing to take on the full Treasurers role and Peter Holmes will become the Examiner.

After the meeting it was confirmed that Cllr Carter was unable to give a presentation on Greening the Borough at the AGM because he had other commitments that evening

Members were advised that the Society was to be a beneficiary of the will of former member Barry Roe. *It was confirmed after the meeting that a cheque for £1000 had been received.*

4.4 29 September Annual Public Lecture: All arrangements were in hand but a poster will be needed.

4.5 31 October WWI Commemoration events: A further Project Group meeting had been held and tickets/posters were now being prepared. All performers were aware of details.

4.6 Two Steeples Walk relaunch: Following a long discussion there were no volunteers for organising a relaunch of the walk. However it was suggested that the leaflet should appear on the websites for the LFA, the OWBC and Leics CC. The LFA could also be asked to include the walk in its programme.

5 Website and Facebook

It was reported that there had been a further 129 hits making a total of 2903.

6 Correspondence

There was no new correspondence or announcements.

7 Planning Matters

7.1 Land off Pochins Bridge Road: There was nothing new to report.

7.2 Newton Lane: An application for full planning had not yet been made.

7.3 Dorset Avenue: There was nothing new to report.

7.4 Heating Elements site: It was reported that the site was 'under offer'.

7.5 HM Young Offenders Centre: There was nothing further to report although there had been some press articles about the contractor providing local employment.

7.6 Europa Building, Newton Lane: Some activity had been noted on the site but there was no indication of the name of the purchaser or the intended use.

7.7 Canal Street: There had been some activity on the Oldershaws site only.

7.8 Wigston House, Kirkdale Road: There was nothing new to report.

7.9 71 Blaby Road, C o U restaurant to café: no comment.

7.10 22-24A Blaby Road, C o U Opticians to café/restaurant: no comment.

7.11 95 Blaby Road, create new side access door: no comment.

7.12 Wigston Baths, minor material amendments: no comment.

7.13 50D Blaby Road, alterations to shop front: no comment

8 Borough projects

8.1 Pride in the Borough: It was reported that there was a new category under 'biodiversity'.

8.2 Greening the Borough: There was nothing to report.

9 Society Projects:

9.1 Jubilee Plaque/ Bell Street: There had been no further action on the display boards. It was reported that the bollard had been seen in the raised position.

9.2 Street Art: In the absence of the Secretary there was nothing new to report.

9.3 Significant buildings review: There was no further action on this project.

10 The Elms Social Club

There was a long discussion on this subject mainly in connection with the car park on which it was suggested that dwellings may be built. There had been no application for planning permission in this respect. It was agreed to maintain a close watch on activity on the site. *It was confirmed after the meeting that the building is on the existing significant list and as it was adjacent to the Grade one listed church, any development would have to take this into consideration.*

11 Any Other Business

11.1 Working with Oadby CS

The Secretary had sent a message to say that Oadby C S had considered our views that no formal agreement or combination of the two organisations should take place but that there should continue to be ongoing exchanges of relevant information and social events. They agreed with our views.

12 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM on **TUESDAY 9 June at 7.30pm in the Maple Room**