



BECCLES SOCIETY

Minutes of the Meeting Held 14th November 2018 in Rosedale Funeral Home at 7.00 pm

Attendance -

Executive Paul Fletcher (Chairman)
John Sayer (Vice Chairman)
Jeff Harris (Treasurer)
Jennifer Fletcher (Minutes Sec.)
Richard Bellefontaine
Julia Harris
David Lindley
Chris Scott

Members Bob Aris
Terry Goodwin
Joan Pattison

Apologies No apologies had been received.

1.11.18 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (12th September 2018)

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

2.11.18. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a) 3.1.18 Future plans for the Society

* DL would submit an article for the website.

* RB similarly agreed to submit a contribution for the website.

* BA suggested that as the Pound had been repaired, an updated reprint of the Beccles Society booklet about the Pound would be of local interest.

* PF has submitted articles for "The Bugle" and "The Community News". Both of these publications are available at no cost.

b) 4.1.18b McDonald's Car Parking

BA has not received a response as yet to his letter sent to McDonalds' Customer Services. He felt that writing to Norfolk County Council Highways Department quoting relevant paragraphs of "The Highway Code" might produce results.

c) 10.2.18 Lowestoft Records Office

DL informed the meeting that Alan Wheeler (Museum Curator) will be photographing the Rix Collection so that the copies can be held in the museum for easy access for those wishing to see particular items. The originals will be held in The Hold in Ipswich.

d) 9.6.18 Beccles Revealed

It was suggested that "Beccles Revealed" could also be sold in Barsham Church as large numbers of Beccles residents form its congregation.

e) 15.6.18a AGM Speaker

JH had contacted James Mayhew, an illustrator who lives in Bungay, to speak to the Beccles Society AGM in 2019. He has agreed to do the talk and Jeff will contact him in the New Year to see what equipment he might need for his talk.

For general information his website is jamesmayhew.co.uk

f) 15.6.18b Dr. Nicholson Award

BA, PF and JS will have a conducted visit to North House and associated crinkle-crinkle wall on Ravensmere, Beccles at 11.00 am on 19th November 2018. It is expected that the award will be presented to Peter Sabberton at a later date.

g) 15.6.18b The Old Cycle Shop and The Ex Moorlings Shop

The latter is a Grade 2 listed building, and the inside has been stripped ready for repair.

JS to contact the Conservation Officer in relation to both buildings.

3.11.18 Planning applications

a) Hopkins Development - London Road

The developer will not be funding any highway improvements further down London Road which may be required as a result of this development. There have been significant objections from Suffolk CC in respect of the access and hence the application is currently in abeyance.

b) Development of the old Iron Works Site behind Roy's Supermarket

There will be one access to the site from Gosford Road. The bungalows will be available for anyone over the age of 55. BA had asked the developers representative about fire precautions and was informed that no sprinkler system will be installed unless the law changes in the meantime. It was noted that no direct pedestrian access was being provided into Beccles town centre and there appeared to be inadequate visitor parking

facilities.

It was agreed that PF would take these matters up with McCarthy & Stone.

c) 23 Ravensmere

A proposal was discussed for redeveloping this site with 5 houses, since a structural survey had indicated that the building was too expensive to repair. There were no objections to the scheme.

d) Planning applications for Castle House, 79 Rigbourne Hill, and the old Police Station Building on London had been recommended for refusal.

4.11.18 Membership update

There are currently 81 members. JH suggested placing an advert in "The Charter" mentioning what Beccles Society does and encouraging new members to join. PF to carry this out.

5.11.18 Treasurer's Report

The balance of money held is £2742. This has increased since April as a result of members' subscriptions and the sale of books.

6.11.18 Neighbourhood Plan

These have been attended regularly by JS and PF. The group is still finalising the draft policy statements.

7.11.18 Dorothy Crowfoot-Hodgkin plaque

The situation regarding this will be monitored as the scheme progresses.

It was agreed that details of the existing plaque would be included in BA's book which is a compilation of the plaques in Beccles.

DL has agreed to write biographies of the people and the backgrounds to the buildings which have plaques.

It was noted that the existing plaque for Dorothy Crowfoot looks rather dilapidated and requires cleaning and replacement of brass screws.

8.11.18 HGV Movements in Beccles

Heavy lorries are continuing to drive through the centre of Beccles following completion of the Southern Relief Road. It was felt that some of this was probably due to the lack of adequate signage.

A meeting has been arranged with Peter Aldous at his surgery on 8th December at 10.00 am. BA suggested taking photographs of existing signs and preparing a "mock-up" of what could be there instead. BA and JS agreed to carry this out.

9.11.18 Future Meetings

9th January; 13th March; 10th April (AGM);

10.11.18 Any Other Business

a) Examination in public of Local Plan for Waveney

David Goldstone (Neighbourhood Planning team), Paul Fletcher and Richard Stubbings had attended this meeting on behalf of Beccles. Existing and likely traffic congestion levels were raised, but it appears that Suffolk CC traffic model has been programmed to only consider a junction as congested if the delay is greater than 30 minutes. A satellite health centre was discussed for the "Garden Village Development", but we were informed that the CCG had categorically ruled this out. Their preferred solution was to extend the existing health centre, but there was no money available for this at present. There were no plans to increase the number of car parking spaces.

b) Pride in Beccles

JS is awaiting information about the next meeting.

c) 11th November Memorial Service

Beccles Society laid a wreath at the war memorial this year in remembrance of 100 years since the end of the 1st World War. It was agreed that we would carry on this tradition in all future years. PF to notify Charlie Middleton of our requirement to be involved in future arrangements.

11.11.18 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

The meeting was closed with good wishes for Christmas and a happy New Year.

The next executive meeting is on 9th January 2019 at Rosedale Funeral Home at 7.00 pm.