

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THOROTON COUNCIL HELD AT LENTON GROVE, UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM, ON FRIDAY, 29th MAY 2010, from 5pm to 6.25pm

PRESENT

D Bagley J Beckett B Cast D Crook T Foulds R Gaunt J Hamilton
A Henstock D Hoskins D Johnston P Jones A Langton
P Messenger P Miller P Reddish P Smith M Trueman J Wilson

1 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

- a) Chairman - Professor John Beckett
- b) Vice-Chairman - none appointed: should the Chairman not be present, the Hon Sec would chair.
- c) Co-options - there were none - currently there were 13 members out of a possible 15.
- d) One name was suggested for consideration as a Vice-President: the Standing Committee would consider this and report back to the next meeting: any nomination would be made to the next AGM.
- e) Archivist - Penny Messenger collects material and would be willing to be nominated as the Society's Archivist. Eventually she will deposit material with the Thoroton Archive in Nottinghamshire Archives

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Ken Brand and Howard Fisher.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th February 2010, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- a) From the minutes - there were none
- b) From the AGM - there were none, excepting to record another successful AGM.

5 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2009-10

- a) Standing Committee - this comprises officers of Council and any other as deemed necessary: appointed were John Beckett, Barbara Cast, David Bagley, Howard Fisher, John Hamilton, David Hoskins, Alan Langton and John Wilson
- b) Publications Committee - as existing
- c) Archaeology Representative - Keith Challis
- d) East Midland CBA Rapporteur - Ann Hope

- e) City Planning - Ken Brand
- f) County and CBA Planning - Howard Fisher
- g) Thoroton Response Group - Barbara Cast, Ken Brand, Howard Fisher, Peter Smith
- h) Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust - Barbara Cast
- i) Nottinghamshire Local History Association - Philip Jones

6 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Professor Beckett reported on the following matters:-

- a) Local History Education and Research in Nottinghamshire - Sue Clayton had spoken at the County Societies Day, and was running a WEA course in the autumn. The Society would liaise further with NLHA about other outcomes from the survey.
- b) Jean and William Nicholson had tracked down some material on Maurice Caplan to use for his obituary.
- c) Penny, Margaret and John and Anne Wilson to represent Thoroton at the Queen's Birthday Service on 12 June in Southwell Minster.
- d) The approach from Pathe News was welcomed and it was hoped that Andy Nicholson could make a link to the Society's website.

7 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- a) Transactions - the editors were congratulated on the latest edition of the Transactions: submissions were being sought for the 2010 volume. It was hoped that a report on the Landscape Conference to be held at Nottingham Contemporary would be included.
- b) Record series - page proofs had been done for the Gedling Town Book, and Ted White had now to do the index. The Senior maps project was progressing well, as reported at the AGM by Steph Mastoris.
- c) Newsletter - the most recent edition had been extremely attractive and interesting: Howard Fisher was to be congratulated on another fine newsletter which Council welcomed.

8 HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

- a) Lowdham Book Festival - 26th June - preparations were discussed: Margaret would ensure the boards were delivered; Philip would deal with obtaining a stock of books from the archives office; John Hamilton would bring membership leaflets; Richard, John and Anne Wilson would be available for some of the day, as well as Philip and Barbara, and other members would look at diaries to see if they were available to cover some of the day.

- b) Correspondence - a number of items were circulated around the table.
- c) Nottingham Mechanics Heritage Open Day - it was decided not to attend this year.
- d) Register of events - members were requested to add anniversaries etc to the register. Possible events to mark the 400th anniversary of Robert Smythson's death were discussed and Pete Smith undertook to seek some preliminary discussions on this with contacts in RIBA and the Society for Architectural Historians. The Standing Committee would also discuss ideas for this anniversary, which was supported in principle.

9 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

The draft statement of accounts was circulated as it stood at present: John W was satisfied that the financial situation was secure. There would be a need to give clearer instructions regarding standing orders for when the new subscription rates came in in 2011: the Standing Committee would consider draft proposals.

10 HONORARY PROGRAMME SECRETARIES' REPORTS

- a) Lectures - further information was needed for publicity for the November and Keith Train lectures. Next year's programme was in hand and members were asked to provide ideas for future programmes.
- b) Excursions - the first excursion of the year had been very successful and the others were booking well. Next year's programme would include some further innovations.
- c) Appointment of Chairs of lectures - 9th October - Keith Challis to be asked, if not available Barbara would chair: 13th November - John Beckett: 11th December - Pauline Miller.

11 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

- a) Membership - twelve new members were noted and accepted.
- b) Questionnaire - the first questionnaire had been sent out and 71 responses returned so far.

12 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- a) Archaeology - Keith Challis was not present.
- b) City Planning - Ken Brand was not present but had sent a report. Further to this report, Adrian gave some information on proposals at County House as an addition to the Lace Market Hotel.
- c) County and CBA Planning - Howard Fisher was not present.
- d) East Midlands CBA - Ann Hope was not present.
- e) Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust - there was a meeting the next week. Work on the Thoroton Dovecote was underway.

- f) Nottinghamshire Local History Association - Philip Jones reported on the day school to be held on 30th October which would focus on women in history. Future editions of the Notts Historian were in hand.
- g) Response Group - no representations had been made since the last meeting.

13 DATES OF REMAINING COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2010/11 AND AGM IN 2011

- a) 15th October 2010 and 11th February 2011
- b) AGM - 30th April 2011 with the venue likely to be Flintham