

	<i>Item 6 was taken next while DL was still present:-</i>	
0116/6	<p>STAMFORD FIRST'S TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN GMG would go back to Cllr. David Taylor, stating that Stamford Civic Society was keen to be on the committee and putting forward PMS as a candidate.</p>	GMG
0116/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED S15/3095 63 High Street - signage. GMG had raised objections and referred to the Shop Front Guide S15/2486 30 High St – shopfront alterations. Response referred to its retrospective nature and included concerns raised by the sub-committee. S15/2677/8 20 High Street St. Martins - new gate & door. No objections S15/3361 8-9 Red Lion Square - signage & duct. No objections S15/3302 9 High Street St. Martins - shop front alterations. No objections S15/3331 9 Barn Hill - swimming pool. Objected based on sub-committee comments S15/3230 7 Ironmonger Street – stud walling & damp proof measures. No objections, but passed on sub-committee concerns re proposals possibly encouraging damp. S15/3006 King's Mill – erection of garden room. No objections S15/3401 33 St Peter's Street - flat renovations. No objections S15/2873 9 Barn Hill - replacement rear extension. No objections S15/3450 Cobblestone Yard, Bath Row - external lights. No objections S15/3437 Digby House, Maiden Lane – alteration & extension of listed building. GMG would pass on the sub-committee's comments re the retention of panelling and the removal of rendering. S15/3165 McCarthy & Stone development, Barnack Road – garden area. No objections. S15/3422 27 Bentley Street – sub-division to create two dwellings. No objections. S16/0038/0037/0038 St Michael's Church (Boots' Opticians) refurbishment & signage. No objections but GMG would include comments made by sub-committee. S16/0046 1 Cobblestone Yard, Bath Row - change of use from retail to professional use. No objections.</p>	GMG

0116/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING The Minutes were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u>: PMS reported that all the posters had been removed from the closed sports' shop in St George's Street.</p>	
0116/5	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES It was agreed that two members recommended by the sub-committee charged with drawing up a shortlist would be contacted by MS to invite them to an informal meeting with committee members.</p>	MS
0116/7	<p>EVENTS 2016 MS would contact Karen Neale to see if she would be able to give a talk to members in March 2016. PS would check whether St. Leonard's Priory was available on July 16th or 23rd. All committee members were asked for suggestions for suitable entertainment there. MS reported that ML had cautioned that it could not be a free event and that members' contributions would be gratefully received. MS would try to arrange a September visit to the Spalding Gentlemen's Society, and an August visit to Apethorpe Palace.</p>	MS PS All MS
0116/8	<p>MARKETING CM thanked the volunteers who had distributed the new Annual Review, thereby substantially reducing postal costs, and thanked member Paul Eastwood for all his input. CM and JC were thanked for producing another fine journal. MS reported that two non-members who had received the Review had decided to join the Society. MS had attended each of the three hands-on sessions planned for Magical Metropolis, which the Society had supported with a £100 donation, in order to give out Civic Society membership forms to the public. GMG had subsequently chosen the competition winners, leading to further publicity for the Society in the Mercury.</p>	
0116/9	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS 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 arrange to meet staff and students in the spring term. 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>	CM/MS
0116/10	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE CM and GMG had met with representatives of Stamford Library and Stamford & District Local History Society to discuss both Societies' storage concerns. LCC would not store non council archives in</p>	

	<p>Stamford after April 2016. GMG would contact local schools, Burghley House and the Chamber of Commerce to ascertain if any could supply a lockable room with accessibility for research under supervision.</p>	<p>GMG</p>
0116/11	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Miranda Rock had asked for the Society's support for the Clean for the Queen national campaign. This was duly given, and GMG would contact every member about it via the March newsletter.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Society might consider working with the Town Hall to give certificates to shopkeepers who kept their shopfronts tidy Tidy of litter, especially those who sold fast food.</p> <p>PMS volunteered to do an audit of poorly maintained tops of shop fronts in the High Street.</p> <p>CM reported that post for Burghley House could be given to the Estate Office.</p> <p>PS stated that he had laminated each page of the Annual Review and the newsletter for better display in St. John's.</p> <p>PS offered to assist Cllr. Sawyer with his enquiry re the number and cost of replacing missing information plaques.</p> <p>ML would be away from 22nd January to 5th March. GMG would be away from 26th January to 7th February and for the whole of March.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>PMS</p> <p>PS</p>
0116/12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place on February 10th 2016 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 February 10th 2016

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

0216/1: APOLOGIES: Martin Lander, Peter Stevens, and Michael Thompson.

0216/2	<p>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, and sent off.</p> <p>The Urban Group was no longer <u>seeking new committee members</u> so GR would not need to send GMG a paragraph about this for inclusion in the March newsletter to members.</p> <p><u>Replacement of Lights on the Town Bridge</u>: after discussion, it was agreed that the Civic Society would part-fund the £2,800 needed for this project, on the understanding that the following were in place: £1050 from LCC thanks to David Brailsford; £816 from STC, being the remainder of the 2015-16 allowance for the Urban Group; a contribution of approximately half the remaining balance of £934 from Stamford Town council. The Society would then provide the other half of the balance of £934.</p> <p><u>Town Bridge illumination</u>: the Urban Group was investigating the possibility of having lights from four corners on the bank shining on to the Town Bridge. After hearing from member Martin Grimes that there might be a roost of Daubenton bats under the bridge, the committee stated that a survey would need to be carried out.</p> <p><u>St Michael's Churchyard project</u>: DL agreed to circulate a paper to all committee members, detailing a proposed programme of improvements.</p>	DL
0216/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>S16/0125 4B Barn Hill – internal alterations. No objections.</p> <p><u>For information</u>: Ian Wright had contacted GMG to explain that the statue above the old Stamford Hotel was unsafe and would have to be temporarily removed.</p>	

	<p>– 8.30 pm.</p> <p>The Members' Meeting was booked for Browne's on <u>Wednesday 13th April</u> and MJS would arrange drinks and nibbles.</p> <p><u>The following would be mentioned in detail in the next newsletter:-</u></p> <p>Thursday 2nd June – talk by Professor Alan Short at Browne's</p> <p>Thursday 9th June – evening tour of Browne's Hospital</p> <p>Also, MS would continue to try to arrange a September visit to the Spalding Gentlemen's Society, liaising with John Smith.</p>	<p>MJS</p> <p>MS</p>
0216/8	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>CM and JC were beginning to discuss the next Annual Review, which the committee agreed should go ahead again. PMS and GW volunteered to each write an article.</p>	PMS/GW
0216/9	<p>SCHOOL PROJECTS</p> <p>It was still hoped that representatives from Stamford School would be able to talk to DL and GR about their survey, and give a presentation to the Society, the Urban Group and to the Town Council. CM still hoped for a response when the staff were less busy.</p>	
0216/10	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE</p> <p>GMG would continue to pursue further lines of enquiry. A space with room for at least one person to sit and study material was now needed for storage of archives belonging to the Civic Society, the Local History Society, and possibly Stamford Hospital Museum. Philippa Massey was writing an article for the Stamford Mercury about this issue.</p>	GMG
0216/11	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS had assisted Cllr. Sawyer with his enquiry re the number, style and cost of replacing missing information plaques. GR stated that the Town Council was paying for the four replacements, at a cost of £550 each. • GMG indicated that PS might be asked to become involved with the possible repair of the Austin Friars' information board. • PS had assisted SKDC to obtain three estimates for work on Phase 2 of The Bastion. They ranged from £6k to £14k. It was agreed that members would be asked at their meeting in April whether they were happy to support this project with up to £1k of Civic Society funds. • GR was unhappy that vehicles were continuing to park on the "tree side" of Sheepmarket because it was private land and therefore the Traffic Wardens could not issue parking tickets there. 	PS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJS reminded the committee that the information board on Bath Row needed moving before the Fair arrived: GR and PMS volunteered to assist him on 2nd March in the afternoon. • It was agreed that, as no committee member had yet been found to take on responsibility for Events, the Society would not be involved with this year's Heritage Open Days. • GMG would be away for the whole of March. ML would return on March 5th. 	MJS/GR/ PMS
0216/12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next Committee Meeting will take place on March 9th 2016 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 March 9th 2016**

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

0316/1: APOLOGIES: Gwyneth Gibbs, Graddon Rowlands and Michael Thompson.

Members Jean Bevan, David Lankester and Peter Loft were welcomed to the meeting.

Information	CM stated that GMG had asked her to chair meetings in GMG's absence which CM had agreed to do, but with the proviso that she would not take on the role of Deputy Chairman.	
	As DL was unable to attend at the start of the meeting, the order of dealing with Items was amended.	
0316/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>S16/0286 1 Horseshoe Lane: internal alterations to listed building - no objections.</p> <p>S16/0466 15 Broad Street: hanging sign to frontage – no objections.</p> <p>S16/0540 18 High Street (Greggs): new shopfront & internal alterations – no objections.</p> <p><u>For information:</u> MS reported that it seemed that Kier Living was resubmitting the proposal to build 39 houses on Kettering Road. A watching brief would be kept.</p>	
0316/4	<p>SIGNAGE POLICY & ENFORCEMENT</p> <p><u>Bicycles used for advertising</u> in the town: PMS had found three collections of bicycles in town being used for flyposting. It had been agreed that GMG would contact SKDC to ask them to use the existing byelaws to avoid the growth of this eyesore so this Item would remain on the next Agenda.</p> <p>PMS felt that the Society's concerns about <u>unsightly electrical cables</u> on tops of buildings had led to a reduction in their number.</p> <p>The necessity of referring to the <u>Shopfront Guide</u> was reiterated.</p> <p><u>A Boards:</u> it was suggested that one board could cover several signs in a more discreet way [like the ones installed along Cheyne Lane] so a fresh approach would be to canvas every shopkeeper in the High Street and the lanes to see if they would be prepared to buy into this concept. This would be discussed at the next committee meeting.</p> <p><u>National Policy for the Built Environment - Civic Champion:</u> Civic Voice has been championing the need for each local authority to have a "neighbourhood planning champion"; so are glad that the review goes further and calls for "Civic Champions" - a built environment professional from the private sector and an elected member - to champion local design quality and engage with neighbourhood forums.</p>	GMG

	<p>In addition the House of Lords “Building Better Places” report recommends local authorities should give one Cabinet Member (or senior officer) responsibility for coordinating services which impact upon street quality and the public realm.</p> <p>Therefore, GMG would be asked to write to SKDC to discover if a Cabinet Member had been appointed to cover these areas.</p>	GMG
0316/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p><u>Replacement of Lights on the Town Bridge:</u> DL thanked the Society for agreeing to match the £500 pledged by the Town Council.</p> <p>As there was some concern about the possible <u>illumination of the sides of the bridge</u> having an adverse effect on a colony of bats, and as an official inspection to determine the effect would cost £3,500, the decision had been made by the Urban Group to see how the replacement lights looked first.</p> <p><u>Lights in Red Lion Square:</u> no resolution had been reached yet.</p> <p>It was understood that the application for more <u>planters and seats in Red Lion Square</u> had been sent in. The Society would have the opportunity to comment further as part of the normal process.</p> <p><u>St Michael’s Churchyard project:</u> DL circulated a paper to all committee members, with the draft specification produced by PS and Peter Heyes. Three quotations were to be sought from local landscape gardeners.</p> <p><u>Bins outside the King’s Head:</u> following intervention from the Urban Group requesting that the large waste bins be hidden, the landlord had agreed to move them and go 50:50 on the cost.</p>	
0316/5	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The Minutes were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>Karen Neale had met with CM, MS and member Paul Eastwood and had agreed to draw three aspects of St Leonard’s Priory for Society greeting cards to be sold in Walker’s and to members. They could be ready for launch at the event at the Priory on July 16th. CM would bring the cost of this work to the committee for approval.</p> <p>The committee agreed to donate £250 for the replacement of the Austin Friars’ information board (to be replaced at the same time as the four bronze plaques for which the Town Council was paying, with John</p>	CM

	<p>Smith advising on their amended wording).</p> <p>PS was continuing to help SKDC to arrange three quotations for Phase 2 of work on the Bastion project. It was reiterated that the committee had decided to ask members at the Members' Meeting in April if they were happy to support this project with up to £1,000 of Civic Society funds.</p> <p>MJS, GR and PMS were thanked for moving the information board on the Meadows out of the way of the Mid-Lent Fair.</p>	
0316/6	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES</p> <p>CM stated the need for new committee members to assist with events, the website, electronic communications, the newsletters and outreach. The role of Deputy Chairman would be considered at a future committee meeting.</p>	
0316/7	<p>EVENTS 2016</p> <p>MS stated that Orlando Rock had agreed to chair the AGM at the Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday, <u>October 13th</u>. MS was in the process of applying for this to be free of charge.</p> <p>54 members had attended Lionel Wall's talk on 24th February.</p> <p>The Members' Meeting was booked for Browne's on <u>Wednesday 13th April</u> and MJS would arrange drinks and nibbles. Any thoughts about the content of the evening should be sent to CM.</p> <p><u>Thursday 2nd June</u> – talk by Professor Alan Short at Browne's</p> <p><u>Thursday 9th June</u> – evening tour of Browne's Hospital</p> <p><u>Saturday July 16th</u> – members' event at St. Leonard's Priory 6 – 8.30 pm. It was agreed that MS would book a saxophonist to provide the musical entertainment. PS stated that he would ask for volunteers to assist with this event and would send out a list of tasks.</p> <p>The Apethorpe Palace visit at 10.30 am on Wednesday 17th August was fully booked.</p> <p><u>September 20th</u> 10.30 am – talk and tour of Octavia Hill's Birthplace – more information to follow.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>MJS</p> <p>All</p> <p>MS/PS</p>
0316/8	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>It was agreed that there would be a promotion of the Society to residents living along Casterton Road and Empingham Road in the summer and that residents of these two streets would be invited to come along to the St. Leonard's Priory Event.</p> <p>Copy for the Annual Review would be needed by the end of August at the latest. CM and JC would contact everyone involved.</p>	<p>CM/JC</p>

0316/9	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE</p> <p>John Smith and Philippa Massey were to meet a senior LCC officer, and Cllrs. Brailsford and Foulkes, at the Museum store on 10th March. JC offered to house the four boxes of Civic Society archives but was not able to take the forty feet of planning applications. As it was considered that these also may well need to be kept locally, it was agreed that this issue would be re-visited at the next committee meeting.</p>	
0316/10	<p>STAMFORD HOSPITAL FEVER WARDS: LISTING SUBMISSION</p> <p>CM had been approached by the Friends of Stamford Hospital for assistance with arranging listed status for the Fever Wards, which were under threat of demolition. Historic England had advised that the process should be undertaken. The local History Society could also be asked to become involved.</p> <p>However, member Jean Bevan cautioned that it was necessary to see where this sat within the full plan for the Hospital and suggested that a meeting should be arranged including representatives of the two societies and Mike Dronfield. MJS agreed to raise this at the next Local History Society meeting and CM agreed to arrange the meeting.</p>	MJS/CM
0316/11	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>MS asked if it were necessary to upgrade to Windows 10 and was assured that it was not.</p> <p>Awards will be added as an Item to the next committee meeting agenda.</p>	MS
0316/12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place BEFORE THE START OF THE MEMBERS' MEETING AT BROWNE'S HOSPITAL ON Wednesday 13th April. The committee was asked to assemble at 6.15 pm to consider any items which could not wait until the next regular committee meeting in the Cosy Club on May 11th.</p>	

	<p>One scenario being discussed was the removal of the objects from the Museum Storage site, with items being removed to various locations, including shopfronts, in the town. This was not considered acceptable by the Society.</p> <p>It was agreed that GMG would write to William Brown and copy his answer to the committee.</p>	GMG
0416/5	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE</p> <p>Cllr. David Taylor had intimated that SCS members would be invited to join the Heritage and Environment Topic Group.</p>	
0416/6	<p>GIFT CARDS' INITIATIVE</p> <p>It was agreed that CM would contact Karen Neale and ask her to produce two illustrations of St Leonard's Priory, and also ask her if thumbnail sketches she had produced for the Children's Town Trail could be incorporated into a collage which would become the third image for a set of 6 greeting cards, two of each of the three scenes, to be sold at £5.</p> <p>It was hoped that the cards would be ready for launch at the Priory event on July 16th.</p> <p>ML had volunteered to store and post the sets.</p> <p>GMG the mentioned the possibility of incorporating an e-commerce approach, also suitable for the payment of book orders, tickets and subscriptions. GMG agreed to write a paper so that the committee would have more information before the next meeting.</p>	ML GMG
0416/7a	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>GMG stated that PS had worked hard to help the Urban Group organize <u>four replacement plaques in the town</u>. GMG had been assured that the Town Council would donate £1,000 towards the cost and the rest would come from the Skells' Trust. GR would put in the application to the Trust on 14th April. GMG had made it clear to Cllr. Sawyer that the Society was submitting the application as a favour to the Town Council. GMG would attend the Skells' Trust meeting in April on behalf of SCS.</p> <p>PS stated that two interpretation boards, at a cost of £300 each, would be reinstalled with higher grade lamination.</p>	GR GMG
0416/7b	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next committee meeting would be on May 11th at 7.15 pm. In early May, MS would notify the committee of the venue.</p>	

MINUTES of a meeting of **Stamford Civic Society's Committee** held on
Wednesday May 11th 2016

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs (Chairman), Jean Bevan, Martin Lander, David Lankester, Carol Meads, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens, and Don Lambert.

0516/1: APOLOGIES: Jocelyn Chatterton, Graddon Rowlands, Michael Thompson, Gil Williams.

0516/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p><u>Replacement of Lights on the Town Bridge</u>: DL thanked the Society for agreeing to match the £500 pledged by the Town Council. ML would deliver the cheque.</p> <p>As there was some concern about the possible <u>illumination of the sides of the bridge</u> having an adverse effect on a colony of bats, and as an official inspection to determine the effect would cost £3,500, the decision had been made by the Urban Group to see how the replacement lights looked first.</p> <p><u>St Michael's Churchyard project</u>: proposals included widening the footpath, enclosing some of the area with a new hedge, floodlighting the area, replacing cobblestones with stone, and linking it with the Queen's 90th birthday. It was hoped that the estimated £15 – 20,000 costs would be met by the Skells Trust. The Society committee stated that the plan needed to be well publicized (and could include drawings produced by Jean de Gale).</p> <p><u>Castle Wall revamp</u>: members of the Urban Group had met with Helen Woodhouse from Historic England. She would provide 15 hours of free administration.</p> <p><u>Wharf Road garden</u>: was being tidied with funds allocated to the Group by the Town Council.</p>	ML
0516/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>S16/0319 1 Rutland Terrace: replacement windows and door - no objections.</p> <p>S16/0898 23 & 24 St George's Street Street: extension demolition & erection of new one plus internal works – no objections but it is understood that SKDC suggested changes which were incorporated.</p> <p>S16/0913 8 High Street: replacement fascia & hanging sign – no objections.</p> <p>S16/0622 39 Broad Street: repainting of shopfront – no objections</p>	

	<p>S16/0829 Stamford Walk: central staircase alterations - concerns raised by the sub-committee were passed on to SKDC.</p> <p>S16/0982 The Riverside: alterations – concerns raised by the sub-committee (re one structural wall) were passed to SKDC. Ian Wright thanked the Society for this information and would check it out.</p> <p>S16/0980 15 Broad Street: relocation of internal wall – no objections</p> <p>S16/1005 18 High Street St. Martin’s: boiler & window replacement; bathroom refurbishment – no objections</p> <p>S14/3078 Kettering Road - Kier Living development: GMG had sent the same report of the Society’s concerns, plus additional information. It would be October at the earliest before this application went to Development Control.</p> <p>S16/1055 Millstone Inn, 1 All Saints’ Street: new signage – no objections</p> <p>S16/1006 10 Maiden Lane: internal partition wall – response in due course.</p>	
0516/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>There were no matters arising. The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p>	
0516/5	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES</p> <p>There was a need for new committee members to assist with events, the website, electronic communications, the newsletters and outreach. The role of Deputy Chairman would be considered at a future committee meeting.</p>	
0516/6	<p>ONLINE SHOP</p> <p>GMG would look at what other Civic Societies were doing.</p>	GMG
0516/7	<p>EVENTS</p> <p><u>Thursday 2nd June</u> – talk by Professor Alan Short at Browne’s: MJS would arrange wine; PS would arrange nibbles; MS would contact the speaker re equipment needed.</p> <p><u>Thursday 9th June</u> – evening tour of Browne’s Hospital: tickets were still available</p> <p><u>Saturday July 16th</u> – members’ event at St. Leonard’s Priory 6 – 8.30 pm. CM asked whether Karen Neale would be able to sell her artwork at the launch of the Society’s greetings’ cards; this was agreed. It had been agreed that there would be a promotion of the Society to residents living along Casterton Road and Empingham Road in the summer and that residents of these two streets would be invited to come along to the St. Leonard’s Priory Event.</p> <p>The Apethorpe Palace visit at 10.30 am on Wednesday 17th August was</p>	MJS/PS/M S

	<p>fully booked.</p> <p><u>September 20th</u> 10.30 am – talk and tour of Octavia Hill’s Birthplace – £6 to include coffee and biscuits.</p> <p>DL suggested a possible contact who might lead a summer walk around Stamford’s buildings.</p> <p><u>Award Nominations</u>: there had been several from members. MS would contact member David Ellis for advice on potential craftsmanship award nominees.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>
0316/8	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>CM discussed the possible contents of the Annual Review with the committee. The deadline for copy was August 31st, please.</p> <p>Karen Neale had produced two designs of St. Leonard’s Priory for the Society’s greetings’ cards. CM stated the cards would be sold in sets of 6: two each of the two new artworks and two of a compilation of artwork she produced for the Children’s Trail. ML would arrange to pay her.</p> <p>The information for the reverse of each card would be emailed to the committee by CM for comments.</p> <p>Another review of the aims and purpose of the Society would be a future Agenda item.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>ML</p> <p>CM</p>
0316/9	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE</p> <p>GMG reported that the town’s museum archive was going to remain in the old Museum building.</p> <p>GMG offered to store the Society’s papers etc, currently kept in several committee members’ houses, in storage boxes in the loft space over her garage. GMG appealed for help with lifting the boxes in to the loft, probably in June.</p>	<p>GMG</p>
0516/10	<p>STAMFORD HOSPITAL FEVER WARDS</p> <p>JB and CM had been given a tour of the Fever Wards, with other interested parties. As the buildings are listed but do not form part of the plan for the development of the site, a solution as to how they could be used (linked with care in some way) needed to be found. Ideas would be welcomed.</p>	<p>All</p>
0516/11	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Replacement Plaques</u>: PS reported that the style had been agreed and the wording was under review. (JS was thanked for his very useful assistance.) It was hoped they would be installed by July 2016.</p> <p><u>Bastion Project</u>: PS stated that he was unable to continue on his own. The next stage would be to engage a chartered surveyor to write a specification. GMG stated that she would write to the Chief Executive of SKDC, asking for action.</p> <p><u>The Meadows, following the Mid Lent Fair</u>: CM agreed to contact the</p>	<p>GMG</p>

	<p>Town Clerk again to acquire a progress report on how the Town Council intended to repair the damage caused this year, and prevent it from happening again next year.</p> <p><u>St. Peter's Green</u>: MJS had been asked by a member to mention the lack of replacement stone to repairs made to the wall opposite the Bus Station. PS volunteered to ask a stonemason to visit the site and report back.</p> <p><u>Stamford Boys' Website</u>: CM would send the link to this website to the committee to ascertain whether the Society would be prepared to endorse the website.</p> <p><u>Arch outside the URC</u>: GMG agreed to contact the United Reformed Church and suggest ideas/ offer advice regarding repairs to the arch.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>PS</p> <p>CM</p> <p>GMG</p>
0516/12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place at the United Reformed Church Hall in the Grenfell Room at 7.15 pm on June 8th.</p>	

**MINUTES of a meeting of Stamford Civic Society's Committee held on
Wednesday June 8th 2016**

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

0616/1: APOLOGIES: David Lankester, Michael Thompson and Gil Williams.

Jean Bevan has resigned from the committee and will be moving away from Stamford.

0616/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p><u>St Michael's Churchyard project</u>: proposals included widening the footpath, enclosing some of the area with a new hedge, floodlighting the area, replacing cobblestones with stone, and linking it with the Queen's 90th birthday. DL would meet with councillors on 9th June to discuss the plans in progress. The Society committee agreed in principle to pay up to £1,500 for an information board if there were sufficient funds. The committee asked to be kept up to date on the likely cost of the project, currently estimated at £15,000 to £20,000.</p> <p><u>Lights in Red Lion Square</u> : DL reported that an architectural drawing of the position of the lights seemed to be required; this was being checked by Cllr. David Taylor.</p> <p><u>Replacement of Lights on the Town Bridge</u>: DL thanked the Society for agreeing to match the £500 pledged by the Town Council. ML had delivered the cheque. The lights may be put in place in September, DL suggested.</p> <p><u>Castle Wall revamp</u>: members of the Urban Group had met with councillors and a surveyor to consider a plan of action. GMG cautioned that no one from the Civic Society should work on the wall as there must be no admission of liability on the Society's part.</p> <p><u>Wharf Road garden</u>: was to be tidied with funds allocated to the Group by the Town Council.</p> <p>CM reminded DL that the deadline for the report about the Urban Group for the Annual Review was 31st August.</p>	DL
	DL and ML left the meeting at 7.40 pm	

0616/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>S16/1006 10 Maiden Lane: internal partition wall – comments made by JS, including regarding the preservation of panelling, had been endorsed by GMG and forwarded to SKDC.</p> <p>S16/1187 Riverside Café: alterations and extension (fixed outdoor platform and removal of existing jetty) – after due consideration it was agreed that the river was fairly wide there and that therefore there were no objections.</p> <p>S16/0940 and /1036 Rear of 41 St Paul’s Street: demolition of boundary walls and erection of garage with room over – no objections.</p> <p>S15/3297 61 St Leonard’s Street: first floor rear extension with associated loft conversion – no objections but comments from John Smith were included in GMG’s response.</p> <p>S16/1212 Stamford High School: alterations to school kitchen and enclosure of courtyard – no objections.</p> <p>S16/1209 and /1210: Stamford High School: alterations to dining hall – no objections.</p> <p>S16/1215 Stamford High School: enlargement of openings within dining room [listed building] – no objections.</p> <p>Central Tea Room, Red Lion Square: application for pavement café licence – no objections, although the angle of the slope was mentioned and PS stated that the owner would take this into consideration when purchasing suitable furniture.</p> <p>S16/1241 56 High Street St Martin’s: single storey extension – no objections.</p>	
0616/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u>: ML had paid Karen Neale for her artwork.</p> <p>MJS stated that, at the recent talk, a BT engineer in the audience had explained that the sound disruption to the microphone had been caused by the proximity of the speaker’s mobile phone. In future, speakers would be asked to check that they had switched off their mobile phones.</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p>	
0616/5	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES</p> <p>There was a need for assistance with events’ organization and this would be discussed at a future meeting.</p>	
0616/6	<p>ONLINE SHOP</p> <p>GMG had researched what other Civic Societies were doing. She had found that some did offer online subscription payment via Paypal but most did not. CM suggested that this item could be included in a future marketing review and this was agreed by the committee.</p>	

0616/7	<p>EVENTS</p> <p><u>Thursday 9th June</u> – evening tour of Browne’s Hospital: all 36 tickets had been sold.</p> <p><u>Saturday July 16th</u> – members’ event at St. Leonard’s Priory 6 – 8.30 pm. PS requested help from 10.30 am that day to set up the event. He would like to know who will be able to help that morning and evening and <u>asked committee members to contact him in June, please</u>. GMG would also ask for volunteers in the next newsletter.</p> <p>The <u>Apethorpe Palace visit</u> at 10.30 am on Wednesday 17th August was fully booked. MJS agreed to take photographs of the event.</p> <p><u>September 20th</u> 10.30 am – talk and tour of Octavia Hill’s Birthplace – £6 to include coffee and biscuits.</p> <p><u>Award Nominations</u>: MS read out the draft list and said she would send it out with the Minutes for the committee’s consideration.</p> <p><u>50th Anniversary of Stamford Conservation Area</u>: several ideas had been raised before the meeting, including GR’s suggestion that a working party should look at finding a prestigious speaker, and DL’s idea that there might be a photographic exhibition and competition.</p> <p>It was agreed that firstly GMG would again try to find out what SKDC was planning, and if it would be part of the Georgian Festival. The Chairman felt that there should at some stage be a week-long Society exhibition in St. John’s Church, with committee members available on a rota to speak to visitors; and possibly a party for members.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>MJS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>GMG</p>
0616/8	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>CM and JC reminded the committee that the deadline for copy for the Annual Review was August 31st.</p> <p>The photograph of the committee for the Review would be taken at the AGM.</p> <p>Karen Neale had produced two designs of St. Leonard’s Priory for the Society’s greetings’ cards. CM stated the cards would be sold in sets of six: two each of the two new artworks and two of a compilation of artwork she had produced for the Children’s Trail. It was agreed that the set of six would be called “notecards” and would cost £5. They would be launched at the July event at the Priory.</p> <p>The information for the reverse of each card had been emailed to the committee by CM for comments. As a result, it was agreed that each would also have a note of thanks to the artist.</p> <p>CM was thanked for all her efforts in the production of the notecards.</p> <p>It had been agreed that there would be a <u>promotion of the Society</u> to residents living along Casterton Road and Empingham Road in the summer and that residents of these two streets would be invited to come along to the St. Leonard’s Priory Event. CM and MS were planning a leaflet drop on the evening of June 20th. GR had volunteered to assist, and <u>other volunteers would be warmly welcomed</u> and should contact CM directly, please.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>CM</p>

	It was agreed that CM would form a sub-committee to review marketing and would report back in the autumn.	CM
0616/9	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE</p> <p>GMG reported that the town's museum archive was going to remain in the old Museum building.</p> <p>GMG had offered to store the Society's papers etc, currently kept in several committee members' houses, in storage boxes in the loft space over her garage and had bought the boxes. She would produce a spreadsheet for circulation detailing what exactly was being stored. GMG would ask members for copies of old newsletters in the next edition.</p> <p>MJS reported that the archives of local societies, including the Civic Society, were not allowed to be kept in the museum store. The Chairman of Stamford & District Local History Society had written to the County Heritage Manager asking for permission to keep local societies' archives in the museum store, where they were accessible to local researchers and the public, and GMG agreed to sign the letter.</p>	GMG GMG
0616/10	<p>STAMFORD HOSPITAL FEVER WARDS</p> <p>CM had been given a tour of the Fever Wards, with other interested parties. As the buildings are listed but do not form part of the plan for the development of the site, a solution as to how they could be used (linked with care in some way) needed to be found. CM would attend a meeting on June 10th with the Project Manager to look at the plans for the whole hospital site, and consider viable options for the use of the listed buildings, which were unfit for medical procedures.</p>	CM
0616/11	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Replacement Plaques</u>: PS reported that this was ongoing despite further complications, including the nature of their fixture.</p> <p><u>Bastion Project</u>: GMG stated that she would write to Beverly Agass, Chief Executive of SKDC, asking for action once she had heard from Elizabeth Hirst. PS reported that Dr Helen Woodward from Historic England would not recommend housing on the site in Bonney's Yard: "such a move would put such a suggestion on their "red" list".</p> <p><u>The Meadows, following the Mid Lent Fair</u>: CM was thanked for contacting the Town Clerk again to acquire a progress report on how the Town Council intended to repair the damage caused this year, and prevent it from happening again next year. It was felt that the appearance of the site was improving.</p> <p><u>Stamford Boys' Website</u>: there was now a link to the website from the Society's website.</p> <p><u>Arch outside the URC</u>: GMG had contacted the United Reformed Church with offers of advice regarding repairs to the arch.</p> <p>PMS reported that Crown Street would be resurfaced this summer,</p>	GMG

	following a meeting with the Portfolio Holder.	
0616/12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next Committee Meeting will take place at the United Reformed Church Hall in the Grenfell Room at 7.15 pm on July 13 th .	

**MINUTES of a meeting of Stamford Civic Society's Committee held on
Wednesday July 13th 2016**

PRESENT: Carol Meads (in the Chair), David Lankester, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens, and Gil Williams.

0716/1: APOLOGIES: Jocelyn Chatterton, Gwyneth Gibbs, Martin Lander, Graddon Rowlands, Michael Thompson and Don Lambert.

0716/2	<p>URBAN GROUP <u>St Michael's Churchyard project</u>: members of the Urban Group and Civic Society had been in touch with various organisations and expected to have two quotations for consideration by the Town Council and the Skells Trust in July. It was hoped that students from New College Stamford would be involved with projects on site, subject to the contractor's agreement.</p>	
0716/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED S16/1241 56 High Street St Martin's: single storey extension – no objections. S16/1330 6 St Leonard's Street: garden wall reconstruction – no objections. S16/1483 Land north of Uffington Road: outline application for residential development – after discussion it was agreed that GMG would be asked to write to SKDC indicating that it was not possible to respond until more details were available but that there was concern that it might become a very large development, and it was difficult to estimate how it would link in with the Local Neighbourhood Plan, the overall development plan for Stamford. S16/1416 11A,B & C Red Lion Square: refurbishment of three flats – no objection received from the committee or sub-committee as yet S16/1381 5 Rutland Terrace: alteration of listed building – no objection as yet. S16/1491 64 High Street: refurbishment of shopfront and replacement signage – no objection as yet. S16/1551 Uffington Road: application for 84 bed care home and adjoining assisted care block – plans not yet available for consideration at the meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GMG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>
0716/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING <u>Amendment to 0616/2</u>: DL had not attended the meeting with Town Councillors re St Michaels' Churchyard. PS, GR and Peter Heyes did attend and the meeting had been very productive.</p>	

	<p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were then accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u>: There had been detailed discussion at the meeting regarding the make-up of the notecard packs. As Karen Neale had been commissioned to produce two views of St Leonard's Priory, it was agreed that each pack of six would contain two of each of those two views and two of the multi-image views of Stamford. However, feedback would be sought and future packs might be composed differently.</p> <p>CM, John Smith and James Heesom had attended a meeting with the Stamford Hospital Redevelopment Project Manager about potential future uses of the Fever Wards. Ideas included retaining the middle block as a small museum, similar to Southwell Workhouse; providing housing for doctors new to the area; or for use as a training centre for new doctors. Lakeside Centre had now taken over all the local surgeries and was keen to develop the whole site.</p>	
0716/5	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES</p> <p>The organising of Events and the role of Deputy Chairman would be discussed at a future meeting.</p>	
0716/6	<p>SUGGESTIONS FOR AWARDS 2016</p> <p>Decisions would be finalized at the August meeting and CM reminded committee members that they could still contact MS with additional suggestions. One nomination, St John's Churchyard garden, was not normally open and GW agreed to visit and assess whether it merited an award.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>GW</p>
0716/7	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>All 36 tickets had been sold for the tour of Browne's Hospital and it had been a very successful event.</p> <p><u>Saturday July 16th</u> – members' event at St Leonard's Priory 6 – 8pm pm. PS had requested help from 10.30 am that day to set up the event and had received several offers of help.</p> <p>All the committee members who were available would be volunteering their services that evening.</p> <p>PS had met Inspector Burnett that morning regarding the acts of vandalism and the attempted break-in at St Leonard's Priory. As a result, the Inspector would increase police patrols for six months and then re-view the situation.</p> <p>The <u>Apethorpe Palace visit</u> at 10.30 am on Wednesday 17th August was fully booked. MJS agreed to take photographs of the event and write a few words.</p> <p><u>September 20th</u> 10.30 am – talk and tour of Octavia Hill's Birthplace – £6 to include coffee and biscuits. There were plenty of tickets still available.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>MJS</p>

0716/8	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>CM reminded the committee that the <u>deadline</u> for copy for the Annual Review was August 31st. GW and DL would be photographed at the Priory event for the Review.</p> <p>CM indicated that she had spoken to several committee members about enhancing our marketing activities and would bring ideas to a committee meeting in the autumn.</p> <p>The <u>packs of six notecards</u> would be launched at the July event at the Priory and would cost £5 per pack. CM was thanked for packaging the notecards. Paul Eastwood was thanked for producing an advertising board for use on the night of the Priory event.</p> <p>There had been a <u>promotion of the Society</u> to residents living along Casterton Road and Empingham Road and residents of these two streets had been invited to come along to the St. Leonard's Priory Event.</p>	All CM
0716/9	<p>50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</p> <p>GMG was continuing to investigate what SKDC was planning as it was felt that they should organize the framework.</p> <p>DL volunteered to find out if the gallery at the Arts Centre would be available for a photographic exhibition sponsored by the Society.</p> <p>PMS suggested a project for the Civic Society to play an active role in creating a wildflower meadow on Freeman's Meadow. It would be necessary to approach the Freemen before there was any discussion of this idea, which was well received by the committee members present.</p>	GMG DL PMS
0716/10	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE</p> <p>The Chairman of Stamford & District Local History Society had considered writing to the County Heritage Manager asking for permission to keep local societies' archives in the museum store, where they were accessible to local researchers and the public, and GMG had agreed to sign the letter. However, MJS reported that it had not yet been sent but that Chris Hunt and GMG were continuing to liaise.</p>	
0716/11	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>Replacement Plaques</u>: PS reported that this was ongoing despite further complications, including the nature of their fixture. PS praised John Smith for his sound advice regarding the wording.</p> <p><u>Bastion Project</u>: GMG would write to Beverly Agass, Chief Executive of SKDC, asking for action once she had heard from Elizabeth Hirst.</p> <p><u>Devolution Consultation</u>: after discussion, it was agreed that the Society would not complete a form but that individuals might like to respond.</p> <p><u>Civic Voice Convention</u>: GMG had passed on information about the number of beds and conference rooms available in Stamford and would</p>	GMG GMG

	<p>continue to liaise on behalf of Stamford Civic Society.</p> <p><u>September Committee Meeting</u>: it was agreed that, as several committee members including the Secretary and possibly the Chairman would be away in mid-September, the meeting would be brought forward to September 7th. If MS was unable to secure the usual venue, GW would offer her house for that meeting.</p>	All
0616/12	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place at the United Reformed Church Hall in the Grenfell Room at 7.15 pm on August 10th.</p>	

MINUTES of a meeting of **Stamford Civic Society's Committee** held on
Wednesday August 10th 2016

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs, Jocelyn Chatterton, Martin Lander, David Lankester, Carol Meads, Graddon Rowlands, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter M Stean, Peter Stevens.

0816/1: APOLOGIES: Michael Thompson, Gil Williams and Don D Lambert.

0816/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p><u>St Michael's Churchyard project</u>: members of the Urban Group had circulated a specification and diagram to the committee for discussion. The expected cost, including relaying of paving, was approximately £22,000 which it was hoped would be covered by the Skells' Trust and private donations. The Civic Society was providing £1,500 for an interpretation board. The Urban Group believed it would be a dramatic improvement and the Group would ensure it was properly maintained by the Town Council. It was hoped that students from New College Stamford would be involved with projects on site, subject to the contractor's agreement.</p> <p>It was agreed that a press release, written in liaison with the Town Clerk, should be written and sent to the "Stamford Mercury" so that the townspeople were aware of the changes planned.</p>	GR
0816/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>S16/1551 Uffington Road: application for 84 bed care home and adjoining assisted care block – no objections</p> <p>S16/1463 6 St Peter's Hill: internal alterations to Grade II listed building – no objections</p> <p>S16/1609 Stamford Girls' High School: door between dining room and atrium – no objections</p> <p>S16/1521 and 1522: Riverside Café, Wharf Road: conversion of upper ground floor into 4 flats – as long as SKDC ensured that no bins were placed on the recently restored grass, there were no objections</p> <p>S16/1637 13 Lumby's Terrace: re-plastering and damp proofing – as there had been no concerns raised by the sub-committee, no objections were made.</p> <p>S16/1545 Vale House, 2 King's Mill Lane: erection of glazed roof to courtyard - no objections</p> <p>S16/1146 15 Water Street: create door at rear and internal alterations – no objections</p> <p>S16/1719 1 All Saints' Street: new decorative steel gates with arched sign – no objections</p> <p>S16/1723 24 High Street St Martin's: alterations to create boarding accommodation – no objections.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>1</p>

0816/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. There were no Matters Arising.</p>	
0816/5	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>ML circulated his draft report to the committee for discussion. It was agreed that the finances were sound; that the membership fee would remain the same; and that £500 would be allocated from the Built Heritage Fund for the Society's contribution to the Town Bridge lights.</p>	
0816/6	<p>MARKETING including ANNUAL REVIEW</p> <p>Committee members were reminded that receiving copy a week or two before the August 31st deadline would be helpful for CM and JC. It was agreed that 350 copies of the Annual Review would be printed this year.</p> <p>16 packs of notecards had been sold at the Priory event and they would be featured in September's "Stamford Living".</p> <p>CM had talked to several committee members as part of her marketing review and would bring ideas to the September meeting.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CM</p>
0816/7	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES incg. ORGANISING EVENTS</p> <p>As PS and GW would be standing down at the AGM, there was an urgent need for recruitment of new committee members. MS was particularly concerned that someone should take on responsibility for co-ordinating the events' programme, especially as no events had been planned yet for the winter. Several ideas for talks were subsequently forthcoming and GR agreed to contact Adam Frost.</p>	GR
0816/8	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>GMG stated that she was producing new badges to be worn at the <u>AGM on October 13th</u> but that the plastic container should be retained to be re-used. She hoped that all the committee would be able to attend.</p>	All
0816/9	<p>AWARDS 2016</p> <p>The shortlist was discussed and agreement was reached that the maximum awarded at the AGM would be six.</p>	
0816/10	<p>50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</p> <p>GMG was waiting to hear what SKDC was planning as it was felt that they should organize the framework.</p> <p>DL had managed to book the gallery at the Arts Centre from September 19th to 29th 2017 (at no cost) for an exhibition by the Society. CM was discussing possible themes with committee members.</p> <p>GR suggested a scholarship for a student to study conservation at college/university.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>CM</p>

	September 20 th . However, the committee would keep a watching brief to ensure that no bins were placed on the recently restored grass, if the conversions went ahead.	All
0916/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u>: PMS reported that specialist repairs to the Castle Interpretation Board had cost £40.</p> <p>GR was still waiting for a reply from Adam Frost.</p>	
0916/5	<p>MARKETING including ANNUAL REVIEW</p> <p>CM and JC reported that they were currently getting the final text checked, and that the Review was coming together well.</p> <p>It was agreed that amongst those receiving thanks in the section at the end of the Review would be David Brailsford and David Goodinson.</p> <p>A new photograph of the committee members for the Review would be taken at the AGM.</p> <p>16 packs of notecards had been sold at the Priory event and subsequently they had been featured in September's "Stamford Living". They would be on sale at the AGM and could be bought from ML.</p> <p>CM had talked to several committee members as part of her marketing review and would bring ideas to the November meeting, when GMG would be present.</p>	
0916/6	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES & MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>As PS and GW would be standing down at the AGM, there was an urgent need for recruitment of new committee members. Member Paddy Jelen had been co-opted on to the committee and was attending her first meeting.</p> <p><u>Roles which needed filling included</u>:</p> <p>events' co-ordination; management of the information boards; Heritage Open Days' organisation; the management of the Bastion Project; a named person to liaise with the Planning sub-committee; someone to take over PS's files on Blue Plaques, in case the Society decided to erect another; and a volunteer to update the Society's boards in St. John's Church. PMS might undertake another survey based on "Paving The Way". These tasks would be discussed at the November meeting.</p>	
0916/7	<p>EVENTS incg. AGM & AWARDS' EVENING</p> <p>MS suggested that two committee members were needed downstairs and a further two upstairs at the Town Hall to meet and greet members and award winners on October 13th. A further two were needed to serve drinks and nibbles. MJS would man the sound system and organize the room layout. ML and MS would deal with subscriptions and the sale of tickets and note cards. The Chairman would look after the President. She would provide new badge inserts, and also badge holders for new committee members.</p> <p>MS would contact individuals who had agreed to volunteer that evening.</p> <p>PMS would ask member Donald Gray if he would be prepared to do</p>	<p>All</p> <p>PMS</p>

	<p>the calligraphy again for the award certificates. MS stated that all those who were to receive an award were planning to be present at the AGM. It was agreed that all the committee members who could attend would be at the Town Hall at 6.30 pm to complete preparations in time for the 7.30 pm start.</p> <p><u>Events</u>: 12 members would have a private tour of Octavia Hill's Birthplace House at Wisbech on September 20th. Tickets were now on sale for <u>Gil Darby's talk</u> "A Passion for Porcelain: the Early Days of the Meissen Factory" at Browne's Hospital on November 17th. No events had yet been organized for 2017.</p>	
0916/8	<p>50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA CM, DL and member Paul Eastwood had met to discuss possible themes for the exhibition in the Gallery at the Arts' Centre. They included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mood of the 1960's (nationally and in the town) • The stimuli to create the conservation areas (and the role of Deputy Planning Officer Mr Fennell) • The process which led to the Civic Amenities' Act (Duncan Sandys etc.) • Stamford – the first Conservation Area (why was Stamford so important/ chosen?) • Conservation Areas today (incg. Northfields' Victorian Quarter, and the area in Birmingham under threat) <p>AS CM had discovered that the Town Council and SKDC had lots of plans (eg Heritage Conference, Town Trail) of their own for marking the fiftieth anniversary, it was agreed that she would contact Cllr. Sawyer to arrange for him to meet with her and DL to look at sharing ideas so that the activities planned complemented each other.</p>	CM/ DL
0916/9	<p>ARCHIVE STORAGE This item was held over to the November meeting when GMG would be present.</p>	
0916/10	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS <u>Replacement Plaques</u>: PS had now sent off the lengthy Scheduled Monument Consent forms, which would take eight weeks to process. He felt that it would be another four or five months before it was all sorted. However, the wording had now been approved. <u>Bastion Project</u>: PS reported he had started this project eighteen months earlier. Recently, five quotes had been sent to Neil Cucksey, SKDC's Executive Manager - Property. PS was optimistic that something eventually would be done. <u>Graffiti Removal</u>: PS requested that a letter of thanks be sent by the</p>	

MINUTES of a meeting of **Stamford Civic Society's Committee** held on Wednesday
November 9th 2016

PRESENT: Carol Meads (in the Chair), Jocelyn Chatterton, Paddy Jelen, Martin Lander, Graddon Rowlands, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter Stean, and Don D Lambert.

1016/1: APOLOGIES: Gwyneth Gibbs, David Lankester, Michael Thompson.

1016/2	<p>URBAN GROUP</p> <p><u>New Lights on the Town Bridge</u>: these were likely to be installed fairly soon and GMG would be invited to be involved in the photo opportunity.</p> <p><u>East end of the High Street</u>: students from Stamford New College would sand down seats and redo the planter.</p> <p><u>St Michael's Churchyard project</u>: a new light had already been installed and the work was now scheduled to start on 14th November. GR had met Wesleyan Insurance to discuss possible solutions to the problem on the south west corner where heavy lorry activity had depressed the kerbstone.</p> <p>CM, member Paul Eastwood and GR would meet with John Allenby on November 10th to discuss his illustrations for the churchyard interpretation board, which would probably be ready in March 2017.</p> <p><u>Red Lion Square Lights</u>: there was "movement" but it was noted that the project had begun three years earlier; the Urban Group was commended for persistence.</p>	CM/GR
0916/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED</p> <p>Response from GMG in Septemeber/October to:</p> <p>S16/1943 9 St Peter's Hill: replacement conservatory – no objections</p> <p>S16/1907 2 St Mary's Hill: conversion to flats – no objections</p> <p>S16/1966 15 St Peter's Street: re-roofing – no objections</p> <p>S16/1673 28 St Mary's Street: steam washing – no objections but with a warning to check that it is okay for their sakes</p> <p>S16/2041 12 All Saints' Place: alterations to mixed A1, A3, A4 use – no objections</p> <p>S16/2218 7 St Leonard's Street: replacement door – no objections</p> <p>S16/2036 Pizza Express: illuminated external sign sign – objection made as usual</p> <p>S16/1941 9 St Peter's Hill: railings and loss of shopfront – objection sent by GMG</p> <p>S16/2127 28 St Mary's Street: first floor extension to rear, change of roofline, internal & external alterations - JS commented directly to Ian Wright at SKDC; GMG endorsed his remarks.</p> <p>Received Late October on:</p> <p>S16/2305 3 Wothorpe Road: replacement front door – no objections</p> <p>S16/1551 Uffington Road proposed Care Home: additional information – no change to original response (no objections)</p> <p>S16/2358 14 High Street: shopfront repainting and signage – no objections</p> <p>S16/1548 F H Gilman buildings, Uffington Road: demolition of</p>	GMG

	<p>buildings and erection of Care Home - comments raised to be forwarded to GMG for the Society's response.</p> <p>S16/2426 9 St Mary's Street: external repainting – no objections</p> <p>S16/2362 12 High Street St Martin's: replacement door to rear – no objections</p> <p>S16/2246 St Paul's Street: demolition of bungalow and erection of 3 storey house - comments raised to be forwarded to GMG for the Society's response.</p> <p>S14/3078 Proposed Kier Development, Kettering Road: additional information – no change in the Society's position: comments raised to be forwarded to GMG for the Society's response.</p> <p>[DDL left the meeting at 7.30 pm. ML left at 7.40 pm]</p>	GMG
1016/4	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>A press release had been sent to the "Stamford Mercury" in October so that the townspeople were aware of the changes planned to St Michael's Churchyard.</p> <p>GMG had written to the District Council, complaining about the deterioration of the standard of cleanliness.</p> <p>GR had heard from Adam Frost, whose lecture fee (£400 + VAT) was considered too costly for this Society.</p> <p>The AGM had been a success and 4 new members had joined as a result. GR stated that he would have liked more information about the work done by the Urban Group to be mentioned and the Group's Chairman to be introduced.</p> <p>MS had sent a letter of thanks about graffiti removal to Mrs Aitchison.</p> <p>PJ had volunteered to liaise between the Society and the Twinning Committee.</p> <p>PJ noted that the Albert Bridge lighting was dirty and the main light was not working. She would contact LCC to establish what could be done.</p>	PJ
1016/5	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>CM and JC thanked the committee for their "editing eyes". In turn, JC and CM were thanked for their sterling work.</p> <p>CM had talked to several committee members as part of her marketing review and would bring ideas to the December meeting, when GMG would be in the Chair.</p>	
1016/6	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES & MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>CM tabled a paper regarding Roles which needed filling. Some committee members immediately volunteered to undertake certain roles but gaps remained.</p> <p>These tasks and membership strength would be discussed at the December meeting. New committee members were urgently required. Known local people with useful skills would be encouraged to join the Society.</p>	
1016/7	EVENTS	

	<p>Tickets were now on sale for <u>Gil Darby's talk "A Passion for Porcelain: the Early Days of the Meissen Factory"</u> at Browne's Hospital on November 17th. GMG would send out another reminder on her return as numbers were still low. MJS had ordered the wine and would organize the sound system, MS would liaise with Gil about equipment needs, JC had volunteered to provide the nibbles and she and PJ had volunteered to serve the drinks.</p> <p>MS had arranged for Stuart Orme to talk at Browne's on February 16th about 900 Years of Peterborough Cathedral.</p> <p>MS stated that the Members' Evening was booked for Browne's Hospital on March 16th.</p> <p>It was agreed that the early evening drinks' party at St Leonard's Priory would be on Wednesday June 21st.</p> <p>MS would try to rearrange the visit to Spalding Gentlemen's Society for <u>April</u> and a return visit to Apethorpe Palace in <u>August</u>.</p> <p>MS reiterated that someone was needed to take on Events as soon as possible.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>MJS/MS/JC/ PJ</p> <p>MS</p> <p>All</p>
1016/8	<p>TACKLING GRAFFITI IN STAMFORD</p> <p>Peter Stevens had produced an illustrated report which was available at the meeting. He would like the Society to continue his good work. He had written to Ian Yates at SKDC asking for a coherent graffiti policy to be implemented. The committee would wait for the council's response before either offering support to SKDC or asking GMG to escalate the issue to Chief Executive level.</p> <p>The committee thanked Peter for his sterling work.</p>	
1016/9	<p>50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</p> <p>CM reported that many different local groups were raising ideas for the celebrations but there was no liaison. She and DL had met with Cllr. Sawyer to discuss his ideas. DDL had also presented ideas, and CM and DL had produced ideas, all of which had been amalgamated into a paper tabled at the meeting: Ideas for celebrating the designation of Stamford as Britain's first Conservation Area in 1967. CM requested that all committee members rank the ideas in order of preference and send that information to her before the December meeting.</p> <p>The <u>installation of three Gormley statues on town centre roofs</u> was considered to be worth pursuing. However, because of the likely insurance and erection costs, it might mean sharing the idea with SKDC. The suggestion would be put to Cllr. Sawyer.</p> <p>PS reported that the Meadows could not sustain a wild flower meadow. However, more paths could be mown and Tim Rasell thought small groupings of trees could be planted, with guards around them. It was agreed that this was a long term project unsuitable for celebrating the 50th Anniversary but worth pursuing as a longer term project for the Society so PS would contact the remaining Freemen/ Freeman and the Town Mayor.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>CM</p> <p>PS</p>

1016/10	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Following the attendance by PS as the Society’s representative at a recent Heritage and Environment Meeting for the Town Plan, he had been invited (accompanied by GR) to a discussion about the plans for land at Borderville. The Burghley Estate plus two other landowners and a Rutland group want to develop the land from the back of the Borderville Sports Complex to Casterton Road. They would insist on a high architectural standard, with small work units on site, with green spaces and using high quality design. They would build up to 100 houses a year in a phased development over 20 years. Stamford First survey results had been used to show how many houses, and where they were sited, would be tolerated by the townspeople. A planning application would probably not be submitted for at least two years.</p> <p>PS stated that there was a need for the Society to decide on its response to the initial plan. Therefore, this would be an Agenda Item at the December meeting.</p> <p>MJS requested that the <u>Local History Society’s talks</u> were publicised by our Society and this was agreed.</p> <p>Unpaid Subs : following the meeting, MS would contact all those who had not yet paid their subscription for 2016/17. It was agreed that a request for subscriptions should be sent out separately from the AGM paperwork in 2017 as it had been generally overlooked by members.</p> <p>Christmas Meal: it was decided that the annual “Christmas” meal for committee members and their partners should be held at Candlesticks on Tuesday <u>January 24th 2017</u>. MS would make the arrangements.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>
1016/11	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place at the United Reformed Church Hall in the Grenfell Room at 7.15 pm on December 14th.</p>	

MINUTES of a meeting of **Stamford Civic Society's Committee** held on Wednesday
December 14th 2016

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs, David Lankester, Martin Lander, Melanie Sockett, and Mike J Sockett.

1216/1: APOLOGIES: Jocelyn Chatterton, Paddy Jelen, Carol Meads, Graddon Rowlands, Peter Stean, Michael Thompson and Don D Lambert.

Member Andrew Beeson was also present.

1216/2	<p>URBAN GROUP <u>St Michael's Churchyard project</u>: this project was now nearing completion. Six replacement seats, all sponsored by local firms, would be in place in the near future. The corner area of the graveyard has been strengthened with a tough plastic lattice (supplied free by Precision Landscapes), filled with earth and grassed over in an effort to stop it being damaged by the bin lorries. In early 2017, it was hoped that funding would be found (with the support of Cllr. Sawyer) for a metal fence along the wall around the graveyard, and for two flood lamps to light the side of the church. The Urban Group was pleased to report that the Town Mayor and Town Clerk had been very helpful with the project. There would be a small opening ceremony by the Mayor at the churchyard on January 5th. The committee would be represented by GMG. <u>New Lights on the Town Bridge</u>: these were likely to be installed fairly soon, according to Cllr. Brailsford.</p>	GMG
1216/3	<p>PLANS RECEIVED S16/2589 Stable Mews, 30B Scotgate: replacement of sash windows with timber – no objections. S16/2491 4-6 High Street St Martin's: hanging sign – no objections. Traffic Regulation Order: St Mary's Hill – pedestrian crossing – GMG would express the committee's concerns regarding the likely effects on traffic flow (because of positioning close to the traffic lights) leading to traffic congestion and, despite the need to consider pedestrian safety, suggested the scheme was re-evaluated.</p>	GMG
1216/4	<p>LAND AT BORDERVILLE: INITIAL PLAN It was agreed that, as there were so few committee members present, this Item would be held over to the January meeting.</p>	
1216/5	<p>MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. <u>Matters Arising</u>: PJ had noted that the Albert Bridge lighting was dirty and the main light was not working. Subsequently the light was found to be working. PJ had arranged for the bridge to be pressure cleaned, and the company had waived its usual £200 fee. ML would verify this. Concern was expressed about the graffiti near the train station: GMG agreed to write to East Midland Trains. MS would meet Peter Stevens to find out who to contact about</p>	ML GMG MS

	removing graffiti from the exterior (alleyway) of Harrison & Dunn.	
1216/6	<p>MARKETING</p> <p>As CM could not be present, this Item would be carried forward to the January meeting.</p>	
1216/7	<p>COMMITTEE ROLES & MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Since the November meeting, MJS had volunteered to keep the boards updated at St John’s Church; PS had indicated a willingness to be involved with updating “Paving The Way”; it was thought that JC had volunteered to lead on Blue Plaques; GMG would continue to liaise with SKDC regarding the Bastion Project; and there was a possibility that MT might be able to help with Events.</p> <p>It was also possible that an architect might be prepared to assist JS with the work of the Planning sub-committee.</p> <p>These and the other roles which still needed filling would be discussed at the January meeting.</p>	
1216/8	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>Stuart Orme was booked to give a talk at Browne’s on <i>February 16th</i> entitled “900 Years of an Icon: Peterborough Cathedral Past, Present & Future”.</p> <p>The annual Members’ Evening was booked for Browne’s Hospital on <i>March 16th</i>.</p> <p>MS stated that she would know in January whether there could be a visit to Spalding Gentlemen’s Society in <i>April</i>, before the building closed for extensive repairs.</p> <p>MS also stated that a visit to Apethorpe Palace in <i>August</i> could not be arranged until February.</p> <p>GMG explained that the early evening drinks’ party at St Leonard’s Priory was now booked for Saturday <i>June 17th</i>.</p> <p>It was possible that there might be a committee outing on <i>June 21st</i> and more information would follow.</p>	ll
1216/9	<p>50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</p> <p>GMG had attended a meeting arranged by SKDC to liaise with local groups regarding the forthcoming celebrations. Burghley House, Historic England and the Town Council were amongst those participating plus Bidwells, who were sponsoring events, school involvement and marketing support.</p> <p>The specific SKDC celebration would be co-ordinated and tied in with the Georgian Festival, and would possibly include a keynote speaker on September 21st. It was agreed that Stamford Civic Society would be part of the SKDC programme as the Society’s funds were limited.</p> <p>The Society’s exhibition at the Arts Centre from September 20th to 28th would dovetail neatly with SKDC plans. CM, DL and member Paul Eastwood were already working on the outline for the exhibition in the Gallery. Paul Eastwood was designing 30 posters which could be used again at a later date, at a predicted cost of £1,500. It was anticipated that a film by students of New College Stamford could be shown during the exhibition too. Stamford Civic Society would also fund and</p>	All CM

	<p>host a reception during the exhibition. It was hoped that committee members could be available to talk to the public during the exhibition. The installation of three Gormley statues on town centre roofs had earlier been considered to be worth pursuing. However, because of the likely insurance and erection costs, and planning permission problems, it could not be funded by the Society and SKDC had rejected any council involvement. (DL would still pursue the idea, out of interest).</p>	PS
1216/10	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>ML reported that he had zero response from members for purchase directly from him of the Society's notecards.</p> <p>GMG would investigate the practicalities and likely cost of the Society's funding of posts on the verge on High Street St Martin's to stop people parking on and ruining the verges on both sides near the William Cecil Hotel.</p> <p>Christmas Meal: it was decided that the annual "Christmas" meal for committee members and their partners should be held at Candlesticks on Tuesday <u>January 24th 2017</u>. MS would email the arrangements to each committee member. ML would require payment by or at the January meeting.</p> <p>Andrew Beeson agreed to be co-opted on to the committee and was welcomed warmly.</p>	GMG
1216/11	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place at the United Reformed Church Hall in the Grenfell Room at 7.15 pm on January 11th 2017.</p>	