

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **Stamford Civic Society's Committee** held on Wednesday  
January 11th 2017

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs, Andrew Beeson, Martin Lander, Carol Meads, Graddon Rowlands, Peter Stean, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett and Don D Lambert.

0117/1: APOLOGIES: Jocelyn Chatterton, Paddy Jelen, David Lankester, Michael Thompson.

0117/2	<p><b>URBAN GROUP</b></p> <p><u>St Michael's Churchyard project</u>: this project was now 90% completed. The opening ceremony on January 5th, attended by The Mayor, went well. DDL stated he was especially gratified by the number of local people and businesses who had given their time, effort and sponsorship. 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. Member Peter Heyes and DDL had approached Ketton Stone who would supply a block of stone to place at the edge of the graveyard grass closest to the small road, to deter lorries and cars from going onto the grass. It was likely that this would be supplied free of charge. DDL and the other members of Stamford Urban Group were thanked again warmly for all they had achieved. It was considered money well spent.</p> <p><u>New Lights on the Town Bridge</u>: these were likely to be installed fairly soon, despite a recent hold-up.</p> <p><u>Stamford Station</u>: DDL reported that Cllr. Sawyer had considered the town might adopt the station as a town project.</p>	
0117/3	<p><b>PLANS RECEIVED</b></p> <p>No plans had been received over the Christmas and New Year period. GMG would be away when the Kettering Road Kier development application was considered by Development Control, probably on February 7<sup>th</sup>. As the Society had objected, she would like a volunteer to go in her place and do a three minute presentation.</p>	All
0117/4	<p><b>LAND AT BORDERVILLE: INITIAL PLAN</b></p> <p>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. A strategic route connecting Casterton Road to Ryhall Road (not all the way to the A1) was being considered. 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 agreed to find out how many houses had been built in Stamford during the period of the last Local Plan. PS would also find out what the likely timescale was for the next Local Plan. In the consultation period following it coming out, the Civic Society would revisit the proposed development. Some members of the committee felt the Society should object to any more large-scale development in the town, and call on agencies such as the CPRE to come up with a rebuttal if more than 1600 houses were planned.</p>	PS

0117/5	<p><b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>PJ had noted that the <u>Albert Bridge</u> 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. However, ML reported that PJ would need to revisit this when she returned as the bridge would have to be closed for three days for the clean, which was probably unacceptable.</p> <p><u>Graffiti:</u> Member Peter Stevens had arranged a meeting in Stamford with Ian Yates to look at all the incidences of graffiti in the town which Peter had recorded. CM had been asked by Peter to attend the meeting representing the Society. She had agreed to attend on this occasion. However she did not want to take this on as a project but hoped another committee member might in future. Ian Yates would be asked to look again at the SKDC policy of asking the householder to pay for graffiti removal or pay the council to remove it.</p> <p><u>The verges, High Street St Martin's:</u> GMG had contacted LCC and had been told by Cllr. Brailsford that it was a priority to get this sorted.</p>	<p>PJ</p> <p>CM</p>
0117/6	<p><b>MARKETING</b></p> <p>CM spoke to her Marketing Review paper. She asked the committee to come up with key words which described the Civic Society for possible inclusion in a tagline. It was agreed that the Society's name would remain unchanged.</p> <p>The language used on the website could be amended; Facebook and Twitter could be resurrected; Rutland Radio could be contacted; there could be more networking with other local societies; online transactions could be introduced; and a street survey would be useful. It was agreed that the issues raised by the Review would be discussed at a pre-meeting, 30 minutes prior to the usual start time of the February committee meeting.</p>	All
0117/7	<p><b>COMMITTEE ROLES &amp; MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>MS asked that this item remain on the agenda as there were still several large roles to be filled.</p>	
0117/8	<p><b>EVENTS</b></p> <p>Stuart Orme was booked to give a talk at Browne's on <i>February 16<sup>th</sup></i> entitled "900 Years of an Icon: Peterborough Cathedral Past, Present &amp; Future". GMG would send out an email reminder in early February.</p>	GMG
0117/9	<p><b>STAMFORD MUSEUM STORE</b></p> <p>Storage of the Society's archive was still an issue. SKDC, for instance, did not have copies of the 1960's planning applications which the Society holds. GMG and Chris Hunt from Stamford History Society had written a joint request for local archives to be allowed to stay in Stamford and continued to search for a suitable alternative site.</p>	
0117/10	<p><b>50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</b></p> <p>The specific SKDC celebration would be co-ordinated and tied in with the Georgian Festival, and would possibly include a keynote speaker</p>	

	<p>on September 21<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed that Stamford Civic Society would be part of the SKDC programme as the Society's funds were limited. GMG would attend a meeting in February to discuss what the Society could be involved with.</p> <p>CM was applying for a grant of £200 from the Institute of Historic Building Conservation.</p> <p>The Society's exhibition at the Arts Centre from September 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> would dovetail neatly with SKDC plans. CM, DL and member Paul Eastwood were already working on the outline for the exhibition in the Gallery. Member Paul Eastwood was designing 30 posters which could be used again at a later date. AB would arrange for a sample poster to be produced.</p> <p>A potted description of the exhibition would be included in the February edition of the Stamford Arts Centre brochure.</p> <p>A Heritage Film Festival for local schools and colleges was planned and the resulting film would be screened during our exhibition. A Civic Society member would be asked to act as liaison adviser at a Schools' Development Day.</p> <p>Stamford Civic Society would also fund and host a reception during the exhibition. GMG would continue to chase Griff Rhys Jones to ask if he would open our exhibition.</p> <p>It was hoped that committee members would be available to talk to the public during the exhibition.</p> <p>CM would send out a list for discussion of names of those who should be informed of our plans.</p> <p>CM was thanked for her tremendous effort.</p> <p>The triggering of Article 4 (regarding the permitted development in a conservation area) might also be pursued.</p> <p>Regarding the September Heritage Open Days, CM would liaise with the Town Clerk about staging a mock trial at the Town Hall (as this year's theme was Justice &amp; Charters); and would also look at arranging a demonstration by a stonemason.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>AB</p> <p>GMG</p> <p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>
0117/11	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Meal:</b> the annual "Christmas" meal for committee members and their partners will be held at Candlesticks at 7.15 pm on Tuesday <u>January 24<sup>th</sup> 2017</u>. MS would email the arrangements to committee members.</p> <p>GMG gave her apologies for the February committee meeting. CM agreed to chair that meeting in her absence.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>CM</p>
0117/12	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place at the United Reformed Church Hall in the Grenfell Room at <b>6.45 pm</b> on February 8<sup>th</sup> 2017.</p>	

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Before the meeting, the committee gathered to discuss creating a new strapline. It was agreed that CM, JC and DL would meet together to decide on the wording, but any other committee member was welcome to join them and any further ideas were welcomed. CM stated that there would be the opportunity to test out the new strapline with an exit survey following a presentation on Stamford Library's visual display unit.

CM also announced that Cobblestone Yard has been nominated for a Civic Voice Design Award.

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0217/1: APOLOGIES: Gwyneth Gibbs, Paddy Jelen and Michael Thompson.

0217/2	<p><b>URBAN GROUP</b></p> <p><u>New Lights on the Town Bridge:</u> these were being installed this month. DDL was praised for his persistence in ensuring this project was successfully completed and he, in turn, thanked the whole team.</p> <p><u>St Michael's Churchyard project:</u></p> <p>DDL had erected a sign to try to stop dog fouling in the graveyard. Ketton Stone had donated free of charge a carved piece of stone placed at the edge of the graveyard grass closest to the small road, to deter lorries and cars from going onto the grass. Cummins had provided a crane free of charge to install it. The companies had been thanked and a photograph would be placed on the Society's website.</p> <p>Cllr. Sawyer had now suggested that the project to position metal railings along the wall around the graveyard should be postponed. There would be a meeting on 17th February with the local Poet Laureate and a sculptor to decide where to place a piece of carved rock suitable for use for public performances by the poet. It was likely that the Skells Trust would provide at least some of the funding for this.</p> <p>DDL was in touch with English Heritage and Ian Wright at SKDC to discuss the necessary improvements to the old wall on Bath Row, owned by Mr Pistolas junior. This was a focus of the Group's attention now.</p> <p>Paul Rose had retired from the Urban Group and it was hoped that he would be replaced by Tim Lee.</p> <p>DDL had contacted New College Stamford to discuss involving students in cleaning up the two benches and the planter at the east end of the High Street.</p> <p>Referring to a letter in The Mercury from Cllr Sawyer considering replacing the surface of the whole of Red Lion Square (possibly with red tarmac), DDL stated he had contacted County Councillor David Brailsford. He stated that there were no plans, and no funding available, to remove the road surface. The current level of maintenance would continue but a solution would need to be found in the longer term.</p> <p>GR asked that as many committee members as possible attend the official opening of the St Michael's Churchyard interpretation board at approximately <b>10.30 am</b> there on <b>March 6th</b>. GR would send more details to the committee nearer the date.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>GR</p>
0217/3	<p><b>PLANS RECEIVED</b></p> <p>S17/0024 12 St John's Street: change of use from estate agents to</p>	

	<p>health foods' takeaway – no objections.  S16/2127 28 St Mary's Street: new bathroom in attic – no objections but CM pointed out that the proposed elevations and section plan were not the same as on the Heritage Impact statement. MS would contact SKDC.  S17/0055 and S17/0056: 13 Broad Street – alterations, demolitions and extensions to the Presbytery. The sub-committee, once re-formed, would be asked for their advice. The deadline for replies concerning this application was February 24<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Planning Issues:-</b>  The <u>Kettering Road Kier development application</u> had been considered by Development Control on 7 February. GR, who had spoken on behalf of the Society, was pleased to relate that the application had been rejected unanimously.  CM had met with the <u>Planning Sub-Committee</u> members and architect Jon Richards. It was decided that they, possibly with the addition of Ross Thain, would re-form the sub-committee and meet once a month to discuss the planning applications [to be forwarded by the Secretary] and would act in an advisory role. Following discussion, it was agreed by the committee that, although preferable, it would not be stipulated that they should become members of the Society. Therefore, GMG would be asked to invite them to re-form.  It was also agreed that GMG should issue an invitation to the sub-committee members to meet with the committee so everyone got to know each other.  MJS volunteered to attend <u>the exhibition at the Arts Centre</u> regarding plans for 100 houses next door to Morrison's on a brown field site and report back.  <u>Stamford Station</u>: DDL reported that Cllr. Sawyer had considered the town might adopt the station as a town project. The signal box had been sold by member Mr Humm.  PS was praised for his excellent letter regarding Article 4, forwarded by GMG to Ms Agass, Chief Executive, SKDC.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>GMG</p> <p>GMG</p> <p>MJS</p>
0217/4	<p><b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b>  The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.  <u>Matters Arising:</u>  Following considerable discussion regarding the Land at Borderville, PS agreed to provide information regarding his justification for setting out the maximum number of houses to be built in Stamford, with no more building to the west and south and only new developments to the north and north-east of the town.  CM asked that this be added as an Agenda Item for the March meeting as the committee needed to decide on its position.</p>	<p>PS</p>
0217/5	<p><b>COMMITTEE ROLES &amp; MEMBERSHIP</b>  CM had prepared a paper showing which roles had been filled and which were still vacant. This would be sent out with the Minutes.  MS stated that she would be standing down from the committee – not during this exceptionally busy year – but by July 2018 at the very latest.</p>	
0217/6	<p><b>MARKETING</b>  The Marketing Review paper would be discussed at the March</p>	

	committee meeting. Topics would include the purpose of the Society, and committee member links with other societies and groups in town. ML agreed to bring the notecards to sell at every event.	ML
0217/7	<p><b>EVENTS</b></p> <p>Stuart Orme was booked to give a talk at Browne's on <b>February 16<sup>th</sup></b> entitled "900 Years of an Icon: Peterborough Cathedral Past, Present &amp; Future". GMG would send out an email reminder to members in mid-February. JC had volunteered to provide the nibbles, and MJS had ordered the wine and would bring the sound system.</p> <p><b>March 16<sup>th</sup></b> at Browne's – Members' Meeting</p> <p><b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b> – tour of Peterborough Cathedral at 2 pm, tickets £6</p> <p><b>NEW DATE</b> Saturday <b>June 17<sup>th</sup></b> from 6 pm - annual event at St Leonard's Priory.</p> <p><b>October 5<sup>th</sup></b> – <b>date in the diary for the AGM.</b> The idea that, instead of a speaker, the films from the Heritage Education Film Festival could be shown after the business had been concluded was met with approval.</p> <p><u>Information:-</u></p> <p>Following concerns raised by MS that the Society could make a loss as 24 tickets at £9 had to be bought up front for a tour of <u>Apethorpe Palace</u>, with no refunds and only 4 on last year's waiting list, it was agreed that the tour would be held over until next year.</p> <p>MS reported that for the second year there would be no Society visit to the Spalding Gentlemen's Society as the building would be closed for several months for structural repairs.</p> <p><u>Currently there were no house or garden tours planned for 2017.</u></p> <p>However, Ian Wright could be asked to speak to members, and MS thought that David Bond could be asked to give his new lecture on "Church Towers in the Landscape".</p> <p>As part of the <u>Heritage Open Days</u>, it had been arranged that St Leonard's Priory would be open to the public, and information about the Society and the Priory would be on display, from 12 to 4 on <b>September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup></b>. Again, committee members were asked to be available to meet and greet the public.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>JC/MJS</p> <p>All</p>
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	<p>Schools' Development Day on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The "Oscars" night was October 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Stamford Civic Society would also fund and host a <u>reception</u> during the exhibition on <u>September 28th</u>. All committee members were asked to attend. GMG would continue to chase Griff Rhys Jones to ask if he would be Guest of Honour at the reception to mark the anniversary of when Stamford was notified that it was to be designated as a Conservation Area.</p>	<p>All GMG</p>
0217/9	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Graffiti</u>: Member Peter Stevens had arranged a meeting in Stamford with Ian Yates to look at all the incidences of graffiti in the town which Peter had recorded. CM had been asked by Peter to attend the meeting representing the Society. Ian Yates would be asked to look again at the SKDC policy of asking the householder to pay for graffiti removal or pay the council to remove it. The Deputy Leader of the council was interested in this issue and the Police Anti-Social Behaviour Unit had become involved too, thanks to Peter's persistence.</p> <p>As a member of Civic Voice, ML reported that any member of the Society could request one complimentary day pass to a National Trust property of their choice. Details would be passed on at the Members' Meeting.</p> <p>JC reported that she was meeting with Peter Stevens and John Smith to look at the case for organizing a Blue Plaque for local artist Nelson Dawson.</p> <p>MJS, who had been involved with the original project, agreed to let members know at the Members' Meeting that PS was prepared to update the original "Paving The Way" report and would like to receive information and photographs from members regarding poorly maintained pavement areas.</p>	<p>JC MJS</p>
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0317/2	<p><b>URBAN GROUP</b>  <u>St Michael's Churchyard project:</u>                  Two benches had been repositioned following concerns about the drop being a danger to the public. A refurbished bin had been put in place so now there were three in situ.                  The new interpretation board had been unveiled by The Mayor and GMG at a ceremony on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The artist, John Allenby, was thanked and presented with a gift.                  GMG, on behalf of the committee, thanked DDL, GR and all the team for the huge effort involved in completing this project.                  There had been a meeting on 17th February with the local Poet Laureate and a sculptor to decide where to place a piece of stone with carved footprints suitable for use for public performances by the poet. It was likely that the Skells Trust would provide at least some of the possible £1,000 funding for this.                  The Urban Group had arranged a lighting demonstration by Urbis Lighting to floodlight the end of the churchyard. The committee agreed that the effect was most pleasing so DDL would find out how much the running costs would be and then the Group would give a presentation to the Skells Trust.                  However, as The Mayor was still keen to have metal railings positioned along the wall around the graveyard and get the wall fixed, DL would look into taking all three (lights, railings, wall repairs) to the Skells Trust as one project. This project might well take priority over the project to repair parts of Bath Row wall.                  DDL referred to the part of Sheepmarket currently taken over by Murrays for parking. Currently there was not a sign prohibiting parking. GMG would speak to Cllr. Brailsford.                  DDL also referred to the ruined grassy verges near the William Cecil Hotel. PS stated that posts had been ordered for the hotel side. It was thought that the cost would be shared between the Hotel, the Burghley Estate and with £500 from Stamford Civic Society. However, it was felt that posts should be erected on the opposite verge too so GMG would try to find out more.                  DDL showed a sketch of a slate depicting architectural features of the town drawn by John Allenby (and possibly to be placed by the old town wall) which he felt could be an ideal celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stamford Conservation Area. CM agreed to take this idea to the next meeting of all organisations involved with the celebrations.                  The cost of the Interpretation Board was queried by the Treasurer. GR agreed to chase the invoice.</p>	<p align="right">DDL</p> <p align="right">DDL</p> <p align="right">GMG</p> <p align="right">GMG</p> <p align="right">CM</p> <p align="right">GR</p>
0317/3	<p><b>PLANS RECEIVED</b>  <b>GMG was delighted to report that the Planning Sub-Committee had re-formed with John Smith, James Heesom, David Heeley being joined by Jon Richards and Ross Thain.</b> They would meet on</p>	



	<p>the Thursday prior to the monthly committee meeting, to which they would send their comments.</p> <p>S16/2141 St Peter's Inn, 11 St Peter's Street: alteration of listed building – the committee agreed to forward the comments from the sub-committee objecting to the application until certain minimum requirements (such as a scaled drawing of the frontage) had been provided.</p> <p>S17/0235 21 &amp; 23 Stamford Walk: internal and external alterations [turning top floors into flats] – the committee agreed to forward the sub-committee's recommendation that the application should be refused in its present form. No works should be carried out that prohibited the restoration of the original ballroom space in the future.</p> <p>S17/0282 15 St Leonard's Street: internal &amp; external alterations to listed building, including dormer window extension – it was agreed to forward the sub-committee's recommendations for further detailed drawings of the dormer etc. as an agreed condition of any approval.</p>	MS
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0317/5	<p><b>COMMITTEE ROLES &amp; MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>Following last month's report that the Secretary, who has served for nine years, wished to stand down, GMG reported that she has already served as Chairman for ten years and is also looking to stand down at the AGM. Therefore, she would write an article, probably for "Stamford Living", about the Society and the need for new people to come on to the committee. She would also mention this at the Members' Meeting.</p> <p>CM also remarked that a committee member was still needed to co-ordinate Events.</p> <p>ML had kindly volunteered to take on the role of Membership Secretary as he and the Secretary were currently working in tandem, and would take on the sale of tickets from the Secretary for future events and talks.</p>	GMG  ML
0317/6	<p><b>MARKETING</b></p> <p>CM brought three straplines produced by a working party to the meeting, but all proved contentious. It was agreed that the strapline suggested by AB : "Conserving and enhancing our historic town" should be trialled this year to gauge public and members' reactions. CM stated that the Membership Form would need to be reprinted in</p>	CM

	<p>2018 and would probably carry different contact details. She would be asking for feedback, including from new committee member PJ. ML and GMG would discuss how paying online for subscriptions and joining online could be offered. CM would like to discuss at the April meeting how committee members could link up with other societies to promote the Civic Society.</p>	<p>PJ ML/GMG</p>
0317/7	<p><b>EVENTS</b>  <b>March 16<sup>th</sup></b> 7.30 pm at Browne’s Hospital – Members’ Meeting. JC had volunteered to provide the nibbles, and MJS had ordered the wine. Cllr. Brailsford would speak to members.  <b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b> – tour of Peterborough Cathedral at 2 pm, tickets £6. There were currently only 8 tickets remaining.  Saturday <b>June 17<sup>th</sup></b> from 6 pm - annual event at St Leonard’s Priory.  <b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b> – Private Tour of Burghley House. Numbers strictly limited.  <b>September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup></b> As part of the <u>Heritage Open Days</u>, it had been arranged that St Leonard’s Priory would be open to the public, and information about the Society and the Priory would be on display, from 12 noon to 4 pm. Committee members were asked to be available to meet and greet the public.  <b>October 5<sup>th</sup> – date in the diary for the AGM.</b>  <u>Additional suggestions:</u>  PS would contact Cllr David Taylor to ask him to speak to members. CM suggested four possible summer garden tours, which GMG would put to members. GMG would also find out if there was interest from members in hiring a coach for a trip to Louth (suggested by a member).  <u>Town Tours</u>  Volunteers from the committee would provide a tour of the town for Peterborough Civic Society on the afternoon of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. GMG was co-ordinating a training session with John Smith for the volunteers, plus any other interested committee members.  The Cambridge Blue Badge Guides had requested a lecture on the history of the town on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. MJS would liaise with Chris Hunt, from the local History Society, to see if they could provide a speaker.</p>	<p>PS GMG GMG MJS</p>
0317/8	<p><b>50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</b>  The Society’s exhibition at the Arts Centre from <b>September 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup></b> 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 more than 30 posters which could be used again at a later date. Their wording would be checked by John Smith for accuracy. A draft version of the panels would be shown to the committee at the May committee meeting. GMG would bring the projector.  A Heritage Film Festival for local schools and colleges was planned and the resulting films would be screened during our exhibition. CM would represent the Society at the Schools’ Development Day on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The “Oscars” night was October 4<sup>th</sup>. Sadly, so far only three schools had shown interest in taking part.  Stamford Civic Society would also fund and host a <u>reception</u> during the exhibition on <u>September 28<sup>th</sup></u>. All committee members were asked to attend.</p>	<p>GMG CM All</p>

	CM agreed to raise at the next meeting of all the organisations involved in the celebrations GR's suggestion that retailers should be involved, using their shopfronts to showcase the anniversary.	CM
0317/9	<p><b>FUTURE HOUSING NUMBERS FOR STAMFORD</b></p> <p>PS stated that the SKDC's draft Local Plan (to consider up to 2036) was due out on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The White Paper is in draft, and Stamford First's Neighbourhood Plan will make no mention of a definitive number of houses for the town. PS personally believes that the Society should state there should be a maximum of 500 to 800 new houses and explain the reasoning behind this decision.</p> <p>However, the committee agreed to wait for the Local Plan and then agree the Society's stance. Cllr Taylor (see Item 7) from Stamford First would be invited to speak to members.</p>	
0317/10	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Cleaning of <u>Albert Bridge</u>: PJ reported that the bridge would be pressure washed free of charge by John Regis on the weekend of April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. DDL volunteered to photograph this and GR volunteered to check on progress on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.</p> <p>PJ had ensured that closure signs would be erected.</p> <p>Additionally, PJ had arranged for an LED warm light to replace the current one on the bridge and had got funding from the Skells Trust, plus £250 from the Civic Society. The proforma invoice would be sent to ML to then pass to the Town Clerk. The delivery and fitting would be free. PJ was congratulated on her efforts.</p> <p>MJS asked for a volunteer to assist him in removing and storing the interpretation board on the Meadows before the arrival of the Mid-Lent Fair. ML and GR had agreed to meet him there at 10 am on 16<sup>th</sup> March. The shortlist for the National Design Award would be announced on 24<sup>th</sup> April. Cobblestone Yard was the local entrant.</p> <p>It was agreed that the two local domain sites originally purchased for QR codes would be renewed at a cost of £16.78 each.</p>	<p>DDL/GR</p> <p>ML</p> <p>MJS/ML/ GR</p>
0317/11	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place at the United Reformed Church Hall in the Grenfell Room at 7.15 pm on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2017.</p>	

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

April 12th 2017

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

0417/1: APOLOGIES: Andrew Beeson, Gwyneth Gibbs, David Lankester and Michael Thompson.

0417/2	<p><b>URBAN GROUP</b></p> <p>DDL referred to the part of Sheepmarket currently taken over by Moores' for parking. Currently there was not a sign prohibiting parking. GR had spoken to Cllr. Brailsford and discovered that the District Council owned the land and a ban on parking could not be enforced because there was no sign. It was agreed that GMG should write to Neil Cucksey objecting to any parking there.</p> <p><u>St Michael's Churchyard project:</u></p> <p>The Urban Group had arranged a lighting demonstration by Urbis Lighting to floodlight the east end of the church. Subsequently, DDL had discovered that it might be necessary to revert to sodium lighting. Alternatively, DDL would find out if the church owners would be willing to pay for LED lights, each one costing £27.50 per annum. The Rotary Club had proposed planting in the churchyard and they would speak to Peter Heyes about types of plant and location. GMG would be asked to write to the Town Clerk about the need for regular grass cutting as GR had not received a response to his own letter of complaint yet.</p> <p><u>Albert Bridge:</u> PJ was thanked for organizing the free cleaning of the bridge by John Regis. GR was thanked for looking after things on the second day of the cleaning operation. DDL had arranged an excellent publicity photograph which included the Mayor.</p> <p><u>Bath Row:</u> Cllr. Sawyer was keen to continue with the project to tidy the old wall so DDL would speak to the owner.</p> <p><u>Stamford Station:</u> this had been adopted by a "care group" led by Cllr. Taylor. This was not an Urban Group project.</p> <p><u>Town Bridge Lights:</u> publicity for this project was on hold until after the local elections in May.</p> <p>DDL thought a new seat was needed near the Scotgate traffic lights.</p> <p><u>Red Lion Square:</u> the planters and seats were in place but the lights, which had been the original Urban Group project, were not in yet. At a future date, GMG could be asked to write to the Town Clerk about the dire planting in the <u>High Street planter</u>.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>DDL</p> <p>GMG</p> <p>DDL</p> <p>GMG</p>
0417/3	<p><b>PLANS RECEIVED</b></p> <p>S17/0389 63 High Street: change of use from retail to coffee shop – no objection</p> <p>S17/0345 45-46 St Paul's Street: pigeon netting to rear of property – no objection</p> <p>S17/0469 22 St Mary's Street: erection of orangery to rear – the committee agreed with the suggestions made by the Planning sub-committee about the design and for the drawing up of an archaeological brief.</p>	<p>MS</p>

	<p>S17/0580 – 16 Barn Hill : erection of house number plaque mentioning Stukeley – Ian Wright had already received a response from John Smith and the committee further objected on the grounds that there should only be one plaque for a person in a town, at their primary domicile. This follows guidelines set out by English Heritage.</p> <p>S17/0519 – Hindmarch Garage development – the committee would incorporate in the response comments made by the sub-committee, particularly regarding the design details.</p> <p>S17/0481 – Cherryholt House – no information from the sub-committee received yet except the comment from John Smith that this would mean re-housing the Mercury Archive for the second time – and the committee wanted to raise concerns about the potential loss of river access for townspeople; and the risk of flooding from surface and fluvial effects (Peter Stean is engaged in a study of the town’s flood plains).</p>	GMG
0417/4	<p><b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>Amendment to 0317/2: Moores to be substituted for Murrays. The Minutes of the previous meeting were then accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>The cost of the Interpretation Board (0317/2) had been sorted. MJS had mentioned the Paving The Way Survey, to be updated by PS, at the Members’ Meeting. Subsequently, County Cllr. Brailsford had received a copy which he had sent to Highways for their comments as only 4 out of the 17 prioritised in the report had been dealt with. Actions by GMG held over until the May meeting.</p>	
0417/5	<p><b>COMMITTEE ROLES &amp; MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that a member, David Langridge, had met with her and volunteered to replace her at the October AGM unless others stepped forward for election. She therefore intended to step down in October 2017.</p>	
0417/6	<p><b>MARKETING</b></p> <p>The strapline suggested by AB : “Conserving and enhancing our historic town” had been put on the website by GMG.</p> <p>CM stated that the Membership Form would need to be reprinted when the current Secretary left. She would be asking for feedback at the May meeting from new committee members PJ and AB.</p> <p>CM was heartened by the number of volunteers offering to link up with other societies to promote the Civic Society.</p> <p>ML suggested it would be helpful if GMG would be prepared to create a PowerPoint presentation for all to use.</p>	<p>AB/PJ</p> <p>GMG</p>
0417/7	<p><b>EVENTS</b></p> <p>The March Members’ Meeting had been a success.</p> <p><b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b> – tour of Peterborough Cathedral at 2 pm, tickets £6. There were currently only 4 tickets remaining.</p> <p><b>Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup></b> – talk by Cllr. David Taylor at Browne’s Hospital, 7.30 pm. MJS had ordered the wine, and JC would organize the nibbles. GMG would bring the projector, if needed.</p>	JC/GMG

	<p>Saturday <b>June 17<sup>th</sup></b> from 6 pm - annual event at St Leonard's Priory. It was agreed that MS would contact the saxophonist used last year to see if he would be prepared to perform this year.</p> <p><b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b> – Private Tour of Burghley House. MS stated that the successful members had been contacted.</p> <p><b>September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup></b> As part of the <u>Heritage Open Days</u>, it had been arranged that St Leonard's Priory would be open to the public, and information about the Society and the Priory would be on display, from 12 noon to 4 pm. Committee members were asked to be available to meet and greet the public.</p> <p><b>October 5<sup>th</sup> – date in the diary for the AGM.</b></p> <p><u>Additional suggestions:</u></p> <p>CM would contact Grimsthorpe Castle and Fox Tail Lilly's to arrange August garden tours for members.</p> <p>Volunteers from the committee would provide a tour of the town for Peterborough Civic Society on the afternoon of Wednesday <b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>. John Smith would be providing a <u>training session</u> for any interested committee members at 2pm on <b>Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup></b>, meeting at St Mary's Church.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>All</p> <p>CM</p>
0417/8	<p><b>50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</b></p> <p>The Society's exhibition at the Arts Centre is booked from <b>September 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup></b>. A draft version of the exhibition panels would be shown to the committee at the May committee meeting. AB was thanked for finding a printer willing to provide the panels at trade price, thereby saving the Society a considerable sum. Member Dave Baxter had also kindly volunteered photographs for inclusion in the exhibition.</p> <p>DL was aiming to raise £1,000 to help fund the exhibition.</p> <p>A Heritage Film Festival for local schools and colleges was planned and the resulting films would be screened during our exhibition. CM had represented the Society at the Schools' Development Day on March 15<sup>th</sup>. She hoped that several schools would be taking part.</p> <p>DDL thought that a sketch of a slate depicting architectural features of the town drawn by John Allenby (and possibly to be placed by the old town wall) could be an ideal celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stamford Conservation Area. CM had agreed to take this idea to SKDC but they confirmed that they were planning their own memorial.</p> <p>As there was no funding this year for a plaque paid for by the Society, it was agreed that the image would be kept on hold for 2018.</p> <p>CM mentioned the possibility of heritage pictures being painted on the Mallory Lane wall: Peter Stevens and DL were currently talking to Mr Dunn. PS would contact them as he already had a suitable image and Paul Eastwood would be prepared to be involved too.</p> <p>An officer from Historic England was planning to promote Stamford and wished to interview local people. CM would email a list of names and ask for comments and any others who might be added.</p> <p>That organization had already sent CM thirteen historical images of Stamford. They would be re-photographed by Historic England to show the contrast between then and now.</p> <p>Stamford Civic Society would also fund and host a <u>reception</u> during the exhibition on <u>September 28<sup>th</sup></u>. All committee members were asked to attend.</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>CM</p> <p>PS</p> <p>CM</p> <p>All</p>

0417/9	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Blue Plaques</u>: JC was waiting to hear back from the owner of 7 St Mary's Street to ascertain whether he would permit a blue plaque to Nelson Dawson on the house.</p> <p>Colin Dexter had also been suggested as a suitable candidate. As he had only just died, it was necessary to decide when he could be considered. JC would work on a set of good practice guidelines (based on Historic England's recommendations) and the committee would be asked to vote at the next meeting on the minimum number of years after dying before a candidate could be considered for a blue plaque. Five years was suggested as a starting point.</p> <p><u>Graffiti</u>: Peter Stevens was thanked for his excellent work on combating graffiti in Stamford. CM stated that it was now time for someone else to take over what he had started.</p> <p>PJ had arranged for a potential new committee member to meet GMG informally. It was reiterated that any prospective committee member would have first to join the Civic Society.</p> <p>MS reminded the committee that the next meeting, involving the use of the projector, would take place at GMG's house.</p>	JC
0417/10	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place at <b>3 Kettering Road</b> at 7.15 pm on May 10th 2017.</p>	

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

Wednesday May 10th 2017 in the Stamford URC Church Hall

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs (Chairman), Andrew Beeson, Jocelyn Chatterton, Paddy Jelen, Martin Lander, Carol Meads, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett, Peter Stean

0517/1 Apologies: Don D Lambert, David Lankester, Graddon Rowlands and Michael Thompson

0517/2	<p><b>50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</b></p> <p>The Society's exhibition at the Arts Centre is booked from <b>September 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup></b>. With the kind assistance of Jeremy Gibbs, a draft version of the exhibition panels, explaining the history of conservation areas and why Stamford became the first, was shown to the committee. CM was soundly praised for the excellent quality of the material. She in turn thanked member Paul Eastwood for creating the overall design, AB for finding the printer, and Stamford Photographic Society for providing photos for use. CM stated that member Dave Baxter had offered to house the panels, for which she was very grateful.</p> <p>It was suggested that the panel information could be produced as a booklet, copyright permitting.</p> <p>The poor quality of the refreshment packages available from the Arts Centre for the <b>Society's reception on September 28<sup>th</sup></b> was mentioned and CM stated she would go back to ask for a different package, for 120 guests.</p> <p>It was agreed that an invitation to the reception would be emailed out with the July newsletter and GMG would find out if Orlando Rock would be attending. CM would consider who else should be invited.</p> <p>Meanwhile, DL was aiming to raise £1,000 to help fund the exhibition. CM would check if the Arts Centre would be prepared to sell the Society's notecards and "Stones of Stamford".</p> <p>A rota would be drawn up for people to be on hand in the Gallery between <b>September 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup></b>. Committee members were asked to keep these dates free and GMG would ask for volunteers from the membership.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>GMG/MS CM DL</p> <p>CM</p> <p>All</p>
0517/3	<p><b>URBAN GROUP</b></p> <p>No representative from the Urban Group was present to update the committee.</p>	
0517/4	<p><b>PLANS RECEIVED</b></p> <p>S17/0580 16 Barn Hill: plaque – reference would be made to the letter from John Smith to SKDC.</p> <p>S17/0613 Land off Uffington Road (former Mirlees Blackstone site): [outline application for up to 100 houses] suggested access – the committee agreed with the Planning sub-committee that the potential use of this neglected brownfield site was welcome and with their observation that past plans to use the old railway track as a possible relief road would have a major impact on the proposal.</p> <p>S17/0691 15 All Saints' Place: internal remodelling – it was agreed that a heritage impact assessment was essential and there was particular concern about the proposals for the undercroft. Detailed comments from the Planning sub-committee would be forwarded to</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>GMG</p>



	<p>SKDC. Historic England had been approached to visit the premises and decide on the age of the vault.</p> <p>Also:-</p> <p>A member had contacted the committee to ask that, when the application was available, the application to build a very long disabled access ramp at the front of Barn Hill Methodist Church be scrutinized. Another member had commented that it seemed the owner of 15 St Peter's Street planned to dig out the cellar. No application had yet arrived.</p>	
0517/5	<p><b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. There were no Matters Arising.</p>	
0517/6	<p><b>COMMITTEE ROLES &amp; MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>The Chairman stated that she hoped that a replacement for her role would be found soon.</p>	
0517/7	<p><b>MARKETING</b></p> <p>It was agreed that there would be no alteration to the Membership Form this year and the new address for contacting the Society (from October) would be on a label affixed to the form.</p> <p>Although there was a new strapline on the website, suggested by AB and agreed by the committee: "Conserving and enhancing our historic town", JC asked that another be put on record for future deliberation, namely "Pride of Place", suggested by PS.</p> <p><u>Annual Review</u>: various members of the committee were asked to write an article, deadline being the end of August. CM and JC were pursuing three quotes for the printing.</p>	CM/JC
0517/8	<p><b>EVENTS</b></p> <p>The tour of Peterborough Cathedral had been enjoyed by members, as had the talk by Cllr. David Taylor at Browne's Hospital.</p> <p><b>Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup></b> from 6 pm to 8 pm - annual event at St Leonard's Priory. The saxophonist would play again, MS stated. MJS asked for <u>volunteers</u> to assist with putting up tables, tidying the Priory and erecting the marquee on the <u>morning of June 17<sup>th</sup></u>. MS would contact two members who had volunteered to provide nibbles.</p> <p><b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b> – Private Tour of Burghley House. MS stated that the successful members had been contacted.</p> <p><b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b> – Private tour of Grimsthorpe Castle and independent garden visit – 2.30 pm, £9.50 tickets from ML.</p> <p><b>September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup></b> As part of the <u>Heritage Open Days</u>, it had been arranged that St Leonard's Priory would be open to the public, and information about the Society and the Priory would be on display, from 12 noon to 4 pm. CM reported that member Dave Baxter had volunteered to provide photos. <u>Committee members</u> were asked to be available to meet and greet the public.</p> <p><b>October 5<sup>th</sup></b> – <b>date in the diary for the AGM.</b> It was agreed that a speaker would not be needed.</p> <p>JC, ML, CM and MJS had provided a tour of the town for Peterborough Civic Society on the afternoon of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.</p>	<p>MS/MJS All</p> <p>ML</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>GMG reported that she had given a ten minute talk to over 30 Blue Badge Guides from Cambridge on May 6<sup>th</sup> and received a £50 donation from them. They also offered a free Society visit to Cambridge which GMG will arrange with them for May 2018.</p> <p>MJS stated that he was concerned that we had no talks arranged for winter 2017. PS volunteered to contact local architect Simon Harris to find out if he would give a talk.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>PS</p>
0517/9	<p><b>BLUE PLAQUES: POLICY GUIDELINES</b></p> <p>JC had prepared a paper considering the criteria to be used by the Society, and thanked CM for providing the criteria used by English Heritage in the evaluation of suggestions for blue plaques in London. This would be an Item at the June committee meeting. The committee would be asked to vote on the minimum number of years after dying before a candidate could be considered for a blue plaque.</p> <p>JC was pleased to report that the owner of 7 St Mary's Street would permit a blue plaque to Nelson Dawson on the house.</p>	
0517/10	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Bulb Planting</u> : MS reported that the Rotary Club was planning to plant crocus bulbs again to promote its polio eradication project. They would like to know where planting would be beneficial. GMG would ask members in the next newsletter.</p> <p>JC reported that she had been asked to join the Stamford Decorative &amp; Fine Arts Society committee from June 2<sup>nd</sup> and hoped to build links with the Civic Society.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Cobblestone Yard had not been shortlisted for the national Civic Voice Design Awards. MJS commented that he had received favourable comments about the building when he toured Peterborough Civic society members.</p> <p>JC stated that the light for the Albert Bridge was awaiting delivery.</p>	<p>GMG</p>
0517/11	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place at <b>the Stamford United Reform Church Hall</b> at 7.15 pm on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2017. [Please note that this is an alteration and is not in the regular monthly slot. GMG will chair the meeting.]</p>	

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

Wednesday June 7th 2017 in the Stamford URC Church Hall

PRESENT: Gwyneth Gibbs (Chairman), Jocelyn Chatterton, Paddy Jelen, Melanie Sockett, Mike J Sockett and Don D Lambert.

0617/1 Apologies: Andrew Beeson, David Lankester, Martin Lander, Carol Meads, Graddon Rowlands, Peter Stean and Michael Thompson.

0617/2	<p><b>URBAN GROUP REPORT AND FUTURE</b></p> <p>DDL announced that he had retired as Chairman of Stamford Urban Group and that, as no-one else was in a position to take over the Group, it was now defunct.</p> <p>GMG had emailed all members of the Urban Group and had received their agreement that the funds remaining (£2,448) should be used for Urban Group-style projects. The concept of a sub-group of the Civic Society being formed to handle those sort of projects would be discussed at the the next committee meeting. DDL indicated that he would be willing to offer his advice to such a group.</p> <p>The committee thanked all the members of the Urban Group for their sterling work, and DDL in particular for all that had been achieved.</p> <p>GR had volunteered to write a piece for the Annual Review to explain the background, achievements and possible future of the Urban Group.</p>	GR
0617/3	<p><b>PLANS RECEIVED</b></p> <p>S17/0842 The Periwig: external redecoration – GMG would incorporate the points raised by John Smith in her response.</p> <p>S17/0871 10 Bath Row: alterations – no objections.</p> <p>S17/0845 30 High Street: alterations to shopfront and signage – comments made by John Smith would be incorporated into GMG's response.</p> <p>S17/1011 7 All Saints' Place: conversion of shop to living accommodation – insufficient detail was available so GMG had asked for more information before we considered our response.</p> <p>S17/0982 The Periwig: internal alterations – the committee would wait for comments from the Planning sub-group before responding.</p> <p>S17/1028 9 St Peter's Hill: internal alterations to listed dwelling - the committee would wait for comments from the Planning sub-group before responding.</p>	
0617/4	<p><b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u> CM had suggested that the Rotary Club could plant bulbs along the verges at the entrance to High Street St Martin's when the works to prevent parking had been completed.</p> <p>ML had reported that a £70 cheque had been received from Peterborough Civic Society, following their recent tour of Stamford.</p>	
0617/5	<p><b>COMMITTEE ROLES: CHAIRMAN ETC.</b></p> <p>The Chairman stated that she would definitely be standing down at the 2018 AGM and thanked CM for standing in for her when she was</p>	

	away. More members needed to be encouraged to join the committee as a matter of some urgency.	
0617/6	<p><b>50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</b></p> <p>The Society's exhibition at the Arts Centre was booked from <b>September 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup></b>. The exhibition panels, explaining the history of conservation areas and why Stamford became the first, were being amended and would be shown to John Smith to check historical accuracy.</p> <p>£500 had so far been raised in sponsorship: £250 from The George; £150 from the Institute of Historical Building Conservation; and £100 from Coleman's.</p> <p>The refreshment package available from the Arts Centre for the <b>Society's reception on September 28<sup>th</sup></b> was amended following a meeting at the Arts Centre.</p> <p>It was agreed that an invitation to the reception would be emailed out to members with the July newsletter and GMG would find out if Orlando Rock would be attending. Also, people on the Annual Review circulation list would be invited.</p> <p>Member Paul Eastwood would produce a publicity flyer and e-invitation based around the same design.</p> <p>CM stated that the Arts Centre would be prepared to sell the "Stones of Stamford Revisited" on a sale or return basis but she would check about the notecards.</p> <p>Several schools and New College had signed up to produce short films on a heritage topic for the Schools' Heritage Film Festival.</p> <p>The main event for conservation professionals would be Bidwells' Conservation Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Arts Centre: see <a href="http://www.bidwells.co.uk/events/stamford50">http://www.bidwells.co.uk/events/stamford50</a></p> <p>The Society had been asked to provide 16 tour guides for 160 delegates to tour Stamford at 4pm that day. The committee, however, felt that was not possible and suggested that instead the delegates were given copies of the Town Trail for self-guided walks.</p> <p>A rota would be drawn up for people to be on hand in the Gallery between <b>September 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup></b>. Committee members were asked to keep these dates free and GMG would ask for volunteers from the membership.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>All</p>
0617/7	<p><b>MARKETING</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the online Membership Form would go live.</p> <p>AB was thanked for offering to get the printer he uses to provide one of the quotes for the Annual Review.</p>	GMG
0617/8	<p><b>EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm</b> - annual event at St Leonard's Priory. The saxophonist would play again, MS stated. MJS asked for <u>volunteers</u> to assist with putting up tables, tidying the Priory and erecting the marquee at <b>10.30</b> on June 17<sup>th</sup>. MS stated that member Anabel Morris had volunteered to provide the nibbles. MJS would check that members could park at Morrison's.</p> <p><b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b> – Private Tour of Burghley House. MS stated that the 24</p>	<p>All</p> <p>MJS</p>

	<p>successful members had all paid.</p> <p><b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b> – Private tour of Grimsthorpe Castle and independent garden visit – 2.30 pm, £9.50 tickets from ML (14 sold so far).</p> <p><b>September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup></b> As part of the <u>Heritage Open Days</u>, it had been arranged that St Leonard’s Priory would be open to the public, and information about the Society and the Priory would be on display, from 12 noon to 4 pm. CM reported that member Dave Baxter had volunteered to provide photos. <u>Committee members</u> were asked to be available to meet and greet the public.</p> <p><b>October 5<sup>th</sup> – date in the diary for the AGM.</b> It was agreed that a speaker would not be needed.</p> <p>PS had volunteered to contact local architect Simon Harris to find out if he would give a talk.</p> <p>MS would contact Spalding Gentlemen’s Society to arrange a day-time visit in November 2017 and would liaise with John Smith.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>All</p> <p>PS</p> <p>MS</p>
0617/9	<p><b>BLUE PLAQUES: POLICY GUIDELINES</b></p> <p>JC had prepared a paper considering the criteria to be used by the Society, and thanked CM for providing the criteria used by English Heritage in the evaluation of suggestions for blue plaques in London. The committee agreed that 5 years would be the minimum number of years after dying before a candidate could be considered for a blue plaque in Stamford. The criteria proposed by JC were agreed.</p> <p>JC was pleased to report that the owner of 7 St Mary’s Street would permit a blue plaque to Nelson Dawson on the house and that the process was underway.</p>	
0617/10	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>JC reported that she had been asked to join the Stamford Decorative &amp; Fine Arts Society committee as Programme Secretary from June 2<sup>nd</sup> and hoped to build links with the Civic Society.</p> <p>Member Peter Stevens had reported that a project to put pictures in the former windows down Mallory Lane would cost £6,000, financed it was hoped by the Town Council and Harrison &amp; Dunn, with advice and expertise provided by Civic Society members.</p> <p>GMG would not be available to chair the August meeting.</p>	
0617/11	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place at <b>the Stamford United Reform Church Hall</b> at 7.15 pm on <b>August 9th</b>.</p>	

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Wednesday August 9th 2017 in the Stamford URC Church Hall

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

Potential member Andrew Moore was welcomed to sit in on the meeting.

0817/1 Apologies: Jocelyn Chatterton, Gwyneth Gibbs, David Lankester and Michael Thompson.

0817/2	<p><b>URBAN GROUP'S FUTURE AS A SUB-GROUP</b></p> <p>The committee thanked all the members of the Urban Group for their sterling work, and DDL in particular for all that had been achieved. It was agreed by the committee that the continuation of Urban Group-style projects [and the revisiting of those projects that needed monitoring annually] should be considered and that, to that end, a sub-group of the Society be formed. As member Cllr David Taylor had stated he might be willing to chair such a sub-group, GR and DDL would sound him out and GR would present a proposed remit for the group to the committee for endorsement. Also, PJ volunteered to be involved, and it was considered that five would be the maximum necessary to form the sub-group.</p> <p>DDL indicated that he would be willing to offer his advice to such a group for the first few meetings, and that was well received.</p> <p>DDL also congratulated PJ on organising a new light, now working, on the Town Bridge.</p>	GR
0817/3	<p><b>PLANS RECEIVED</b></p> <p>S17/0994 Barn Hill Methodist Church: external ramp – the plans had been withdrawn but a watching brief would be kept.</p> <p>S17/1010/1011 7 All Saints' Street: conversion of shop to living accommodation – no objections.</p> <p>S17/1028 9 St Peter's Hill: internal alterations to listed dwelling - the sub-committee felt that the authority should clarify the extent of the works before even considering this application.</p> <p>S17/1192 (ex Quayhole Kate's) Wharf Road: alterations to door leading to deck etc – no objections.</p> <p>S17/0613 Uffington Road development: revised plan with expansion to west of acoustic mitigation belt – no objection to the planned use of a neglected brownfield site.</p> <p>S17/1221 (ex bridal wear shop) 22 Broad Street: change of use to clinic and internal alterations – no objections.</p> <p>S17/1296 (former QS) 6 High Street: internal &amp; external alterations – no objection but it was considered suitable for the Society to write and suggest that the windows on Wellington Lane could be used similarly to those on Mallory Lane.</p> <p>S17/0519: Re Former Hindmarch Garage planning application: GMG has asked if any committee or sub-committee member wished to speak at the Development Control Committee Meeting in Grantham on <b>22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>, perhaps regarding the quality of the design detail. Please contact MS and GMG if you would like to speak.</p>	

0817/4	<p><b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b>  Amendment: Item 0617/3: - 7 All Saints' Street, not Place  The Minutes of the previous meeting were then accepted as a true record.  <u>Matters Arising</u>  GMG would be asked to clarify the response she made on behalf of the Society re planning applications S17/0842 and S17/0982 (The Periwig).</p>	GMG
0817/5	<p><b>COMMITTEE ROLES: CHAIRMAN ETC.</b>  A new Secretary had been found who was willing to replace MS. However, GMG would be standing down at the 2018 AGM so decisions on the way forward needed to be made very soon. There were other roles which needed filling such as Events and the proposed new Urban sub-group.</p>	
0817/6	<p><b>50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</b>  An Update would be sent out with the Minutes.  The Society's exhibition at the Arts Centre was booked from <b>September 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup></b>. CM was congratulated on her sterling work, and she in turn thanked DL and member Paul Eastwood.  An invitation to the reception would be emailed out to members in August with the newsletter and GMG would find out if Orlando Rock would be attending. Also non-members were being invited.  Member Paul Eastwood had produced a publicity flyer, copies of which would be distributed to committee members to hand out on September 4<sup>th</sup>, exactly where to be decided – and comments on possible locations (eg shop windows) would be gratefully received.  The main event for conservation professionals would be Bidwells' Conservation Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Arts Centre: see <a href="http://www.bidwells.co.uk/events/stamford50">http://www.bidwells.co.uk/events/stamford50</a>  The Society had been asked to provide some of the tour guides for the delegates to tour Stamford at 4pm that day. Some committee members had already volunteered. It had now been clarified that there would be a set route with notes and a map to follow. A separate email sent out by the Secretary would provide further detail: volunteers were asked to contact Debbie Nicholls at SKDC, copied to MS please.  A rota would be drawn up for people to be on hand in the Gallery between <b>September 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup></b>. Committee members were asked to keep these dates free and CM would send out a NeedToMeet calendar link for people to fill in with their availability.  At the <u>Reception on September 28<sup>th</sup></u>, CM was pleased that Dr. Fennell's son and daughter-in-law would be attending, plus the local Poet Laureate. CM would speak to GMG about the shape of the evening.  DDL had kindly agreed to take photographs during the Society's Reception.  The Treasurer was happy with the scale of necessary expenditure incurred and agreed a maximum budget of £50 for expenditure on the Historic England competition prize.</p>	<p>GMG</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>CM/GMG</p>

0817/7	<p><b>ANNUAL REVIEW</b>  CM thanked those who had already sent in their pieces for the Review. The deadline was August 31<sup>st</sup>.</p>	
0817/8	<p><b>EVENTS</b>  <b>September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup></b> As part of the <u>Heritage Open Days</u>, it had been arranged that St Leonard’s Priory would be open to the public, and information about the Society and the Priory would be on display from 12 noon to 4 pm. <u>Committee members</u> were asked to contact MS or CM if they were available on Saturday or Sunday to meet and greet the public.  <b>October 5<sup>th</sup> – the AGM.</b> CM asked that all committee members were available at 7pm that evening for a photograph for the Annual Review. She would discuss the shape of the evening with GMG. <b>Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm:</b> An afternoon visit to Spalding Gentlemen’s Society (hopefully accompanied by John Smith) – tickets £5 from ML.  <b>April 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 7.30 pm Browne’s Hospital:</b> lecture by local architect Simon Harris. MS had booked the room.</p>	<p>All  All  CM/GMG</p>
0817/10	<p><b>SKDC LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION</b>  Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> was the final day for sending comments. PS thought that the Local Plan and supporting studies were balanced and thorough and exhorted high quality architecture. However, he warned that the target figures for houses in Stamford were not an upper limit. He also believed that there would not be a southern by-pass of the town because Stamford traffic is not bad enough to warrant one. Discussion followed and it was agreed that concern about local congested roads would be discussed at a future meeting.</p> <p><i>Item 10 taken before:-</i></p>	
0817/9	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  The Harrison &amp; Dunn project was currently facing delays while waiting for scaffolding to be erected.  GMG had chased Steve Ingram regarding Article 4 Direction and he had promised to report back as soon as possible.  Following a corporate membership query from an officer at SKDC, it was agreed that we would continue not to go down that route. ML would notify them accordingly.  GR would look into bidding for funds from the South Kesteven Community Fund to use for Urban Group-style projects. The deadline was 29<sup>th</sup> September.  CM stated (to some consternation) that Civic Voice was looking at the new charity governance code proposing nine years as the maximum for standing as a trustee.  GR stated that member Ann Ellis was spearheading the Stamford in Bloom campaign and the Society agreed to provide practical support. It was suggested that she be invited to the start of the November meeting to inform the committee about the scheme.  AB informed the committee that there would be work undertaken on the Clock House, which had been bought by his father-in-law, and that all proper procedures would be followed.  GMG would not be available to chair the September meeting.</p>	<p>ML  GR</p>



0817/11	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The next Committee Meeting will take place at the Stamford United Reform Church Hall at 7.15 pm on September 13th.	

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

Wednesday September 13th 2017 in the Stamford URC Church Hall

PRESENT: Carol Meads (in the Chair), David Lankester, Graddon Rowlands, Melanie Sockett

0917/1 Apologies: Andrew Beeson, Jocelyn Chatterton, Gwyneth Gibbs, Paddy Jelen, Martin Lander, Mike J Sockett, Peter Stean and Michael Thompson.

0917/2	<p><b>URBAN GROUP'S FUTURE AS A SUB-GROUP</b></p> <p>GR was pleased to report that Councillor David Taylor had offered to act as Chairman of this sub-group. GR and PJ had volunteered to be members, as had Andrew Moore, who was knowledgeable about funding sources. [GR would encourage him to become a member of the Civic Society.] GR would continue to canvas other possible candidates.</p> <p>For those who had already expressed an interest, there would be a town centre walk-about to identify areas in need of attention.</p> <p>It was likely that the name of the sub-group would be the Urban Group of Stamford Civic Society.</p> <p>GR also stated that PJ had volunteered to continue Peter Stevens' work to combat graffiti in the town.</p>	<p>GR</p> <p>GR</p> <p>PJ</p>
0917/3	<p><b>PLANS RECEIVED</b></p> <p>S17/1521 3 - 4 Brownlow Terrace: alterations to provide eight two-bedroom flats – the Society supported this application as it would restore the road frontage to Wharf Road and bring coherence to the rest of the site.</p> <p>S17/0904 Postern Gate, Warrenne Keep: replacement door – the sub-committee commented:- the quality of this entrance and the extent of its replacement should be articulated by the conservation officer.</p> <p>This 13th century gateway is an important medieval survival in Stamford and while not in its original position, was probably associated with Stamford castle. The actual door does not seem medieval but should be inspected by an ancient wood specialist to ascertain its true nature. If of historical interest every effort should be made to repair; if not, the materials for replacement should be selected for longevity. MS would contact SKDC.</p> <p>S17/1547 Town Hall: repair works to stairwell and corridor – no objections.</p> <p>S17/1638 The Golden Fleece: signage and lanterns – the application had been withdrawn.</p> <p>S17/1642 22 Stamford Walk: conversion of offices to three flats – the sub-committee commented:- we would like to see a drawing which shows how the waste and soil pipes from the numerous sinks and toilets will be routed as this could have an intrusive impact on the exterior elevations. We note the reinstatement of a window on the second floor and would suggest that this style is carried through into the other windows on this elevation to give some visual unity. MS would contact SKDC.</p> <p>S17/1572 &amp; 1575 24 St Mary's Street: lowering of redundant chimney and replacement of roof covering – these had arrived too late for discussion by the sub-group.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>MS</p>

	<p>S17/00613: Re Outline Planning Permission for 100 houses on Uffington Road (adjacent to Morrisons’): GMG had asked if any committee or sub-committee member wished to speak at the Development Control Committee Meeting in Grantham on 19<sup>th</sup> September, but all had declined as there was no objection to the planned use of a neglected brownfield site.</p> <p>Re S17/0994 Barn Hill Methodist Church: external ramp – the plans had been withdrawn but a watching brief would be kept.</p>	
0917/4	<p><b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>CM asked that Article 4 be discussed at the next committee meeting. CM, DL and MJS had volunteered to lead tours of the town for delegates of the Bidwells’ conference at 4 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> September. MS would chase again for details of the planned route.</p> <p>GR would contact Ann Ellis, who was spearheading the Stamford in Bloom campaign, and invite her to the start of the November meeting to inform the committee about the scheme, and how the Society might become involved.</p> <p>Re the Harrison &amp; Dunn project: Paul Eastwood had reported that there would now be twenty pictures on each board.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>MS</p> <p>GR</p>
0917/5	<p><b>COMMITTEE ROLES: CHAIRMAN, EVENTS, etc.</b></p> <p>A new Secretary had been found who was willing to replace MS. However, GMG would be standing down at the 2018 AGM so decisions on the way forward needed to be made very soon. There were other roles which needed filling such as Events. CM and MS would pass on suggestions received to GMG.</p>	<p>CM/MS</p>
0917/6	<p><b>50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF STAMFORD CONSERVATION AREA</b></p> <p>The main event for conservation professionals would be Bidwells’ Conservation Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Arts Centre. GMG and CM (morning only) would be attending.</p> <p>The Society’s exhibition at the Arts Centre was booked from <b>September 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup></b>. CM, DL, MJS and Paul Eastwood had met in the Gallery to plan the layout.</p> <p>A rota had been drawn up for committee members to be on hand in the Gallery from 10 am until 4 pm each day between those dates. CM would email details to all the committee after the meeting.</p> <p>At the <u>Reception on September 28<sup>th</sup></u>, from 6 to 8 pm, CM was pleased that Dr. Fennell’s son and daughter-in-law would be attending, as well as 120 members and invited guests. There would be speeches at 6.45 pm and several Schools’ Heritage films produced by three local schools would be shown throughout. DL had arranged for extra nibbles to complement those provided by the Arts Centre.</p> <p>DDL had kindly agreed to take photographs during the Society’s Reception.</p> <p>Committee members were reminded to wear badges.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
0917/7	<p><b>ANNUAL REVIEW</b></p> <p>CM thanked everyone for sending in articles by the deadline. Copies</p>	<p>CM</p>

	of the draft Annual Review would be sent to committee members in due course.	
0917/8	<p><b>EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>October 5<sup>th</sup> – the AGM.</b> CM asked that all committee members were available from <b>6.30 pm</b> that evening to help with the preparations and reminded all that they would be photographed for the Annual Review. MS suggested that two committee members were needed <u>downstairs</u> (GR and one other) and a further two <u>upstairs</u> (DL and one other) at the Town Hall to meet and greet members. A further two were needed to <u>serve drinks</u> and nibbles. MJS would man the sound system and he and MS would organize the room layout. ML would deal with subscriptions and the sale of tickets and note cards. The Chairman would look after the President.</p> <p><b>Please contact MS if you are able to volunteer that evening.</b></p> <p>The opening of St Leonard’s Priory as part of Heritage Open Days had been a great success with over 160 visitors over two days. The display by CM and Paul Eastwood, and the atmospheric music, were well received. Member Anabel Morris was thanked for volunteering on September 10<sup>th</sup>. CM, JC, ML, MS and MJS had also volunteered and members John Hopson, Peter Stevens and Kent Blyth provided valuable support.</p> <p><b>Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm:</b> An afternoon visit to Spalding Gentlemen’s Society (hopefully accompanied by John Smith) – tickets £5 from ML.</p> <p><b>April 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 7.30 pm Browne’s Hospital:</b> lecture by local architect Simon Harris. MS had booked the room.</p> <p>MS had commented on the lack of events for the autumn and spring so CM would contact Heritage Lincolnshire for recommended speakers.</p> <p>Possible topics suggested were: Must Farm; St Leonard’s Priory; the Battle of Lincoln; and the Stamford Mercury.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
0917/9	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>CM distributed a paper prepared by JC showing the progress she has made on organizing a blue plaque honouring Nelson Dawson. Suggestions were made as to the wording of the plaque and additional sources of funding. For those absent from the meeting, MS would send out the update with the Minutes, for comments.</p> <p>It was agreed that the draft accounts, previously circulated by ML, gave no cause for concern but highlighted that we could not support every project suggested.</p> <p>Member Paul Eastwood was concerned by the number of posters and banners on Sheepmarket. GR would contact Neil Cucksey, Property Development Manager at SKDC.</p> <p>Member Tony Springett had offered the Society a complete set of Society “reviews” from 2002 to 2012. It was agreed to accept them and MS would arrange to collect them.</p>	<p>JC/MS</p> <p>GR</p> <p>MS</p>
0917/10	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next Committee Meeting will take place at the Stamford United Reform Church Hall at 7.15 pm on <b>November 8<sup>th</sup></b>. There will not be a</p>	

	meeting in October as the AGM is on October 5 <sup>th</sup> .	
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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Committee of **STAMFORD CIVIC SOCIETY**

held on Wednesday 8 November 2017 in the Stamford URC Church Hall

(Please note that the initials of persons required to take actions are indicated in **Bold Red** type)

1017/1	<p><b>PRESENT</b> Carol Meads (in the Chair), David Langridge (Secretary), Martin Lander (Treasurer), Jocelyn Chatterton, Paddy Jelen, David Lankester, Graddon Rowlands, Mike Sockett and Peter Stean. David Taylor and Andrew Moore from the Urban Group were also present. (It was later agreed that they should both be full SCS Committee Members and they were therefore co-opted) Ann Ellis of Stamford in Bloom was also present.</p>
1017/2	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> Andrew Beeson, Gwyneth Gibbs and Michael Thompson</p>
1017/3	<p><b>PRESENTATION:</b> Ann Ellis gave a short presentation on the <b>RHS Stamford in Bloom project</b>. Using a series of pictures of Stamford and other locations she described in some detail the activities and organization of the group. She alluded to the involvement of Stamford Living, Rutland Radio, The Mercury and Stamford primary Schools, particularly St Gilberts. The area involved was a relatively small one in the centre of Stamford and the emphasis was on clearing up, the visible impact and continuing maintenance and care. There were many problems but she highlighted lack of water locations and examples of poor gardening practice. Judging would take place in late July/early August. Discussion then hinged around what the SCS might do. Suggestions were: <b>ALL</b> members to think up sub-projects and get groups to do them. (Map will be available in early 2018) Get Ann to speak at the Member's meeting in March. (Decide date at December Committee. <b>SEC</b>) Put something in the January Newsletter. (Ann would provide some copy for <b>GG</b>) Ann then remained for the agenda item on Urban Group Projects</p>
1017/4	<p><b>URBAN GROUP PROJECTS</b> The Urban Group had met on Wednesday 25 October 2017 and edited minutes of that meeting, together with a table of project status, are appended to these minutes. DT stated that the Urban Group would be using small sub-groups with one person being responsible. Discussion then centered round the refurbishment of Red Lion Square; town signage; the out-of-date maps around the town; the work to repair the verges and prevent parking at the top of High Street St Martins which is currently being monitored by GG; and the area opposite Harrison's Garage which is being monitored by PJ. Also discussed was the possible installation of an information board giving a <i>timeline</i> of Stamford's history. This was agreed not to be a priority at present. DT stated that the Urban Group would be seeking to action one major project each year. Earlier in the meeting there had been discussion on the appalling planter in the High Street (<b>DT</b> to action with the Town Council) and the Sensory Garden in Water Street (<b>DT</b> and <b>PJ</b> monitoring)</p>
1017/5	<p><b>PLANS RECEIVED</b> <b>S17/0910 8 Tinwell Road (ex The Windmill Pub) replacement doors and windows.</b> The Society had no objections as this joinery is to the rear of the property and will replace the current UPVC. <b>S17/1918 3 St Mary's Place (The Lansbury building garden).</b> The Society had no objection to what will be a temporary building. <b>S17/1841 Hanging Sign to Nest estate agents, Red Lion Street.</b> This is a distinct improvement to the previous application and our only comment was that any fixings for the sign should be inserted in the</p>

	<p>mortar joints rather than the stone, and if possible it would be good so see the front first floor stonework re-pointed.</p> <p><b>S17/1760 Previously the Albion now the Otters Pocket pub to be converted into a restaurant, 20 All Saints' Street.</b> At one time this building was a delightful pub which has been mutilated. Its refurbishment as a restaurant is welcomed.</p> <p><b>S17/1548 Rest Home Uffington Road formerly C &amp; G.</b> The Society thought that this building because of its scale and situation should provide clues to the real quality of the town beyond. In its present form it presented a disjointed, poorly detailed building which would be a sad introduction to the town from the east.</p> <p><b>S17/1077 64 High Street, St Martin's, glazing to existing doors.</b> The Society objected to this application because of the age of these 19<sup>th</sup> century doors and we felt that it could set a precedent which may result in a rash of panelled doors being glazed.</p> <p><b>S17/1747 Signage to the Golden Fleece pub Sheepmarket.</b> The rebranding proposed for the Leicester Everards brewery public house was thought to be detrimental to the quality of Sheepmarket.</p> <p><b>S17/1645 15 All Saints' Place.</b> The Society made a substantial objection to the proposals to create a kitchen and dining area from a vaulted cellar. The proposals do not satisfactorily address the question of tackling the damp which could result in a deleterious effect on the building's stone walls. Although the proposals are reversible they would disguise cellar's historical character.</p> <p><b>S17/1575 and S17/1572 24 St Mary's Street - replacement of Collyweston tiled roof with Blue Slate and reduction of chimney adjoining the roof.</b> The Society agreed in principle to the policy that wherever possible any Collyweston roof should be retained, especially in the historic core. It was also felt that the chimney should be retained at its current height.</p> <p><b>S17/0910 8 Tinwell Road (ex The Windmill Pub) replacement doors and windows.</b> As this joinery is to the rear of the property and will replace the current UPVC items there was no objection.</p> <p><b>S17/1950 2 St Mary's Hill parking and area configuration.</b> There was no objection to the demolition and the repositioning of the walls as outlined in the application and we welcome the reuse of the existing materials. However we suggested that a path is formed to allow people an easier access from St Mary's Hill to St Mary's Medical Centre.</p> <p><b>S17/1952 2 St Mary's Hill - addition of drainpipe to the facade.</b> The Society would not welcome this addition to the facade and feel that what the original builder did to respect its integrity and avoid clutter on the front elevation should also be respected today. We recommended that the outlet should be located on the side return elevation on the left of the facade.</p> <p><b>S17/1916 Works to QS shop 6 High Street.</b> No comments about the refurbishment works to the front elevation. We were however concerned about the infilling of the windows to Wellington Lane. The brickwork should be set back to provide some articulation to the elevation and maintain to a degree the character of the lane. We have previously commented on these windows with the suggestion that the openings could be filled with panels – ceramic or weatherproof boards – illustrating some aspect of the town, as has been done very successfully in Oakham and Melton Mowbray, and is currently proposed for Mallory Lane. This would avoid making the wall a long blank bleak mass.</p> <p><b>S17/2074 New Shop front and signage to 63 High Street.</b> The Society welcomed the renewal of the shop front but felt that there were opportunities here to alter the current fascia board which appears to have been dropped at its base to accommodate a standard height shop front and raised at the top to form an overbearing visual element. The current 1970's first floor windows should be removed and replaced to match those on the 2nd floor. These alterations would restore the High Street facade to its original state.</p>
1017/6	<p><b>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a correct record</p> <p>There was a short mention of Article 4.</p> <p>DL reported that the number of pictures in Mallory Lane would be 37 in total and not 20 on each board. Completion was expected by next January.</p>

1017/7	<p><b>COMMITTEE ROLES: CHAIRMAN, EVENTS ETC.</b></p> <p>CM expressed concern over the need to fill the role of Chairman from next October and that of events co-ordinator immediately.</p> <p>We would need to confirm with <b>GG</b> whether or not Jeremy Gibbs was willing to take on the latter role. <b>CM, PS</b> and <b>GR</b> would meet to discuss possible candidates for the former.</p> <p>The category <i>Neighbourhood and Local Plan</i> was no longer needed and <i>Roads and Street Paving</i> should become a responsibility of the Urban Group. MS was keen that someone else should take over <i>Sound System</i>.</p> <p><b>CM</b> to revise sheet and copy to SEC.</p>
1017/8	<p><b>MARKETING</b></p> <p>The Review was almost ready for printing. <b>SEC</b> to print a full set of labels.</p> <p>There was discussion on whether or not members who had not yet renewed their subscriptions should receive a copy. It was decided that they should not but that first a gentle reminder to renew should be drafted by <b>ML</b> and sent out by <b>SEC</b>. A further reminder would mention that non members would not receive a Review. Again, <b>ML</b> to draft and <b>SEC</b> to dispatch.</p> <p>There was some discussion on the names <i>Stamford Civic Society</i> and <i>Urban Group</i> being outdated. Could there be notices in the town with modern titles encouraging people to join?</p> <p><b>SEC</b> to make this an agenda item for December meeting.</p>
1017/9	<p><b>EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>AGM</b> may have been a shade lightweight. The biennial awards would take place at the 2018 AGM. Possibly a talk with it in October 2019 ? Action <b>SEC</b>.</p> <p><b>Discoveries at Must Farm</b> <b>GR</b> thought he could get a speaker for a talk in February 2018.</p> <p><b>Spalding Gentlemen's Society</b> <b>ML</b> said he would update those going to Spalding on Tuesday 14 November 2017.</p> <p><b>Dr Fennell's Reports</b> <b>GG</b>'s talk on to be 11 or 18 January 2018. <b>SEC</b> to check and book.</p> <p><b>An Architect's Thoughts on Building in Stamford in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> Simon Harris talk. <b>SEC</b> to check that Browne's Hospital had been booked for 12 April 2018.</p> <p><b>Members' Meeting</b> <b>SEC</b> to book 15 March 2018 provisionally.</p>
1017/10	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>Committee Meal</b> Il Viccolo not popular with some members. <b>CM</b> to check out The Crown after which <b>SEC</b></p>



would get firm numbers. Il Viccolo as second choice.

**Civic Voice** After some discussion it was decided to send £50 as requested. **SEC** to send out an email contact in the minutes. (Post meeting thought. **GG**, should this be a Newsletter item?)

**Albert Bridge** It was noted that repairs were being carried out on the stonework.

**Bins outside the King's Head** These had not been moved as promised. **GR** to pursue.

**Library Steps Area.** Work in this area had been bodged. **GR** to pursue.

**Louth Civic Trust** ML had a general invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**Minutes of the Urban Group** **DT** said that in future he would distribute Urban Group minutes to all SCS Committee members.

**Aviva Charity Project** **SEC** agreed to send the Aviva link to all SCS members asking them to vote for the Millstream Project.

**Blue Plaque** **JC** stated that the Dawson plaque was ready to be installed. However, she wondered if a fee was involved and also needed a map of the town with a North arrow and a scale. **JC** advised to consult Ross Thain.

**Banking Arrangements** It was agreed that our account with HSBC should continue with the mandate amended to add David Langridge as a new signatory in his role as Secretary.

The retired secretary, Melanie Sockett, will be retained as a signatory to provide additional cover for holidays etc. Other aspects of the mandate are unchanged. Action **ML**

1017/11

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 7.15 pm. at the Stamford United Reform Church Hall.



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1217/1	<p><b>PRESENT</b> Gwyneth Gibbs (in the Chair), David Langridge (Secretary), Andrew Beeson, Jocelyn Chatterton, David Lankester, Carol Meads, Graddon Rowlands, Mike Sockett, and Peter Stean.</p>
1217/2	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> Andrew Moore, Martin Lander (Treasurer), David Taylor, Paddy Jelen and Michael Thompson</p>
1217/3	<p><b>URBAN GROUP REPORT</b> The Urban Group had met on Wednesday 16 November 2017 and edited minutes of that meeting are appended to these minutes. In the absence of the Urban Group Chairman, David Taylor, Graddon Rowlands addressed the Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Red Lion Square:</b> Andrew Moore felt that he had succeeded in convincing Councillors that the surface should be repaved and not covered with Tarmac. Gary Fereday (LCC) had given an assurance that the new lighting scheme would be in place shortly after Christmas.</li><li>• <b>Horseshoe Lane:</b> Discussion on lighting and repairs was ongoing. Andrew Moore was meeting with Catherine Hammant.</li><li>• <b>Stamford in Bloom:</b> It was agreed that the Civic Society's <i>Children's Map</i> might be used to identify the route that the judges would be monitoring.</li><li>• <b>Water Street project:</b> This would be the Urban Group's <i>Big Project</i> for the year.</li><li>• <b>Wesleyan Liaison/Removal of Bins:</b> This was ongoing.</li><li>• <b>Other Matters:</b> The Library Steps renovation was still ongoing. The Millstream clearance problem was discussed briefly. It was decided that this was best left with Town Councillor Amelia Billington.</li></ul>
1217/4	<p><b>PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT</b> The Planning Sub-Committee Report from the Meeting held on Thursday 7 December is appended to these minutes. Planning Applications received and considered were:</p> <p><b>S17/1859 Works to 1 Casterton Road (Clock House).</b> <b>S/17/2193 63 High Street New shop front and fascia and projecting sign.</b> <b>S17/2198 22, St Mary's Street erection of rear extension.</b> <b>S17/2096 6 Barn Hill erection of a garden room.</b> <b>S17/2267 7 St Mary's Street Erection of Blue plaque.</b> <b>S17/2311 3 St Mary's Place. Erection of a detached Summer House.</b> <b>S17/0481 Cherryholt house, Cherryholt Road outline planning permission for housing.</b> <b>S14/3078 29 Houses to land off south side of Kettering Road.</b> <b>S17/2043 The Mill Cottage, St Peter's Vale.</b> <b>Griffons, North Street request from Claire Humm for help on intrusive development.</b></p> <p>The Planning Sub-Committee's views were accepted in all cases. There was discussion on S14/3078, the Kier Heritage Statement being an appeal on the Kettering Road Development. The Chairman agreed to circulate John Smith's detailed appraisal of the Statement to the Committee. She further agreed to liaise with Ian Campbell on the matter before responding to the</p>

	<p>Planning Inspector on the Civic Society's behalf. <b>(GG)</b>  The Chairman agreed to write letters to SKDC on the above applications (and would include Paddy Jelen's comments on the Cherryholt development in the appropriate letter.) <b>(GG)</b>  The Secretary to write to Claire Humm on the response to her enquiry. <b>(SEC)</b></p>
1217/5	<p><b>MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017</b></p> <p>The Minutes were accepted as a correct record.</p>
1217/6	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA</b></p> <p>It was noted that the Mallory Lane Project would be completed in March rather than January 2018.</p>
1217/7	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>In the absence of the Treasurer the Secretary reported that a reminder had been sent to those persons who had not renewed their subscriptions on 1 October 2017. This had produced a 50% response and 20 households were now outstanding. It was decided that a final reminder should be sent out in January 2018 with a deadline after which those who had not renewed would be removed from the membership list.</p>
1217/8	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT</b></p> <p>In the absence of the Membership Secretary the Secretary reported that there were now 207 members (of whom 30 were not paid up represented by the 20 households mentioned above.)</p>
1217/9	<p><b>COMMITTEE ROLES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin Lander had been suggested as a possible candidate for the office of Chairman from October 2018. After some discussion it was decided to make this an agenda item for the next Committee Meeting when, hopefully, Martin would be present. <b>(SEC)</b></li> <li>• The role of Events Organiser had still not been filled.</li> </ul>
1217/10	<p><b>MARKETING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Meads tabled copies of the 2017 review which were received by the Committee members with acclamation. Carol and Jocelyn Chatterton were congratulated on the finished result. It was decided that all members currently on the membership list, both paid up and not paid up, should receive a copy as they had all been members for the major part of 2017. There was some discussion on the number of free copies being distributed but it was decided to maintain the status quo. Carol already had labels for the members and the Secretary would let her have labels for the free distribution asap. <b>(SEC)</b></li> <li>• As a precursor to an update of the Marketing Review Carol Meads had made a number of suggestions. It was suggested that for the next meeting she might draft an updated information leaflet and draft a flyer to ascertain public interest. Carol agreed to do this. <b>(CG) (SEC)</b></li> </ul>

	<p>Jocelyn Chatterton mentioned that the Arts Society had found the recent changing of its name from Stadfas much more complex and expensive than anticipated. She also said that the Arts Society could well be interested in having a mutual exchange of promotional literature with the Civic Society. She would confirm and report back, <b>(JC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman would update the covering letter for the Review and let Carol have copies. <b>(GG)</b></li> </ul>
1217/11	<p><b>SCHEDULED EVENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chairman's talk scheduled for 18 January 2018 to be postponed until the autumn. Secretary to cancel Browne's Hospital booking. <b>(SEC)</b></li> <li>• <b>Thursday 8 February 2018. Melissa Thompson - <i>Seventy Years of Listed Buildings</i>.</b> Browne's Hospital is booked. Final arrangements to be made at January Committee Meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Thursday 15 March 2018. Members' Meeting.</b> No talk. Browne's Hospital booked. Final arrangements later.</li> <li>• <b>Thursday 12 April 2018. Simon Harris - <i>An Architect's Thoughts on Building in Stamford in the Tweny-first Century</i>.</b> Secretary to book Browne's Hospital. <b>(SEC)</b> Final arrangements later.</li> </ul>
1217/12	<p><b>FUTURE EVENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thursday 22 March 2018. Committee Members' Dinner.</b> Carol Meads to investigate Stamford College and get back to the Secretary who would get numbers. <b>(CM &amp; SEC)</b></li> <li>• <b>May 2018.</b> Chairman to investigate possibility of a Blue Badge Guide tour of Cambridge. If feasible, Secretary would look into travel by coach. <b>(GG &amp; SEC)</b></li> <li>• <b>Saturday 23 June 2018. St Leonard's Priory Event.</b> Arrangements later.</li> <li>• <b>Heritage Lincolnshire's Heritage Open Days 6-9 and 13-16 September 2018.</b> Arrangements later. Liaise with the History Society.</li> </ul>
1217/13	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Blue Plaques.</b> Criteria to go on SCS Website. <b>(GG)</b></li> <li>• <b>Richard Barry</b> It was noted that Richard had died recently. Memorial Service in January.</li> </ul>
1217/14	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Wednesday 10 January 2017 at 7.15 pm. at the Stamford United Reform Church Hall.</p>