



QUEENBOROUGH SOCIETY MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER 2017 IN THE GUILDHALL AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT

COMMITTEE;

Mr. P.Reckless
Mr. R. Eatwell
Mrs. A. Mason

Mrs. L. Vine
Mr. G. Mason

MEMBERS:

Mrs. E. Hancock
Mrs. J. Boosey

Mr. K. Hancock

1) APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received for Mrs. Harris, Mr. Moore, Mrs. O'Callaghan, Mrs. Eatwell and member Mr. Boosey.

2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting will be available at the next meeting.

3) MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

At the previous meeting footpaths had been discussed. Mr. Mason gave an up-date during which the following was noted;

- one of the footpath's is closed across the building site. There has been official agreement for this because of the building work, but temporary permission had run out about 12 months ago and has not been renewed. This is a breach of procedure and will need to be looked into. The path should run diagonally across the building site then up Rushenden Hill.
- Footpath from Alsager to Coal Washer passable with difficulty. There is a gate closure before the actual foot path finishes. Path goes from First Avenue towards Queenborough along the seawall. Sheet piling by Chalk Wharf, probably to do with sea defence.
- All paths are over grown as would be expected.
- Paths on KCC web-site show no closures.
- Mr. Mason to check the KCC web-site and report back.
- It is difficult to get on to the path that runs along the beach, although the 'galleon' boat owner has put in some temporary steps.
- Next path to walk will be across the Marshes to the Kings Ferry Bridge. This was then arranged for next Wednesday at 10.00 with those going on the walk travelling back by train from Swale Halt.

4) CORRESPONDENCE:

None

5) MUSEUM:

Mrs. Vine gave a short report. The Museum has been busy with the Wheels of Time promotion having issued 147 badges to children wishing to become involved. These included 30 Scouts and Beavers who visited one Saturday morning. Children come accompanied by adults so visitor figures all round should be up on last year. These will be reported on fully at the AGM in April. All the Island Primary Schools are teaching the children about the Island History this term. Mrs Vine has met with teachers to adopt various topics relating to Queenborough and the whole school will be visiting the week commencing 30th October. The Museum is continuing its research on Edward III for the celebrations next May. Some items have been exchanged with Eastchurch Aviation Museum, our Museum passing over air related items and receiving those connected with the sea. There was a small article in the local paper.

6) HARBOUR:

The Secretary had received e-mail correspondence from Mr. Moore referring to the Harbour which was read out to the meeting.

A successful Classic Boat weekend was held with over 1000 people in attendance including lots of children. The Harbour has had over 5000 visitor nights so far this year; nearly a fivefold increase from when the Harbour started. The programme to start the development that has been funded by Coastal Communities Fund is well underway. This project of selecting the most appropriate and installing new moorings for the harbour will be completed in 2019. We currently have 5 people working with us full and part time and our visitors are commenting on how much they appreciate the service they get and the Dutch have said to us that they are telling their boating community that Queenborough is now their destination of choice.

Mr. Eatwell added that the Harbour Trust had been nominated as a finalist in the SBC Business Awards but as last year had not been successful in winning.

Mr. Mason commented on the harbour staff and how polite and efficient they were, giving the impression of a well run harbour.

7) OUT AND ABOUT:

Mrs. Boosey mentioned the amount of dogs mess that had appeared along the sea wall again.

Mr. Hancock enquired as to who owned the car park at the community centre. He was informed that it was Swale Borough Council. There are a few vans/cars in there permanently. It is hoped that these can be cleared for the May celebrations planned for next year.

Work was still being carried out on the flood gates which had been closed because of a possible flood surge. They were due to be opened today.

8) TOWN COUNCIL REPORT:

None

- 9) SOCIAL PROGRAMME: Next meeting to be held on the 3rd November will be the Autumn Social. Mrs. O'Callaghan had asked the secretary to organise food. The following was agreed.
- Mrs. Boosey & Mr. Pye - sandwiches
 - Mrs. Harris - sausages & fruit scones
 - Mrs. Vine - cheese loaf
 - Mrs. Eatwell - quiche
 - Mrs. Hancock - nibbles
 - Mr. Reckless - something sweet
- Mr & Mrs. Mason gave apologies as they will be away.
There will be a film show.
- After discussion regarding the awarding of the Abbott's Cup and certificates it was agreed there would be no recipient for the Cup this year and three certificates would be awarded to; Arthur in the High Street, The Rose and the Admirals Arm.
Raffle prizes were requested.
- 10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- Mrs. Vine reported that the QFT were looking for somewhere to store the paperwork associated with the Trust. When Mrs. Vine started to manage the Museum she understood that historically the cupboard in the Guildhall had been for the use of the Queenborough Society and indeed a lot of papers had been found connected to the Society and these had been sorted and used in the Museum. The Trust were looking into purchasing a purpose built fire proof cupboard and after short discussion all the members agreed that the Guildhall would be the ideal place for the paperwork.
- 11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 3rd November - Autumn Social