

**QUEENBOROUGH SOCIETY MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017 IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7.30 pm**

Present: Mr P Reckless (Chairman)
Mrs & Mrs Eatwell
Mrs O'Callaghan
Mr & Mrs Boosey
Mr T Pye
Mr & Mrs Hancock
Mr & Mrs Mason

Apologies received from:
Mrs L Vine & Mrs P Harris

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2016 were approved and signed

Matters arising:

The website for the society has been completed. Its web address is:

Queenboroughsociety.org.uk

Any members wishing to add comments should let Philip Reckless have their email address so that they can be registered as users.

Correspondence:

None.

Museum:

Lin and Pauline have been busy researching for the Charter committee.

There was a small group of visitors to the museum on 17th Feb, and there is another booking for July.

Harbour:

Bob Eatwell reported that:

- All moorings have now been checked this year and are OK.
- Floation units have been made secure to the anchors using yokes fabricated by Brownes boatyard.
- The pontoon trial is ongoing.
- The Harbour anticipate increased visitor numbers this year as Queenborough Harbour is being represented at the MBSA annual meeting.
- The grant bid is still in progress and has now reached the 4th round.

Out and About:

It was noted that:

- The new café in Railway Terrace is now open.
- The fish and chip shop has reopened after the fire, and is very busy.
- The Philippa has finished renovation and is doing very well.
- The future of the Post Office seems to be in doubt as some more of its business has been taken by premises in Neats Court and it may not be making a profit.

Town Council:

Ted Pye reported that:

- Meetings with Swale Borough Council have finally resulted in approval of the extension of the play area on the castle site – work should be complete by the summer
- The initial quote 4 years ago was £12,000 but the current cost will be £14,000. This has been mitigated by funds (£3,000) transferred to the council by the closure of QART.
- Playgrounds are inspected weekly and maintained monthly.

- 106 new houses are to be started in phase 1 of the plan at First Avenue this month.
- The grant for Church lighting of the path between North Rd and Foxley Road has been agreed.
- 3 new waste bins have been installed in Queenborough as requested.

Social Program:

The committee discussed the merits of having a film at the AGM, and the general feeling was that it would be better to revert to our previous practice of a social gathering with food and drink at future AGMs.

As Lin was not present and the committee did not know whether Colin had been booked for next month, it was decided that if he had been, we would choose to see 'Events that changed the World Part 2', but if he had not we would forego having a film from this year and would arrange food and drink instead. Mavis to be contacted as soon as possible so that she can organise if required.

The chairman offered to stand down if anyone would like to take over, but there were no offers, and so agreed to stand for a further year. Mavis agreed to continue as treasurer.

Any Other Business:

The Queenborough charity was discussed at length. The situation with Charles has not been resolved. It was decided that Anne Mason would approach the vicar and ask if he would write a letter from the church stating that they were in agreement with the other trustees and that the funds should be transferred to Queenborough Town Council. A letter from the Church has been his requirement from the start, so if he ignores this the next step would have to be a solicitor's letter. Ted Pye offered to ask the Council if they would fund that on the condition that they were recompensed using the funds retrieved.

Bob Eatwell suggested that the Society should officially support the Charter committee. This was agreed and should be so minuted.

The next meeting is the AGM on Friday 7 April 2017