



QUEENBOROUGH SOCIETY MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON  
FRIDAY 2nd JUNE 2017 IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT

COMMITTEE;

Mr. P.Reckless

Mr. E. Pye

Mrs. L. Vine

Mr. R. Eatwell

Mrs. A. Mason

Mrs. M. O'Callaghan

Mr. G. Mason

MEMBERS:

Mrs. E. Hancock

Mr. K. Hancock

1) APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received for Mrs. Harris, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Eatwell and members Mr. & Mrs. Boosey. Mr. Reckless apologised for his non attendance at the last meeting.

2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5th May 2017 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3) MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

(5) The Secretary had spoken with the Town Clerk who in turn had contacted SBC and had been informed that the land adjacent to the Guildhall was in fact not up for sale. It was confirmed by the committee that the Yacht Club had relinquished the lease so SBC was in charge of the land. It was hoped that this would be kept tidy.

(8) The cladding mentioned at the last meeting on a house in the High Street was a matter for the Conservation Officer. Mr. Pye reported that the Town Council were not aware of any objection.

4) CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no incoming correspondence but the Secretary had written a letter for the Charter Committee in support of their grant bids. She asked that the committee agree to the letter which they did unanimously and it was then signed by the Chairman.

5) MUSEUM:

Mrs. Vine gave a short report informing members that visitor numbers were consistent and children were coming in regularly with parents and siblings to collect their WOT badge. The Museum was helping the Charter Committee in setting up a small website. Mrs. Vine had reported at the recent Town Council Annual Meeting.

6) HARBOUR:

Mr. Eatwell reported on the Harbour the following was noted;

- A report had been given at the recent Town Council Annual Meeting.

- Following the recent £½million grant the non for profit Harbour Trust to date had, along with the Community Centre, increased the municipal assets to £1½ million.
- The grant money had not been received as there are still conditions to be met including acquiring a Marine Management Organisation certificate and various reports including one from the Environment Agency.
- The Harbour Trust have been warned about shadowing effect - if pontoons settle on the mud this prevents birds getting to the food source. The proposed moorings will all be afloat.
- There is a 2 year target to start work on the new moorings and 2 years to complete.

7) OUT AND ABOUT:

Mention was made of the sign that had appeared on Mary Pragnall's house. Even though it is in a conservation area some members of the committee did not see a problem with this, admiring enterprise. Likewise attention was drawn back to the illuminated shop sign, again some members having no objection. There was no further discussion.

8) TOWN COUNCIL REPORT:

Mr. Pye reported that the date given in the paper for the freighter day was wrong and it was going round on Sunday. Volunteers were needed.

Mr. Pye will be bringing up at the next meeting of the TC the fact that work was due to start on the first phase of houses at Rushenden in March.

The extension to the play area on Well Bank was supposed to start in May but has been deferred until the Autumn.

Town Council preset had risen to enable funds to be given to Castle Connections. Staffing levels have been reduced from 7 to 2. No further grants are available. The Centre has a year to turn around.

9) SOCIAL PROGRAMME:

Next meeting Picnic in the Park. It was agreed to meet at 6.00pm.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mason reported that a 'galleon' owned by a local man was now on Rushenden Beach. Other items are also accumulating as well as a narrow boat. It had been a clean beach area and would be a shame to see it spoilt. Mr. Mason was not sure if permission was needed. This could come into the Harbour Trust jurisdiction and Mr. Eatwell agreed to bring this to the Trust's attention.

Footpaths were also discussed especially in light of the new developments planned. It was important not to lose them. It was proposed and agreed that the Society should walk the paths again and Mr. Mason and Mr. Reckless would try to get a definitive map before the next meeting and then a date could be arranged.

Mr. Mason had in his possession two books; hand written Laws of Cricket and Minutes of Canning Town Cricket Club. These were passed with thanks to Mrs. Vine who would display them in the Social History Room.

11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7th July Picnic in the Park.