

QUEENBOROUGH SOCIETY MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 6TH MAY 2016 IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT

COMMITTEE; Mr. P. Reckless (Chairman) Mr. E. Pye

Mrs. L. Vine Mr. R. Eatwell

Mrs. E. Eatwell

MEMBERS: Mrs. E. Hancock Mr. K. Hancock

Mr. C. Boosey Mrs. J. Boosey

Mrs. M. Brett

1) APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received for Mrs. Harris, Mrs. O'Callaghan, Mrs. P. Harris, Mr. Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Barker and Mr. Brett(members). The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Secretary apologised for the mix up in the attendance and apologies and it was noted that Mr. & Mrs. Boosey were in attendance and Mrs. Barker was absent. The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5th February 2016 were then agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3) MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

For the March meeting everyone enjoyed the art in the church with Robin Murch.

4) MUSEUM:

Mrs. Vine only had a short report. Numbers for the Museum were up on this time last year and so where group bookings. She had given an outside talk to Abbey W.I. who had then made a evening group visit to the Museum two weeks later. Mrs. Vine invited all members to the Queenborough Guildhall Museum film launch evening on the 20th May 7.00 for 7.30pm and also to the launch of the Charter Celebration Committee evening on the 27th May 7.00 for 7.30pm where there was to be a talk on Lord Queenborough by the curator of Leeds Castle and informal discussion on the plans for the celebrations in May 2018.

5) HARBOUR:

Mr. Eatwell gave a report on the Harbour Trust. The following was noted;

- Berths have all been let.
- Visitor numbers have increased.
- Eight French boats have been out on the pontoon & concrete lighter.
- Swinging moorings will eventually be replaced with pontoons.

- A grant of £2,000 was received from the Town Council for improvements to radio & electric supply.
- A series of events are being arranged including a RNLI open day, classic boats and historic tugs.
- The Harbour Trust newsletter has been produced and this along with the Town Council and In Bloom newsletters will be delivered all together.
- Mrs. Brett spoke about the Harbour newsletter which includes community interest and any ideas for inclusion would be gratefully received.
- Mr. Eatwell also spoke briefly about the loss of the Even Keel Charity and how
 it was hoped that the harbour could look into doing something for the
 disabled yachtsman.

6) OUT AND ABOUT:

Mrs. Vine mentioned some dumped rubbish at Sterling and Gordon Avenue. Mr. Pye gave the number of SBC - 424341 to report rubbish as it was a Swale responsibility not the Town Council.

7) TOWN COUNCIL REPORT:

The Town Council is ticking over with no Clerk at the present. Eighteen applicants applied for the position and these have now been reduced to six who will be interviewed next Monday or Tuesday.

AGM is on the 18th May. With reference to the proposed extension to the play area at the Well Bank castle site Swale Borough Council appear to be taking their time. New fires are being supplied by Swale Borough Council for the Guildhall.

8) <u>SOCIAL PROGRAMME</u>:

Members agreed to continue with the picnic in the park for the July meeting, other social events to be arranged at the next meeting

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

10) DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

3rd June (apologies for Mr. & Mrs. Hancock.)