

MINUTES of a meeting of Stamford Civic Society's Committee held on
Wednesday January 14th 2015

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs, Richard Barry, Martin Grimes, Carol Meads, Graddon Rowlands, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens, Gil Williams and Don Lambert.

0115/1 APOLOGIES: Jocelyn Chatterton, Michael Thompson.

0115/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p>GR, DL and others will meet with Adam Frost on 19th January to discuss possible designs for a WW1 garden memorial and meeting place with seats in St. Michael's churchyard.</p> <p>DL is liaising with the Town Council and the owner regarding the Bath Row Castle Wall project.</p> <p>It was suggested that DL's proposal to look again at underground parking on North Street was outside the scope of the Urban Group, partly because of the huge costs involved.</p> <p>GR will check with Mike Smith about the current state of the repairs needed to the Sensory Garden wall in Water Street.</p> <p>The George phone box remains an ongoing project.</p>	<p>DL/GR</p> <p>DL</p> <p>GR</p>
0115/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>7 St. George's Square: installation of replacement window/door units, etc. – GMG had incorporated the sub-committee's comments in her response.</p> <p>Kier Development proposal – The Society's response had been sent to SKDC and GMG was now awaiting further information.</p> <p>14 St Paul's Street: variation of conditions re use of slates and roofing materials – GMG had included the response from the sub-committee in her reply.</p> <p>There was still no firm date for discussion in Grantham of the proposed Tallowin development on The Meadows. CM, who had previously been the only committee member available to attend, would not be able to attend the next Planning Control meeting on 3rd February.</p>	

0115/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>PS reported that he had received information from English Heritage regarding the clearance of the Bastion site to a reasonable standard.</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous committee meeting were agreed.</p>	
0115/5	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>MJS had purchased a replacement sound system for approximately £210. He had already tested it out at Browne’s Hospital to ensure the sound was satisfactory.</p> <p>The Members’ Meeting was booked for March 11th at Browne’s Hospital. GMG urged all committee members to attend.</p> <p>MS would check with David Ellis the equipment he would need for his talk on February 19th. MJS would organize drinks and nibbles.</p> <p>It was agreed to charge members £12 each for the private visit for up to 40 members to Island Hall, Godmanchester, on June 2nd. A coach would not be provided.</p> <p>Peter Heyes had agreed to open his garden to members on 26th May. MS was asked to issue free tickets, and a collection box for donations to a charity of his choice would be available in the garden.</p> <p>It was agreed that GW would arrange a date in late September for a visit to the Wedgwood Museum. She would try to find out the cost of entry. MS reported that the minimum cost of a coach to take up to 40 members to Stoke for the day was £630.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>MS/ MJS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>GW</p>
0115/6	<p>SUNDIAL PROJECT</p> <p>In January’s edition of “Stamford Living”, Nicholas Rudd-Jones had invited under 18s in the Stamford area to submit a piece of creative writing, with prizes provided by the Society. It was decided that CM, RB, MS and possibly Karen Neale would sift through the entries and provide a shortlist for the judges.</p> <p>GMG would contact Miranda Rock to see if she would be prepared to judge the competition and possibly offer Burghley House as the venue for the prize giving.</p>	<p>CM/ RB/MS</p> <p>GMG</p>

	<p>It was hoped that the judging panel would include Nicholas Rudd-Jones; a creative person; a committee member and a local author (GW would investigate a science fiction writer). Launch of “Stamford Stones”: there would be a print run of 500 copies with distribution free to local opinion leaders to aid circulation. It would be available for £5 from Walker’s and at meetings. GR would speak to Rachel and Fiona about a suitable date, probably in March, when they could be present at a launch party at Browne’s Hospital. RB would organize the party reception list of approximately 40 guests.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>GR/RB</p>
0115/7	<p>MARKETING & ANNUAL REVIEW</p> <p>CM and JC were thanked for their excellent efforts in producing the Annual Review, which had been widely praised by members and townspeople.</p> <p>Committee members had saved postage costs of £1.17 per copy by hand delivering the copies in the whole area.</p> <p>CM and JC stated that they had already started work on the next edition. They would welcome general comments and would like ideas for the big theme for this year’s double page spread. MG had suggested that the envelope should contain a membership form this year. It was also suggested that some copies could be distributed to dentists’ and doctors’ waiting rooms and to the new intake of local councillors in May.</p> <p>Membership form: as it needed to be reprinted soon, CM asked for ideas for any changes which might be made to it. This would be an Agenda Item in February.</p> <p>Heritage Open Days: CM would try to find out what the theme was for 2015. This would be another Agenda Item in February.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>CM</p>
0115/8	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>CM reported that she and MS were waiting for a date for a meeting regarding the next project with Malcolm Sargent School.</p>	
0115/9	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>GMG presented PS with a framed cartoon relating to pavement surveys.</p>	

	<p>MG reported that the Skells Trust had provided £2,000 for the Bastion Project.</p> <p>PS reported that close notice would need to be taken of the upcoming planning application S14/3394 (21 St. Peter's Street) as the graveyard there will need to be taken into account.</p> <p>MT had reported that he assumed Moores had not got consent for the estate agent signs on the Sheep Market, and he considered them to be out of keeping.</p> <p>The Committee meal would take place at 7 pm on Friday 23rd January at the Garden House Hotel. GMG had offered the parking space outside her house if it was needed.</p>	
0115/10	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place on February 11th 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Mess at the Cosy Club.</p>	

MINUTES of a meeting of Stamford Civic Society's Committee held on
Wednesday February 11th 2015

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs, Richard Barry, Martin Grimes, Carol Meads, Graddon Rowlands, Melanie Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens, Gil Williams and Don Lambert.

0215/1 APOLOGIES: Jocelyn Chatterton, Mike J Sockett, Michael Thompson.

0215/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p>GR, DL and others met Adam Frost on 19th January to discuss possible designs for a WW1 garden memorial and meeting place with seats in St. Michael's churchyard. As there had been some concern whether another garden of remembrance was necessary, other ideas for its use included a feature to highlight Stamford being the first conservation town; and the inclusion of a memorial to all the innocent lives lost in war. DL will present ideas to the Town Council following the election.</p> <p>£9,000 had been promised by the Skells Trust to pay for the lighting in Red Lion Square. The LCC would fit and maintain them. The Committee thanked the Urban Group for their work on this project, which would enhance the town.</p> <p>The George phone box remains an ongoing project. GR and member John Hopson were meeting to decide on quotations which would feature on one panel of the interior. The town trails, including the Children's Town Trail, would also be included.</p> <p>DL was concerned about the poor state of an advertising bike and agreed to speak to the owner of the Music Shop.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">DL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">GR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DL</p>
0215/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>2 Rock Terrace: replacement shed – no objections.</p> <p>Moshulu: repainting of shop front – no objections as the colour agreed is acceptable.</p> <p>23 High Street (Peacocks): recolouring of shop front, new staircase, etc – GMG would highlight concerns about the illuminated signage; the lack of information about the colours to be used; and would incorporate the Planning Sub-Committee's concerns about the undercroft. GMG would</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">GMG</p> <p style="text-align: right;">JS</p>

	<p>contact Peacocks' Head Office about these concerns. JS had indicated that he would speak to the Manager as soon as possible about the importance of the undercroft.</p> <p>54 St Leonard's Street (formerly The Carpenters' Arms): alteration of listed building – no objections.</p> <p>7 St George's Square: remedial work to provide structural stability – no objections.</p> <p>There was still no firm date for discussion in Grantham of the proposed Tallwin development on The Meadows.</p>	GMG
0215/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>There were no Matters Arising.</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous committee meeting were agreed.</p>	
0215/5	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>David Ellis had requested a screen and projector for his talk on February 19th. MJS had organized drinks and the sound system, and PS had volunteered to bring the nibbles.</p> <p>The Members' Meeting was booked for March 11th at Browne's Hospital. GMG urged all committee members to attend, wearing name badges.</p> <p>The Creative Writing Competition entry deadline was March 27th. The sifting panel [CM, RB, MS and member Paul Eastwood] would shortlist 20 entries during early April.</p> <p>Miranda Rock, Nick Rudd-Jones, local author Helen Gould and local science fiction author Peter F Hamilton would be the judges. Miranda Rock had agreed that the Great Hall at Burghley House would be used to host the prize-giving event on 6th May from 6 to 7.30 pm. MS and CM would liaise with the Events Manager.</p> <p>The Hirst Conservation Booklet Launch would take place at Browne's from 6 pm on 23rd March. MJS would provide drinks and nibbles, and MS would print labels.</p>	<p>GMG/ MJS/ PS</p> <p>All</p> <p>CM/ RB/MS</p> <p>CM/ MS</p> <p>MJS/ MS</p>
0215/6	<p>SUNDIAL PROJECT</p> <p>See Item 5.</p>	

0215/7	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>CM presented a paper outlining the possible design and content of the 2015 Annual Review. It was agreed that it would remain an A4 size publication despite the postage costs incurred. Members would be asked for their thoughts at the March 11th meeting, and committee members suggested other articles which might be included.</p> <p>Membership form: as it needed to be reprinted soon, CM had asked Paul Eastwood to look at a possible re-design. It was agreed that the cover would feature a photograph of St Leonard's Priory.</p> <p>Heritage Open Days: GMG would try to gauge members' interest in this at the March 11th meeting.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>GMG</p>
0215/8	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>There was nothing new to report.</p>	
0215/9	<p>CIVIC VOICE: PILOT PROGRAMME</p> <p>The Committee decided not to be involved in a pilot programme to adopt an Asset of Community Value.</p>	
0215/10	<p>DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL PLAN 2036</p> <p>The Committee agreed to await further developments.</p> <p>It was noted that the Stamford Town Plan is available from the Town Hall or on their website, and members were urged to read it.</p>	All
0215/11	<p>TRUSTEES' LIABILITY, CONTRACTS & INSURANCE</p> <p>The Committee agreed that MG would present information on this topic at the AGM.</p>	MG
0215/12	<p>COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Two members had volunteered to become more involved so it was agreed that MS would invite them to meet committee members at the March 11th meeting. There were a variety of ways in which members could help the Society. Specifically, a Treasurer was needed as a matter of some urgency.</p>	MS

0215/13	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>GMG would ask the Canadians to choose a date for their tour of the town and then volunteers would be sought. It was hoped that John Smith would be able to provide the introduction again as it was so successful.</p> <p>GMG would contact Kevin Brumfield re the poor state of the verges near the William Cecil Hotel, following up on an email from PS.</p> <p>It was agreed that those on the list circulated by MG which showed subs unpaid would now be deleted from the membership list by MS.</p> <p>GR would follow up his concern that the Norman arch opposite the Town Hall needed conservation work.</p> <p>PS reported that the interior of The Bastion is being cleaned currently.</p> <p>It was agreed that PS would organize volunteers' efforts to tidy up All Saints' Churchyard. However, no tree planting had been sanctioned by the Committee.</p> <p>PMS would consult the Town Clerk to ascertain if there is a bye law regarding flyposting.</p> <p>GMG agreed to check with Ian Wright whether Moores' Estate Agents had planning permission for the signs on their building.</p> <p>GMG indicated that she would not be available to chair the April committee meeting.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>GMG</p> <p>MS</p> <p>GR</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PMS</p> <p>GMG</p>
0215/14	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place on 8th April. In March there will be a Members' Meeting at Browne's Hospital at 7.30 pm.</p>	

MINUTES of a meeting of Stamford Civic Society's Committee held on
Wednesday April 8th 2015

PRESENT: Jocelyn Chatterton (Acting Chairman), Martin Grimes, Carol Meads, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens

APOLOGIES: Gwyneth Gibbs, Richard Barry, Graddon Rowlands, Michael Thompson, Gil Williams and Don Lambert.

0415/2	<p>URBAN GROUP There was no report as DL and GR were absent from the meeting.</p>	
0415/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED 1 Horseshoe Lane: repainting – no objections [and had now been approved] Stamford Station: canopy – concerns raised by sub-committee [had now been approved and decision accepted by sub-committee] Marks & Spencer: installation of snowguards – Society queried their necessity 5 St George's Square: erection of rear extension – no objections King's Mill: internal & external alterations – no objections as they would probably be an improvement 18 St George's Street: reinstatement of chimney stack – liked by the Society 32 St Paul's Street: internal renovations – no objections 7 St George's Square: extension above existing extension – slight concern re gutters passed on, but no objection 52 High Street (RBS Bank): illuminated signs – the Society had objected Bull & Swan Hotel: alteration of restaurant in to 2 bedrooms – no objections as the economic necessity was understood The Dolphin: conversion from public house – concern expressed re UPVC window installation so close to the Conservation Area Café au Chocolat: Pavement Café Licence (4 tables and 10</p>	<p>GMG GMG GMG GMG GMG</p>

	<p>chairs, 10 am to 4 pm) – no objections</p> <p>Stamford High School: single storey extension – no objections</p> <p>Re: The Hub: John Smith had sent the following information to committee members - It seems that while their plans for the site are in abeyance because of the judicial review they are seeking a 'change of use' to use the present premises as offices. They are seeking permanent use. It is interesting that in their Planning Statement they note, 'the uncertainty of the future of the business at this location means that permanent permission is requested. Once the judicial review is finalised, the applicants will review their position and intentions as to the future of the building in terms of which company should occupy it.'</p> <p>Re: Cheyne Lane – following discussion at the Members' Meeting, GMG had asked the sub-committee to look at this area and report to the committee.</p>	
0415/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Re: <u>Flyposting</u> – MG had contacted Ian Yates at SKDC to ask when was the last time a fixed penalty notice had been issued for this and his reply was that none had been issued: “On certain occasions it is the individual erecting the poster that we need to identify rather than simply the organisers of the event...”</p> <p>PMS had spoken to the Town Clerk on the same issue. He wondered if the committee should gather evidence about the offenders who were placing them on public surfaces, but perhaps should take into consideration whether the notices were affixed for only a short term. It was agreed that the committee would discuss this at the May meeting.</p> <p>GR would be asked if he had anything to report on the state of the Norman Arch at the May meeting.</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous committee meeting were agreed.</p>	
	<p>Mr Tom Gould then arrived. PS stated that Mr Gould had been assisting with a non-Society matter concerning Truesdale's Hospital. Mr Gould explained that he had worked within the construction industry and also had looked at all the listed buildings in Stamford and the surrounding area. He thought he might be able to assist the Technical sub-</p>	

	<p>committee on an ad-hoc basis in various specialised areas. JC asked him to write to GMG with an account of how he thought he might be able to help, and thanked him for his interest.</p> <p>Once he had departed, the meeting continued.</p>	
0415/5	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>Talk by Stuart Orme – April 23rd : MS would check if he required a screen and projector. It was also agreed that GMG might send out another email on her return to remind members about this event as so far only 20 tickets had been sold. MJS had organized drinks and PS had volunteered to bring the nibbles.</p> <p>The Creative Writing Competition had attracted disappointingly few entries so sadly the Great Hall at Burghley House would not now be used to host a prize-giving event. However, the sifting panel [CM, RB, MS and member Paul Eastwood] had been able to send good entries through to the judges and a first and second prize could be awarded. In the circumstances, the Treasurer suggested the runners-up should each receive £25, and this was agreed.</p> <p>As GMG was not present, the Canadian Visit would be discussed at the May meeting.</p> <p>MS would contact GW to ask whether a date for the Wedgwood visit in September had been agreed yet.</p>	<p>MS/ GMG/ MJS/ PS</p> <p>MS</p>
0415/6	<p>SUNDIAL PROJECT</p> <p>The Hirst Conservation Booklet Launch had taken place at Browne’s on 23rd March. It had proved to be a most successful event, with an opportunity to meet and network with local business people, school heads, councillors, and representatives of English Heritage.</p>	
0415/7	<p>MARKETING</p> <p><u>Membership form</u>: CM showed the committee Paul Eastwood’s design, which was well received. A mock-up would be emailed to all committee members by CM. It was agreed that 500 would probably need to be printed.</p> <p>CM presented a paper outlining the possible content of the 2015 <u>Annual Review</u>. Committee members whose names</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>featured were asked to confirm that they were happy to write a piece. The deadline for copy was 31st August.</p> <p>PS stated he would try to find information (for inclusion in the Review) on the logo which had been designed by Stephen Hart, a founder member.</p> <p><u>Heritage Open Days</u>: The Society would not be registering in 2015 as there had been little interest shown by members in the Society's involvement.</p>	PS
0415/8	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>There would be an update at the May meeting.</p>	
0415/9	<p>HIGHWAY VERGES ADJOINING WILLIAM CECIL HOTEL</p> <p>GMG had sent a quotation from Precision Landscapes for wooden posts to LCC and Burghley. PS would contact Kevin Brumfield for his opinion on whether Highways would contribute any funding.</p> <p>This would be an agenda item for the May meeting.</p>	PS
0415/10	<p>COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>John Trotter had emailed after the Members' Meeting to suggest there could be an architectural design group to comment on matters of design as well as the historical context. The committee, however, was not sure that this was necessary. PMS commented that this was not within the Society's remit but perhaps Mr Trotter's idea could be passed on to the Technical sub-committee for their thoughts.</p> <p>Martin Lander, an active member, had written to volunteer to become Treasurer. As his experience seemed ideal, it was agreed that MG would contact him informally. Also, there would be a chance for him to speak to committee members at the talk on April 23rd. If he were still interested, his appointment as Treasurer would be from the next AGM, subject to the vote at that time.</p>	MG
0415/11	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>The Bastion: PS stated that the inside had been totally cleaned out. PS would meet with SKDC and English Heritage/ Historic England to discuss the maintenance of this ancient monument,</p>	MG

	<p>owned by SKDC.</p> <p>Following members' concern about the state of Dawson's, 6 Red Lion Square, PS was pleased to report that the restoration of the east side was in hand.</p> <p>West Street: the committee agreed that a maximum of £100 could be spent on purchasing clumps of bulbs for planting in early October. CM and MS thought it could be an opportunity for involvement by local schools.</p> <p>PMS had contacted Highways about the scruffy state of the road surface on Crown Street and had been told that there was no council money available for its repair. PMS suggested that others might like to email LCC Highways about this issue.</p> <p>Proposed Sheepmarket Crossing: MS reported that she had sent a letter to Kevin Brumfield at Highways including a copy of "Stamford and the Car" and offering the Technical sub-committee's services in the design of the proposed Sheepmarket crossing. PS was concerned about the access to and from Warrenne Keep, and there was some confusion over the likelihood of there being a wider pavement and/or a loss of ten parking spaces. It was agreed that this should be discussed again at the May meeting.</p>	
0415/12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place on May 13th 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Mess at the Cosy Club.</p>	

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Wednesday May 13th 2015

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APOLOGIES: Graddon Rowlands, Peter Stean, Michael Thompson.

0515/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p>The Urban Group is working with Stamford Town Council to revamp the planters and replace the benches in Red Lion Square. The Society raised concern that the possibility of planting five or six trees was excessive.</p> <p>The lighting in Red Lion Square is going ahead. John Dawson has agreed to pay for a freestanding light opposite his shop.</p> <p>The Sensory Garden in Water Street has been repaired.</p> <p>Following the Group's comments on the wretched state of the area around the Salvation Army building, Mr. Pistolas had tidied it up.</p> <p>The revamp of the Bath Row wall area was being planned, but changes would need the consent of several parties.</p> <p><u>Proposed projects include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A make-over of St. Michael's Churchyard• Green areas to be serviced• Cleaning of the brass information plaques and possible replacement of their wooden surrounds in Sheepmarket• Planting of flower beds on the Morrison's roundabout [the Society cautioned that sight lines must not be blocked]• The replacement of the metal seat on the corner of North Street car park• Cleaning/mending/replacement of the seats on Water Street• Replacement of rusty, dirty and slanting lights on the Town Bridge• Conversion of the area behind the Danish Invader into	
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	<p>a toddlers' play area</p> <p>The Urban Group would like the Society to view these areas and pass on their thoughts. Feedback was actively sought.</p>	All
0515/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>Truesdale's Hospital: non-illuminated information board – no objection</p> <p>Harrison & Dunn: signage – no objection</p> <p>Stamford Endowed Schools: single storey extension – no objection</p> <p>The George Hotel: internal alterations to two bedrooms – no objection</p> <p>Priory View: single storey side and rear extension – no objection as long as the view of the Priory was not obscured.</p> <p>9 Rock Terrace (revised): single storey rear extension and internal/external alterations – as previously, no objection</p> <p>Re: The Hub: the planning permission for demolition of the existing building and construction of a four storey office block had been quashed by a High Court Judge.</p> <p>London Inn: two small extensions – this had not been referred to the Society but would now be followed up.</p>	GMG
0515/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Re: <u>Flyposting</u> – it was agreed that there was no cause for concern if the sign was up for a short time only. However, notices which were up for a long term should be referred to the Town Council. The Committee was asked to note these and pass them on to GMG for the attention of the Town Clerk.</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous committee meeting were agreed.</p>	All
0515/5	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>GMG would follow up the Canadian Visit arrangements for discussion at the June meeting.</p> <p>GW reported that the visit to Stoke on Trent could not yet be finalised as the opening date for the Wedgwood centre had been put back to July. The visit would not now include a visit to Trentham Gardens.</p>	GMG

	<p>Peter Heyes' Open Garden : 6 to 8 pm on Tuesday 26th May. PS and JC volunteered to arrange this event and organize drinks and nibbles. GW volunteered to man the gate. MS would pass on a list of all members to GW.</p> <p>The date for the AGM would be set when GMG heard back from Orlando Rock. It was agreed that the AGM would consist of the meeting plus drinks, without a formal speaker. 30 members had paid to visit Island Hall on June 2nd.</p> <p>MJS thanked PS for making the preliminary arrangements for the St. Leonard's Priory event on Saturday, June 20th. MJS would now follow up and finalise the arrangements.</p> <p>Future events: a talk by Jeremy Hunter on life in North Korea, and a visit in summer 2016 to Wothorpe Towers were suggested.</p>	<p>PS/JC/ GW</p> <p>MJS</p>
0515/6	<p>SUNDIAL PROJECT</p> <p>The Creative Writing Competition prize-giving had taken place and photographs and more information were on the website.</p> <p>Copies of the Hirst Conservation booklet were moving.</p> <p>The final documentation to wind up the Sundial Project would be discussed at a meeting on 26th May.</p>	
0515/7	<p>MARKETING</p> <p><u>Membership form</u>: It was agreed that 500 would be printed at a cost of £208.</p> <p><u>Annual Review</u>. Committee members who had been asked had all confirmed that they were happy to write a piece. The deadline for copy was 31st August. Copies of the present Review would be used in a membership drive in the St. Leonard's Priory area. Residents there would be invited to come along to the event at the Priory on June 20th.</p> <p>PS was thanked for finding information (for inclusion in the Review) on the logo which had been designed by Stephen Hart, a founder member.</p>	<p>CM</p>
0515/8	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>CM had met the Principal of Stamford Welland Academy, Anthony Partington. He was keen to engage with the community so CM and MS would liaise with him and Will</p>	<p>CM/ MS</p>

	Phelan from Stamford Endowed Schools.	
0515/9	<p>HIGHWAY VERGES ADJOINING WILLIAM CECIL HOTEL</p> <p>GMG had met with Burghley and Kevin Brumfield regarding placing wooden posts along the verges. Highways would be unable to contribute any funding but, following the intervention of county councillor David Brailsford, there were ongoing discussions with LCC.</p> <p>Sheepmarket Crossing: this had also been discussed with Councillor Brailsford. This would go ahead in its present form as the funding was not from Highways and was the result of a visitor survey which indicated that visitors arriving from the Bus Station wanted the crossing.</p>	
0515/10	<p>STORAGE SPACE & ARCHIVE MANAGEMENT</p> <p>GMG indicated that she would be prepared to consider the use of the loft over her garage if the papers could be stored successfully there.</p> <p>It was agreed that only 2 copies of each previous newsletter needed to be conserved. GMG would begin to activate this policy and destroy multiple copies of each previous newsletter.</p> <p>MJS would check with Stamford Library if there were any gaps in the provision of Society newsletters and reports which were kept there.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>MJS</p>
0515/11	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Society Noticeboard on The Meadows: PS stated that its replacement was in hand.</p> <p>Town Council notice on The Meadows: MS was asked to contact the Town Clerk to ask for it to be improved.</p> <p>The Bastion: PS had met with SKDC and Historic England to discuss the maintenance of this ancient monument, owned by SKDC. He was now waiting for a report from Historic England.</p> <p>PS was very grateful that St. Peter's Residents' Group had volunteered to cut the grass.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>MS</p>
0515/12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place on June 10th 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Mess at the Cosy Club.</p>	

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June 10th 2015

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APOLOGIES: Don Lambert and Michael Thompson.

0615/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p>At a meeting on June 3rd, the following subjects were discussed:</p> <p>The Urban Group thanked PS for his kind offer to clean the plaques around Sheepmarket, following the Group's report on their current state.</p> <p>The phone box would have translucent panels, with quotes extolling Stamford's virtues by, for example, Celia Fiennes. The side panels would be removed, leaving just the middle panel for a town map.</p> <p>DL would contact Adam Frost, winner of a Gold Medal at the Chelsea Flower Show, to congratulate him and to indicate that the Group was looking forward to his observations on the refurbishment of St. Michael's churchyard.</p> <p>It was hoped that one of the seats in Vence Walk would be repaired in the next few days.</p> <p>The Town Council had agreed to provide funds for new lights on the walls and new seating and planters in Red Lion Square.</p> <p>Cllr. David Taylor had stated that the old signal box would be renovated.</p> <p>Cllr. Max Sawyer was heading up the Bath Row wall and seating area project, which had been proposed first by the Urban Group.</p> <p>GR had met with Mike Smith from SKDC to discuss the poor state of the benches at the east end of the High Street and was assured that they would be repaired in the next few days.</p> <p>GR raised the continuing concerns about the state of the verges near the William Cecil hotel. Following lengthy discussion, it was agreed that GMG would continue to liaise with Kevin Brumfield from Highways.</p>	GMG
0615/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>London Inn: two small extensions (one over the kitchen)– this had not been referred to the Society but had been followed up. GMG had consulted the sub-committee and would state the Society's concern that this and other similar applications should be forwarded to the Society as a matter of course.</p> <p>Moore's: retrospective application for signage – it was agreed that</p>	GMG

	<p>GMG would highlight the Society's concern about this practice. She also agreed to contact Kevin Brumfield about the current use of the area outside Moore's for parking, presumably by their employees.</p> <p>Rear of 37-39 St. Mary's Street: signage. It was agreed that the sub-committee's concerns about the size of the lettering should be forwarded by GMG.</p> <p>Browne's Hospital: installation of handrail – GMG was asked to check why it could not be metal rather than rope.</p> <p>70 High Street (Savers): repainting of shopfront and replacement signage – the sub-committee's comments would be included in the objection raised by GMG.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>GMG</p> <p>GMG</p> <p>GMG</p>
0615/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>Canadian Visit, July 21st</u>: From 10.30 am volunteers would take groups on an hour's tour, and they would end up at the Town Hall.</p> <p><u>Town Council's renewal of noticeboards</u>: MS had received a reply from the Town Clerk. The notices on the Meadows would be considered at the next Amenities' Committee meeting. The Society would keep a watching brief.</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous committee meeting were agreed.</p>	All
0515/5	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>Volunteers were congratulated on the success of Peter Heyes' Open Garden on 26th May. £300 had been raised for a charity of his choice. Members had thoroughly enjoyed the visit to Island Hall on June 2nd.</p> <p><u>St. Leonard's Priory, June 20th, 6 – 7.30 pm</u>: MJS had organized wine and nibbles and was working with the various organisations involved. He asked for volunteers to assist with the set-up of trestle tables, etc., at 5.30 pm that evening. MS would man the gate and ask for donations from non-members.</p> <p>CM would bring along copies of the Annual Review for distribution to potential members.</p> <p>The date for the <u>AGM</u> was October 15th. It was agreed that GMG might contact the President to see if he would be willing to give a brief talk on his time at Burghley.</p> <p>GMG would contact the Town Clerk to see if the Town Hall could be hired for less than the current fee of £250/£325 (previously £100).</p> <p>MS would contact The George Hotel to see if they would be prepared to offer members a talk in November 2015.</p>	<p>MJS</p> <p>All</p> <p>CM</p> <p>GMG</p> <p>MS</p>
0615/6	<p>SUNDIAL PROJECT</p> <p>The final documentation to wind up the Sundial Project was discussed at a meeting on 26th May. The accounts had tallied and would be sent</p>	GMG

	off to HLF by GMG in the next few days. She indicated that the Society would need to make a refund to HLF.	
0615/7	<p>MARKETING</p> <p><u>Membership drive</u>: On June 14th, CM, member John Hopson, MJS and MS would deliver to streets on the east side of town membership forms and a letter inviting people to the St. Leonard's Priory event. GMG agreed to print the letter.</p> <p><u>Annual Review</u>. JC reminded the committee that the deadline for copy was 31st August. DL would be asked to photograph the committee at the beginning of the September 9th meeting. CM would also like to arrange for the members of the sub-committee to be photographed.</p> <p><u>Newsletter</u>: GMG would send out a draft in June, for delivery in early July. CM volunteered to write a piece on the St. Leonard's Priory event.</p>	<p>CM/MJS/ MS/ GMG</p> <p>GMG CM</p>
0515/8	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>It was agreed that CM and MS would arrange to meet the Principal of Stamford Welland Academy, Anthony Partington, and Will Phelan from Stamford Endowed Schools to discuss a new project involving students in an audit of the town, supported by the Urban Group. CM would first speak to DL about his level of involvement.</p>	<p>CM/ MS</p>
0615/9	<p>ARCHIVING OF OLD PAPERWORK</p> <p>GMG had destroyed all but a maximum of six copies of each old newsletter, etc. and had also retained one copy of old pre-computerised minutes.</p> <p>It was agreed that RB would send GMG a list of suitable second-storey shop premises whose owners could be approached to ask if they would be willing to store up to ten plastic storage boxes of archived material.</p> <p>Also, member Martin Lander would approach his neighbour, Tim Lee.</p>	<p>RB</p>
0615/10	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>GR stated that he could be reached by phone whilst his computer was out of action.</p> <p>It was agreed that PS could go ahead and order an improved replacement Castle Site interpretation board for £300 including VAT, with no added installation costs.</p> <p>John Dawson was congratulated on the impressive refurbishment of his shop.</p> <p>It was agreed that PMS would research the feasibility of holding the March members' meeting at Borderville Sports Complex.</p> <p>GMG stated that she would email a copy of a newly commissioned piece of artwork, featuring Stamford's stone heritage, to the committee for their comments. It would be a gift to the town and could be placed</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PMS</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>somewhere in the town centre, possibly outside – ideas for location would also be welcomed.</p> <p>The Chairman would be away between June 18th and 26th. MS would deal with enquiries received via the website and send out any planning applications received during GMG's time away.</p>	MS
0615/11	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place on July 8th 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Mess at the Cosy Club.</p>	

MINUTES of a meeting of Stamford Civic Society's Committee held on Wednesday

July 8th 2015

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs (Chairman), Martin Grimes, Carol Meads, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens, Gil Williams and Martin Lander

0715/1: APOLOGIES: Richard Barry, Jocelyn Chatterton, Don Lambert, Graddon Rowlands and Michael Thompson.

0715/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p>CM and MS had met with DL to discuss his and the Urban Group's level of involvement in school projects and had discussed a wide range of possible activities. He was happy to meet with staff from schools. DL reported that he would again try and contact Adam Frost re the proposed refurbishment of St Michael's churchyard, and get this moving.</p> <p>DL again thanked PS for his sterling efforts with the brass information boards. He thought that once the last one had been reconnected, they would look so much better. He believed that this was a task which needed to be carried out at regular intervals, perhaps every nine months.</p> <p>DL suggested that a letter be sent from the Civic Society to John Dawson, to say how much the revamp and restoration of his Red Lion Shop had improved the whole look of Red Lion square. This was in hand.</p> <p>DL wished to elicit the opinions of the Civic Society re the abysmal state of the road and walls of Crown Street. He knew that the Civic Society was known for its views, and the stances it took when it came to building renovations etc, and felt that the same strong moves towards looking after the character of Stamford be aimed at areas like Crown Street. The views of the Civic Society were respected and listened to, and this was the type of area that would benefit from the Society's input. MS was asked to write to LCC Highways, copied to the local LCC councillors.</p>	MS
0715/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>Rear of 37-39 St. Mary's Street: signage, light fittings, etc. - the sub-committee's concerns had been forwarded to the Planning Department by GMG.</p> <p>3 St. Peter's Street: alterations to added-on utility room – GMG had included a cautionary comment from JS in her response, for which Ian Wright had thanked the Society.</p> <p>1 High Street: replacement ATM – no objections.</p>	GMG

	<p>3 St. Peter's Street: erection of shed in rear garden – no objections.</p> <p>6 Red Lion Square: reinstatement of statue of Hermes – the sub-committee's comments would be included in the response by GMG.</p> <p>24 St George's Street: change of use from retail to residential with erection of single storey rear extension & internal alterations - no objections.</p> <p>8 St George's Street: conversion to residential use with external and internal alterations – the sub-committee's comments would be included in GMG's positive response.</p> <p>Town Hall: change of material for new roof – it was agreed that this would be passed to the sub-committee for their appraisal.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>GMG</p>
0715/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Sundial Project: GMG reported that she had sent off the final paperwork and was waiting for HLF to calculate the refund they required.</p> <p>GMG reported that the verges near the William Cecil Hotel were a priority for yellow lines and then enforcement, according to David Brailsford, as the council was not keen on the Society's idea of adding wooden posts to deter drivers from parking.</p> <p>PS reported that Castle Site board would be installed on August 11th.</p> <p>CM volunteered to speak to Paul Pepper, the Commercial Manager of Borderville Sports Centre, to ask him how much it would cost for the Society to hire a room there in March 2016 for the Members' meeting, and the likely cost of drinks and nibbles.</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous committee meeting were agreed.</p>	<p>CM</p>
0715/5	<p>EVENTS</p> <p><u>St. Leonard's Priory Event</u>: despite the wet weather, 40 attended this event, including 6 new members drawn from the June membership drive in that area. GMG thanked all the volunteers for their efforts.</p> <p>Next year GW suggested that a choir she knew of might sing as it was agreed that it needed to consist of more than just free drinks and a social gathering for members in future.</p> <p>PS was unhappy about the state of the field adjacent to the Priory. It was agreed that MS should contact David Pennell in the first instance.</p> <p><u>Wedgwood Museum Visit</u>: GW reported that the museum would reopen on July 17th. She would then liaise with MS re the ticket price and visit the site for a recce.</p> <p><u>AGM, October 15th</u>: GMG was pleased to report that she had secured the Town Hall for free, and had agreed the Society would give a donation to the Mayor's charities. It was agreed that GMG would</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>GW</p> <p>GMG</p>

	<p>contact the President to see if he would be willing to give a brief talk on his time at Burghley after the business had been concluded.</p> <p>MJS reported that Dave Baxter had donated several photographs to the Society, including two of the interior of St. Leonard's Priory, and it was agreed that they would be exhibited at the AGM. MJS would arrange to have them mounted.</p> <p>MS would start looking for a suitable venue to hold at least 85 people for the 2016 AGM.</p> <p><u>Canadian Visit, July 21st</u>: From 10.30 am five volunteers would take groups on an hour's tour, and they would end up at the Town Hall. GMG would liaise with all those involved.</p> <p>As MS had contacted The George Hotel [to see if they would be prepared to offer members a talk in November 2015] by four methods without response, CM volunteered to find the name of the previous contact there.</p> <p>Future Event ideas: GW volunteered to contact Simon Thurley to see if he would give a talk to the Society in March/ April.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Spalding Gentlemen's Society would be an interesting summer visit.</p>	<p>MJS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>GMG</p> <p>CM</p> <p>GW</p>
0715/6	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>The committee approved the design of the new <u>membership form</u>, which was now being distributed widely.</p> <p><u>Annual Review</u>: The deadline for copy was 31st August. DL would be asked to photograph the committee at the beginning of the September 9th meeting. CM would also like to arrange for the members of the sub-committee to be photographed.</p> <p>As the Editor of Stamford Living had asked for publicity on societies in Stamford, CM was asked to write a piece for inclusion.</p>	<p>CM</p>
0715/7	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>CM and MS were arranging to meet managers from Stamford Welland Academy in August to discuss a new project possibly involving students in a street audit of the town, supported by DL and the Urban Group.</p>	<p>CM/ MS</p>
0715/8	<p>ARCHIVING OF OLD PAPERWORK</p> <p>RB had sent GMG a list of suitable second-storey shop premises whose owners could be approached to ask if they would be willing to store up to ten plastic storage boxes of archived material. As a result, GMG would contact Tim Walker.</p> <p>Tim Lee had suggested the Town Hall, but the Society understood that there was no space available there currently.</p>	<p>GMG</p>

0715/9	ANY OTHER BUSINESS PMS was unhappy about the profusion of bicycles attached to lamp posts for advertising purposes. As LCC was not prepared to take action, nothing would be done until there had been a tripping accident, it was felt.	
0715/10	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next Committee Meeting will take place on August 12th 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Mess at the Cosy Club.	

MINUTES of a meeting of Stamford Civic Society's Committee held on Wednesday

August 12th 2015

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs (Chairman), Jocelyn Chatterton, Martin Grimes, Graddon Rowlands, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens, Gil Williams and Martin Lander

0815/1: APOLOGIES: Richard Barry, Carol Meads, Don Lambert, and Michael Thompson.

0815/2	URBAN GROUP GR reported that the Stamford quotations were now in place in the telephone box near The George Hotel. It was agreed that GMG would contact the Town Clerk regarding the committee's concerns that the Red Lion Square project was unwieldy with plans for five planters and five benches. The St. Michael's Churchyard project was no further forward as the Urban Group was still waiting for the designer Adam Frost to make contact.	GMG
0815/3	PLANS RECEIVED 37 St Mary's Street: removal of staircase and erection of rear balcony – comments made by the sub-committee were included in GMG's response. 67 Scotgate: installation of exterior door to listed building – no objections Tobie Norris, 12 St Paul's Street: erection of extensions and internal & external associated alterations – no objections 8 All Saints' Street: replacement signs (wooden) – no objections Erection of Tallowin House, Austin Friars' Lane: planning appeal by owners to Secretary of State King's Mill: external & internal alterations and extension & external staircase – GMG would consult the sub-committee	GMG GMG
0815/4	MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING MS had written to Craig Harrison (with photographs supplied by DL) regarding the poor state of the road in Crown Street and had been promised that action would be taken to reset the slabs, and to infill the potholes when they reached intervention level. It was agreed that other committee members might also contact Highways about the state of this road. MS had found out that the field west of St. Leonard's Priory belongs to the Cecil Estate Family Trust and Strutt and Parker would act to improve the appearance of the grassland. All the volunteers were thanked for making the Canadian visit so successful. MG reported that the Town Council's Strategic Development	

	<p>committee had discussed A Boards and had decided that there were no objections to them in the town and they did not constitute a problem.</p> <p>PMS reported that he had contacted SKDC and had been told that a bicycle attached to a lamp post with advertising on it was flyposting and should be dealt with.</p> <p>PS reported that the Castle Site board had been installed on August 11th. He was thanked for his efforts.</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous committee meeting were agreed.</p>	
0815/5	<p>DRAFT ACCOUNTS TO JULY 2015</p> <p>MG spoke to his previously circulated paper.</p> <p>It was agreed that it be recommended at the AGM that the Lottery Fund surplus be used for built heritage projects.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that, although there needed to be sufficient reserves, these could be reduced a little. Their possible use would be discussed at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>MG was thanked for his diligence.</p>	
0815/6	<p>AGM & PAPERWORK</p> <p>GMG would send out a second draft for the committee to check. The paperwork would be sent out by August 30th, after which she would be on holiday.</p> <p>GMG would chase the President to find out if he would be prepared to give a brief talk at the AGM after the business had been concluded.</p> <p>GMG indicated that she would not be standing for election in 2016/17.</p> <p>The role of Deputy Chairman would be discussed at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that MJS would arrange to have the photographs donated by Dave Baxter framed ready to show members at the AGM.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>MJS</p>
0815/7	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>The cost of a coach and entry to the Wedgwood Museum would be £37. So far, 20 members had shown interest in the trip. Following discussion with GW, MS had arranged a coach seating 27 maximum. GW was still waiting for more information from the Museum.</p> <p>As there had been no response from The George Hotel despite repeated requests, MS would contact the curator of John Clare's Cottage to ask him if he would give a talk in November.</p> <p>PMS would contact Lionel Wall who he said would be prepared to give a talk on the genesis of English churches in February 2016.</p> <p>GW would speak to Simon Thurley in September to ask if he would give a talk to the Society in March/ April 2016.</p> <p>Also discussed were possible visits to Spalding Gentlemen's Society, Apethorpe Palace (previously known as Apethorpe Hall) and Wothorpe Towers.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>MS</p> <p>PMS</p>

0815/8	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>CM and JC had begun to edit the Annual Review. The deadline for copy was 31st August. A new date for DL to photograph the committee would be necessary as the Chairman would not be present at the September 9th meeting.</p>	
0815/9	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>CM and MS were arranging to meet managers from Stamford Welland Academy and Will Phelan from SES in August to discuss a new project possibly involving students in a street audit of the town, supported by DL and the Urban Group.</p>	CM/ MS
0815/10	<p>FUNDING OF THE BASTION CONSERVATION</p> <p>PS reported that, with the involvement of Historic England, his plan to improve the interior of the last surviving Bastion in the town had become a large project.</p> <p>It was agreed that the committee would wait for SKDC to provide three quotes for the clearing of ivy and rubbish and the maintenance and replacement of stone and bricks at this ancient monument site. It was also agreed that this must be project managed by SKDC.</p> <p>PS reported that volunteers would help him to plant bulbs around the exterior of the Bastion in September.</p>	PS
0815/11	<p>SUNDIAL PROJECT: FINAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS</p> <p>This project had now finished and GMG stated that the Project Fund Report would be available at the AGM.</p>	
0815/12	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE</p> <p>As Tim Walker had been unable to help, another solution needed to be found.</p>	
0815/13	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>GMG would not be able to attend the September meeting. She would be away for three weeks from the end of August.</p>	
0815/14	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place on September 9th 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Mess at the Cosy Club.</p>	

MINUTES of a meeting of **Stamford Civic Society's Committee** held on Wednesday
September 9th 2015

PRESENT: Mike J Sockett (Acting Chairman), Jocelyn Chatterton, Martin Grimes, Carol Meads, Graddon Rowlands, Melanie Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens, Gil Williams, Don Lambert and Martin Lander

0915/1: APOLOGIES: Richard Barry, Gwyneth Gibbs and Michael Thompson.

0915/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p>Lights in Red Lion Square: the Urban Group was waiting for LCC permission to install the new lights.</p> <p>MS reported that GMG had contacted the Town Clerk regarding the committee's concerns that the Red Lion Square project was unwieldy with plans for five planters and five benches.</p> <p>Bath Row wall: DL stated that Cllr. Max Sawyer had a plan for the necessary repairs and was liaising with the owner and the Urban Group. The Society advised that Historic England would have to be involved.</p> <p>DL would bring an artist's impression to a future meeting, showing his idea for two traditional lights to illuminate the Town Bridge and the river.</p> <p>The St. Michael's Churchyard project was ongoing; the Urban Group was still waiting for input from the designer Adam Frost.</p> <p>Crown Street: several committee members as well as the Urban Group had contacted Highways without success regarding the poor state of repair so DL will contact Cllr. Brailsford. He urged others to do likewise.</p> <p>Roundabout at Morrison's: MS was asked to find out who was responsible for its poor maintenance and write to complain. She was advised to mention that plants needed to be kept low to avoid hazards when driving in the vicinity.</p> <p>DL also mentioned the large bush affecting the pavement opposite the Volkswagen garage and he was advised to contact Highways.</p> <p>Cllr. David Taylor had asked the Urban Group to cost the clean-up of the Norman Arch by professional specialist companies. He was advised that Historic England would need to be involved.</p> <p>PMS raised concerns about the shabby state of the alleyway near Ad-nams and leading down to the river's edge. DL agreed to contact Cllr. Taylor.</p> <p>Any committee member concerned about graffiti in town was urged to contact the Town Council as the Town Cleaner would probably be the person involved with its removal.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">MS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DL</p>
0915/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>King's Mill: external & internal alterations and extension & external staircase – GMG had consulted the sub-committee and was informed</p>	

	<p>that they had no overall objections but did have concerns, which GMG had duly passed on.</p> <p>9 Rock Terrace: single storey rear extension – no objections.</p> <p>ATM, in window of newsagents on corner of Red Lion Square: Concern was expressed that this was an unnecessary addition to the Square and to this listed building, despite the minimal effect on the fabric. The application had subsequently been withdrawn.</p> <p>1a Barn Hill: loft conversion including a dormer window: concerns expressed re the deficiency of the detail in the application, which made it impossible to be certain of the result.</p> <p>3 King’s Mill: conservatory roof replacement etc - although the drawings lacked detail there were no objections. MS would comment in the response that this application had not been forwarded to the Society.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>MS</p>
0915/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>Amendment: re A Boards (0815/4)</u> – MG reported that the Town Council’s Strategic Development Committee had discussed A boards. A combined display board was to be erected at the top of Stamford Walk for shops there, but no further action would be taken for the time being. Lincolnshire County Councillor R. Foulkes stated that he felt no immediate action should be taken as he had found that about half the people he spoke to were in favour of the A Boards.</p> <p>Following this amendment, the Minutes were duly accepted as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising from <u>July</u> meeting: CM reported that the function room at Borderville could be hired for £90 plus £1.80 per person for tea/coffee. It was decided that, as members enjoyed a glass of wine at their meeting, the Society would not hire this facility for the March Members’ Meeting. CM also reported that, as the Chairman was away currently, the committee photograph taken in 2014 would be used again for the Annual Review.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>Use of Reserves would be discussed again at the November meeting.</p> <p>PS reported that three quotations were being obtained by SKDC for the Bastion work. Progress was being made. Bulb planting would take place between 10.30 and 12.00 on Saturday 26th September and volunteers should bring a trowel and kneeling pad.</p> <p>PS reported that he had removed the information board for safety from</p>	

	the bus station ramp in Sheepmarket. He had obtained four new bolts and the board would be reinstated the following week.	
0915/5	<p>AGM & PAPERWORK</p> <p>AGM, October 15th: CM and PS had volunteered to meet and greet members downstairs from 7 pm at the Town Hall. MJS had ordered the wine and soft drinks and PS would organize the nibbles. MJS would set up the sound system and then assist PS with serving the drinks and nibbles. MS and any other committee members available would meet and greet members upstairs and MG and ML would take subs. MS would liaise with the Town Hall and check the screen was in situ. MS reminded the committee that nomination forms needed to be returned to her by 8th October at the latest.</p>	CM/PS/ MJS/MS
0915/6	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES</p> <p>MG spoke to his paper (circulated at the meeting) suggesting that reverting to a situation where every member of the committee had a specific role should be discussed at the November meeting. It was agreed that GMG and MS would list their current jobs and bring that information to the next meeting.</p> <p>It was also agreed that there needed to be more people on the committee and that the role of Deputy Chairman should be considered.</p>	GMG/MS
0915/7	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>GW reported that, sadly, the visit to the Wedgwood Museum had been cancelled earlier that week because of the low number of tickets sold. MJS thanked GW and MS for their efforts in organising the tour. MS had begun to sell tickets for the John Clare talk at Browne's on Wednesday November 4th.</p> <p>PMS had contacted Lionel Wall who he said would be prepared to give a talk on the genesis of English churches on February 24th 2016. MS would book Browne's.</p> <p>GW would speak to Simon Thurley to ask if he would give a talk to the Society in March/ April 2016.</p> <p>MS reported that JS had contacted GMG re the proposed visit to Spalding Gentlemen's Society. He would be happy to talk about the William Stukeley drawings he has been working on there. He had also provided a contact for MS to approach.</p>	MS GW MS
0915/8	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>CM and JC were delighted to state that everyone had met the deadline for copy for the Annual Review and it was all good and interesting material. Member Paul Eastwood was working on the design. As it was too large to email, CM would photocopy and send out the design to committee members by the end of September for comment. The Review would be ready for printing by the end of November. Its distribution would be an Item on the November agenda.</p>	

	<p>CM and JC would welcome thoughts about who deserved credit and should be thanked in the Annual Review.</p> <p>CM reported that she was sourcing a plastic A4 dispenser which could be hung from the top of the panels to contain Society information leaflets/ brochures in St. John's Church.</p> <p>CM had written an article in Stamford Living explaining why people might like to join the Society.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CM</p>
0915/9	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>CM and MS had met managers from Stamford Welland Academy and Will Phelan from SES in August to discuss a new project possibly involving students in a street audit of the town, supported by DL and the Urban Group. It was agreed that the pupil at Stamford School who would link with the Society, should become an honorary member of the Society's committee. Indeed, the suggestion of a "youth group" would be discussed at the November meeting.</p>	
0915/10	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE</p> <p>CM reported that the staff at Castle House had not been keen to help. It was agreed that CM would again ask the Town Clerk whether storage room could be made available in the attic of the Town Hall while MS would contact Browne's Hospital and The George Hotel re storage there.</p>	CM/MS
0915/11	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>It was agreed that the Christmas meal would be held at the Cosy Club, in the period after Christmas and before January 10th. MS would make enquiries about menus and cost.</p> <p>MG raised concern about the gradual fading away of old black lettering on buildings such as The Millstone.</p> <p>PS wished to nominate the Brewery for a Society Award for the rebuilt pillars and erection of gates.</p> <p>PMS reported that he had contacted Highways re the awful brickwork repairs near Greggs and they had agreed they would restore it.</p> <p>PMS also suggested that others might contact Environmental Health (as he had) re the advertising bicycle in Red Lion Square, which was against bye-laws.</p> <p>CM suggested that Gagliardi's shopfront should also be nominated for a Society award. GW concurred and said it was run by a local couple.</p>	MS
0915/12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place on November 11th 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Mess at the Cosy Club. The AGM will take place at 7.30 pm at the Town Hall on Thursday, October 15th.</p>	

MINUTES of a meeting of **Stamford Civic Society’s Committee** held on Wednesday November 11th 2015

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs (Chairman), Jocelyn Chatterton, Martin Lander, Carol Meads, Graddon Rowlands, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens, Gil Williams, and Don Lambert

1115/1: APOLOGIES: Michael Thompson.

Welcome to new committee member, Treasurer Martin Lander.

1115/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p>Lights in Red Lion Square: DL had discovered that to save money the application to install the new lights had been linked with the benches and planters’ project. DL had satisfactorily argued that, for £150, the lights application could be considered separately.</p> <p>Town Bridge illumination: the Group was investigating the possibility of having lights from four corners on the bank shining on to the Town Bridge. They would experiment with two sodium lights.</p> <p>The Group had already organized the cleaning of the lights on the Town Bridge. A future project would consider their replacement, at a cost of approximately £450 each.</p> <p>The St. Michael’s Churchyard project was ongoing; while the Urban Group waited for input from the designer Adam Frost, the paperwork was being prepared. PS agreed to advise them on who to contact.</p> <p>GR stated that the Town Cleaner had been “let go” and a replacement would not be appointed until April 2016.</p> <p>The Urban Group were seeking new committee members so GR would send GMG a paragraph about this for inclusion in the March newsletter to members. There would then be a follow-up letter to The Mercury.</p>	GR
1115/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>S15/2546: 15 & 16 Broad Street: alterations to create day nursery – no objections</p> <p>S15/2621: Stamford Railway Station (station canopy) – amended application: no objections</p> <p>S15/2716: 4 St Paul’s Street – internal alterations for conversion of offices to flat: no objections</p> <p>S15/2961: 70 High Street – repainting of shopfront, doors and replacement signage, like for like: no objections</p> <p>S15/2802: cladding of 6 Victorian houses in Zebra Cottages (off Torkington Street): the Society had objected and GMG had advised neighbours in the vicinity who had contacted the Society on how to complain to SKDC.</p>	

1115/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING The Minutes were duly accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>Roundabout at Morrison's: MS had been asked by DL to find out who was responsible for its poor maintenance and write to complain. She discovered that Rutland Tree Care had just taken over the roundabout sponsorship and would ensure that plants and vegetation were kept in check.</p> <p>Item 0915/9: CM asked that the student's name be deleted from the Minutes.</p>	GMG
1115/5	<p>GIFTS FOR RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS GMG and Jeremy Gibbs were thanked for providing framed prints which had been enthusiastically received by Richard Barry and Martin Grimes. The two retiring committee members had also appreciated their book tokens.</p> <p>The frames had cost £60 and the tokens £50 and it was agreed with the Treasurer that, as they had both made a sizeable contribution to the continued success of the Society, the money would be found from the Society's funds.</p>	ML
1115/6	<p>ACCOUNTS: USE OF RESERVES It was agreed that £8,000 was sufficient reserves as the trustees were covered for errors by insurance up to £5 million, and The Society was under the umbrella of Civic Voice.</p> <p>It was stated that any contractors used by the Urban Group must have their own employers' liability insurance. It was also stated that the members of the Urban Group were not trustees of the Civic Society.</p>	
1115/7	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES As it had been agreed that there needed to be more people on the committee and that the role of Deputy Chairman should be considered, MS was asked by GMG to set up a sub-committee to consider all possible candidates and report back.</p>	MS
1115/8	<p>EVENTS After discussion, it was agreed to ask the members at their meeting if they wished to hear talks only on topics linked in some way with the built environment or whether they would be happy if topics covering a wider scope were also encouraged. MS reported that her informal poll of newer members had indicated that the latter was preferred by them.</p> <p>GR would contact Professor Alan Short to sound him out about giving a talk in the autumn.</p> <p>CM would ask Karen Neale if she would be prepared to give a talk to the Society at the end of April.</p> <p>GMG would contact Pam Sharp to see if the Society could have a private tour of Browne's Hospital and the garden in June 2016.</p>	GR CM GMG

1115/9	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>CM and JC were pleased to receive such helpful comments after a draft of the Annual Review had been circulated. It was agreed that 300 copies would be printed at a cost of £497. Their distribution would be discussed at the December committee meeting.</p> <p>CM had purchased a plastic A4 dispenser which could be hung from the top of the panels to contain Society information leaflets/ brochures in St. John's Church and also be used at meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Society would donate £100 for materials to Karen Neale for "Magical Metropolis – a Heritage Haven for the Future" which gave people of all ages the opportunity to build their own model houses and place them on a street grid as part of her winter exhibition at the Arts Centre. This would promote the Society to a wider audience.</p>	
1115/10	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>CM and MS would meet staff and a student from SES in November to discuss student involvement in a street audit of the town, a Society project supported by the Urban Group.</p> <p>It was decided that the students would be asked to talk about the Society's urban community project at the AGM, as well as giving a presentation to the Urban Group.</p> <p>The concept of youth membership of the Society would be explored.</p>	CM/MS
1115/11	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE</p> <p>CM reported that the Town Clerk had indicated that there was no storage room available in the attic of the Town Hall, while MS reported that Browne's Hospital and The George Hotel were unable to help either.</p>	
1115/12	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>GW stated that she would like to retire from the committee at the 2016 AGM, but generously volunteered to continue to help where she could, for example with contacting prospective speakers.</p> <p><u>Signature Replacement</u></p> <p>It was agreed that Martin Grimes would be removed from the bank mandate and replaced by Martin Lander.</p> <p>MS was requested to send out in November reminder letters about unpaid subs.</p> <p>The meeting concluded with a viewing of stunning photographs of Browne's Hospital, sent to the Society by Teri Bryant.</p>	MS
1115/13	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place on December 9th 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Mess in the Cosy Club.</p>	

MINUTES of a meeting of **Stamford Civic Society’s Committee** held on Wednesday
December 9th 2015

PRESENT: Carol Meads (In the Chair), Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens, Gil Williams, and Don Lambert

1215/1: APOLOGIES: Gwyneth Gibbs, Jocelyn Chatterton, Martin Lander, Graddon Rowlands, Michael Thompson.

1215/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p>DL was pleased to report that Maureen Jalili had attended the recent Strategic Development Committee meeting and had reported back to the Urban Group.</p> <p><u>Lights in Red Lion Square</u>: the planning applications for both listed and non-listed building consent had been completed.</p> <p><u>Seating and Planters in Red Lion Square</u>: the Committee was determined that the application went forward in its original format. After discussion by the Society Committee, it was agreed that GMG would be asked to write to councillors Max Sawyer and Tony Storey to suggest a meeting with the Society’s committee.</p> <p><u>Telephone Box near The George</u>: this would now contain a defibrillator.</p> <p><u>Town Bridge illumination</u>: the Group was investigating the possibility of having lights from four corners on the bank shining on to the Town Bridge. DL would meet with a lighting expert before Christmas.</p> <p>The Group had already organized the cleaning of the lights on the Town Bridge. A future project would consider their <u>replacement</u>, at a cost of approximately £700 each. The Urban Group was minded to use their £1,000 grant for this and would welcome a contribution from the Society too. This would be discussed at the Society’s January meeting when DL would bring detailed information and an image of the proposed LED light.</p> <p><u>The St. Michael’s Churchyard project</u> was ongoing. While the Urban Group waited for input from a designer, the paperwork was being prepared.</p> <p><u>Castle Street: Terracotta Coat of Arms</u> – Cllr Sawyer was arranging for this original coat of arms to be installed below the castle walls. He was arranging the necessary permission. The owner of the land was happy with the idea.</p> <p><u>Norman Archway, St Mary’s Hill</u>: it would take a considerable length of time to gain the required consents to clean this.</p> <p>PMS was concerned about the proliferation of <u>old bicycles used for advertising</u> in the town. He volunteered to list all the bicycles being used for flyposting and bring it to the next meeting, with a view to then sending a letter of protest to SKDC.</p> <p>The Urban Group was <u>seeking new committee members</u> so GR would</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>DL</p> <p>GR</p> <p>PMS</p> <p>GR</p>
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1215/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>S15/2677 and S15/2678: 20 High Street St Martin's: new gate and door – no objections.</p> <p>S15/2486: 30 High Street: work to shop front – MS had sent a long response which had included all the points raised by JS.</p> <p>Proposed Pavement Café Licence: Gregg's, 18 High Street – no objections.</p> <p>MS was indebted to CM who had highlighted applications which had not been sent through to GMG and MS by SKDC. MS was following up the problem.</p>	MS
1215/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The Minutes were duly accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>Unpaid Subs: MS had sent the reminder letter to approximately 40 homes. PS was thanked for his follow-up work contacting many individual members. This had resulted in a much reduced list of non-payers.</p>	
1215/5	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES</p> <p>The sub-committee charged with considering all possible candidates had met. MS handed out a list of names at the meeting for consideration at the January meeting.</p>	
1215/6	<p>STAMFORD FIRST'S TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN</p> <p>This initiative, unknown by the committee until it was reported in a recent edition of The Stamford Mercury, was discussed. It was agreed that the Society needed to forge a connection in order to have influence on any decisions reached. This would be an agenda item at the January meeting.</p>	
1215/7	<p>EVENTS 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 24 February 7.30 Browne's Hospital Lionel Wall: The Genesis of the English Church • Wed 13 April 7.30 Browne's Members' Meeting • (Karen Neale may well be able to give a talk in March but can't sort it out until January after her exhibition ends) • Thurs 2 June 7.30 Browne's Professor Alan Short: The Recovery of Natural Environments in Architecture • Thurs 9 June 6pm Private Tour of Browne's Hospital and Garden with refreshments 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late June/early July – St Leonard’s Priory event – date to be arranged • Early August – can’t be booked until late January – Apethorpe Palace tour, hopefully. • September – date to be fixed at January committee meeting for visit to the Spalding Gentlemen’s Society • November – Gil was trying to arrange for Simon Thurley to talk to the Society. 	
1215/8	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>CM distributed the new Annual Review and thanked member Paul Eastwood for all his input. CM and JC were thanked for producing another fine journal.</p> <p>CM would contact the committee with a list of non-members who would be getting a copy. If a committee member was able to take a copy to any of these non-members on the distributed list without a tick by their name, would they please let her know.</p> <p>CM and MS would meet in mid-December to organize delivery of copies to members by volunteers after Christmas, so reducing postal costs. Each copy would cost £1.19 if sent by second class post.</p> <p>CM, MS and MJS would attend the preview of Karen Neales’s exhibition on December 11th. MS had volunteered to attend each of the three hands-on sessions planned for Magical Metropolis, which the Society was supporting with a £100 donation, in order to give out Civic Society membership forms to the public.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CM/MS/ MJS</p> <p>MS</p>
1215/9	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>CM reported that 58 Stamford School students had completed the survey, producing some wide-ranging views on the state of the town and the top improvements they felt could be made. CM and MS would meet staff and students in January. Representatives would be asked to talk to DL and GR, and give a presentation to the Society, the Urban Group and to the Town Council.</p>	<p>CM/MS</p>
1215/10	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE</p> <p>As it now seemed likely that the Society would be asked to move its stored material from the old Museum in the spring, urgent attention needed to focus on possible sites where our and other Societies’ archives could be stored in the town.</p>	
1215/11	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>PS volunteered to speak to Ian Wright following concerns raised by PMS about the advertisements covering the closed sports’ shop in St George’s Street.</p> <p>GW reported that the statue of Mercury was now in position on top of</p>	<p>PS</p>

	<p>Dawson's in the High Street and closely resembled the 19th century engravings of the previous statue. She suggested that John Dawson should be on the list considered for a Society award.</p> <p>PMS volunteered to ask the Arts Centre for information about the owner of the Stamford Quality Market signs. It was agreed that signage policy and its enforcement should be a February agenda item.</p> <p>PMS also volunteered to do an audit of poorly maintained tops of shop fronts in the High Street.</p> <p>MS reminded the committee that the Christmas Meal would be at the Cosy Club in The Mess from 7pm on Tuesday, January 5th. There would be a new menu from which choices would be made on the night. She was assured that they would cope with any special dietary needs.</p>	<p>PMS</p> <p>PMS</p>
1215/12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place on January 13th 2015 at 7.15 pm at The Mess in the Cosy Club (this venue to be confirmed.)</p>	