

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THOROTON COUNCIL HELD AT LENTON GROVE, UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM, ON FRIDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012, from 5pm to 6.30pm**

**PRESENT**

D Bagley	J Beckett	K Brand	B Cast	H Fisher	
T Foulds	R Gaunt	D Hoskins	P Jones	A Langton	
C Little	P Messenger	P Miller	J Mills	A Nicholson	P Reddish

**1 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

- a) Chair - Professor John Beckett, who welcomed Ceril Little and Andy Nicholson to Council.
- b) Vice-Chair - none appointed: should the Chair not be present, the Hon Sec would chair.
- c) Co-options - there were none - currently there were 14 members out of a possible 15.
- d) Thought would be given to proposals for further Vice-Presidents.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Martyn Bennett, David Crook, Adrian Henstock, Dorothy Johnston, Margaret Trueman and John Wilson.

**3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

- a) From the minutes - there were none
- b) From the Spring Meeting and AGM - the amended constitution and rules had been sent to the Charity Commission and a response was awaited.

**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, David Hoskins, Alan Langton, Judith Mills and John Wilson
- b) Publications Committee - as existing
- c) Archaeology Representative - David Knight of the former Trent and Peak Archaeology is to be asked if he would consider reporting on current archaeology matters
- d) East Midland CBA Rapporteur - to be combined with the above

- e) City Planning - Ken Brand
- f) County and CBA Planning - the Response Group
- 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) Nottinghamshire Local History Association - John Parker had taken over as Chair from Derek Walker. NLHA had organised a local history event at the Central Library which John Beckett had attended and which had worked well. A further meeting between officers would take place shortly and a joint conference was planned to mark the outbreak of war in 1914, a similar enterprise to that on patronage which had led to a number of articles in Transactions.
- b) New sections had been formalised as part of the Society - the Research Group and the Victoria County History for Nottinghamshire. The former was to meet shortly and a VCH meeting would be convened for July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- c) Heritage Lottery Fund - All Our Stories - the television series relating to this initiative commenced that evening. The University was holding a bid surgery for interested organisations. There was also to be a pilot small grants scheme in 2013. Judith Mills had further details of this HLF funded project.
- d) County History Associations - a meeting in September would be attended by the Chair.

## 7 PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- a) Transactions - this had been available at the spring meeting, but not in the numbers required. There was also some confusion about members taking copies for neighbours. These matters would be rectified for next year. There was no report on progress on Transactions 2013.
- b) Record series - Howard Fisher had sent Adrian Henstock his final draft for the volume on Archbishop Drummond's 1764 visitation and it should therefore be going to the printers before long: the British Library had given permission for the Grimm drawings of Notts churches to be used as illustrations. The volume on the Senior maps should be at the printers by the autumn.
- c) Newsletter - the most recent bumper edition had just been despatched, having been delayed by a machine breakdown, and, as usual, was a most interesting paper. The size does not affect the cost of postage.
- d) Bibliography - Andy Nicholson explained the work he had been doing on the 1998 bibliography to make it searchable. The next stage was to ensure that it

was updated and that nothing of note had been left out of the original version. A report on progress would be made at each Council meeting.

## 8 HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

- a) Correspondence - a number of items were circulated around the table including Nottinghamshire Historian and English Heritage's Research Review.
- b) Luncheon 2012 - this was to be held at the Olde Bell, Barnby Moor, on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.
- c) AGM and Spring Meeting 2013 - this was to be held in Ravenshead Village Hall with Philip Jones being the resident organiser for matters on the ground.
- d) Lapel badge - the possibility of a lapel badge for the Society was being explored and Council was asked its opinion. The Standing Committee would make a decision on this.

## 9 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

John Wilson had sent in a comprehensive account sheet. It was noted that subscriptions through SWETS had not yet been received. The slight overspend on the spring meeting was due to a donation of £25 being given to the filmmaker to offset costs in updating its format. It was agreed that the bequest from Vernon Radcliffe be used towards the next article relating to Newark to be published in Transactions.

## 10 HONORARY PROGRAMME SECRETARIES' REPORTS

- a) Lectures - next year's programme was in hand.
  - Appointment of Chairs of lectures - 13<sup>th</sup> October - Barbara Cast: 10<sup>th</sup> November - John Beckett: 8<sup>th</sup> December - Trevor Foulds.
- b) Excursions - the first excursion of the year had been successful. There were still places for the Weavers' visit. Next year's programme was booked or in process of being organised. Next year's excursions were in hand.
- c) Prestige lecture - this lecture, to be given by Michael Wood, was still awaiting confirmation of the date but Newark Town Hall would be booked shortly for the provisional date.

## 11 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Judith Mills gave her first report and was able to inform Council of eleven individual and two institutional members since joining recently. These were all agreed. Judith was also working on an email list of members and discussing with Andy Nicholson other means of promoting the Society and distributing information. It was agreed that, although most new memberships were completed through the website, a Society leaflet was still necessary for promotional purposes.

## 12 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

- a) Archaeology - Keith Challis was not present.
- b) City Planning - Ken Brand reported on the proposed redevelopment of the Trent Basin area, with a cycle route along the Trent. With regret it was noted that the City Council was making redundant or otherwise losing key planning officers. It was queried whether the Society needed a policy on wind turbines and solar panels on listed buildings.
- c) County and CBA Planning - there had been nothing received needing comment.
- d) East Midlands CBA - future reports would be as part of archaeology reporting.
- e) Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust - the Trust's involvement in the craft event in Southwell Minster was noted.
- f) Nottinghamshire Local History Association - Philip Jones had nothing to report at present.
- g) Response Group - representations had been sent to HMRC on the removal of zero rated VAT on certain work carried out on listed buildings.

### 13 DATES OF REMAINING COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2012/13

19<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013