



BECCLES SOCIETY
Minutes of the Meeting Held 9th September 2020
by Zoom, at 7.00 pm

Attendance -

<u>Executive</u>	Paul Fletcher	(Chairman)
	Jeff Harris	(Treasurer)
	Jennifer Fletcher	(Minutes Sec.)
	Clare Mackney	(Publicity Sec)
	Ray Poll	(Membership Sec)
	Julia Harris	
	Terry Goodwin	
	Chris Scott	

<u>Members</u>	Bob Aris
	Paul Gurbutt

1.9.20 Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies had been received from Joan Pattison and Doug Peck.

A warm welcome was extended to Paul Gurbutt who was attending as prospective future Chairman

Thanks were given to Clare Mackney and Ray Poll who had agreed to take over as Publicity Secretary and Membership Secretary respectively.

Paul Fletcher resigned as Chairman of the Society owing to health issues which had arisen over the past few months, and Jennifer Fletcher also resigned as Minutes Secretary.

2.9.20 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (10th June 2020)

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record, subject to one amendment, and signed by the Chairman.

3.9.20. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a) **Pound Booklet (3.1.18a)**

The Pound booklet had not been printed for sale because of coronavirus

restrictions.

b) Commemoration Plaques Review (13.11.19c)

A request had been made to the Town Council for the funding of 100 copies of PUR bound books of Bob's "Commemoration Plaque Review" which would be for sale.

There had been no meeting of the Assets Committee to date.

4.9.20 Planning applications

Bob Aris had circulated a list of the applications which had been commented on over the period since the last meeting. (10th June 2020). There were no further comments to add.

5.9.20 Membership update.

The number of members stands at 64 for the year to date.

6.9.20 Treasurer's Report

The current balance of money held is £2770.14

Jeff Harris has returned the necessary account details to the Charity Commission.

7.9.20 Neighbourhood Plan

Paul Fletcher had also resigned his position as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Team.

The updated plan is currently with East Suffolk D.C. prior to public consultation.

8.9.20 Town Council Pedestrianisation Proposals.

There was an extraordinary meeting in the Town Hall on 13th August. The majority of the public attending wanted to retain the closed area of Newmarket. Nevertheless it was decided to change the scheme in order to open up the area to vehicles on Monday to Thursday with Friday, Saturday and Sunday being closed as at present. The section directly in front of the shops from Q D to Barclays would however be barricaded off with planters at the beginning of the week to allow more room for pedestrians. This has not yet been carried out.

9.9.20 Dr Nicholson Award

Three suggestions for this award had been put forward by members of the Executive as follows:-

1. Dell house – suggested by David Lindley
2. Lantsbury Terrace, Fen Lane – suggested by Bob Aris, a big improvement on previous derelict buildings.
3. 49 Northgate – suggested by Clare Mackney as a modern imaginative design.

After some discussion it was agreed that all three would receive the award.

10.9.20 Future Meetings

11th November 2020; 13th January 2021; 10th March; 14th April (AGM);
9th June.

11.9.20 Confirmation as Chairman

Paul Fletcher, as outgoing Chairman, asked Paul Gurbutt whether he was willing to take on the Chairmanship of Beccles Society.

Paul Gurbutt agreed to take on these duties and also volunteered his wife as future Minutes Secretary.

12.9.20 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

The next executive meeting is on 11th November 2020 at 7.00 pm.
Again this will be held via Zoom.