



**Minutes of Branch Committee Meeting:
Tuesday 2 February 2016
At The Fox & Crown, Appleton Gate, Newark**

Attendance: Liz Mayle, Neil Robertson, Jason Mordan, Robert Walker, Fiona Newton, Jane Roylance, Ros Worrall and Stephen Bradwell

Apologies: Chris McKinney, Roy Lewis, Rose Thompson, Kelly Appleton, Becky Waddington and Liz Blood

- 1. Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed subject to some minor corrections.

- 2. Chairs Report**

Liz noted that a précis of the Branch membership survey was to be uploaded to the Branch website.

- 3. Branch Reps Report**

The latest report was circulated with the Agenda and Fiona noted the Branch connection day had been arranged to canvas IHBC members as to what they wanted out of the IHBC and to consider future development options.

- 4. Council+**

It was explained that at the Council+ meeting the key role holders in the IHBC presented various projects in line with their role and the topics for discussion at the last Council+ meeting was split between the Annual School in the morning and in the afternoon, Branch development and ways of engaging with the membership.

Fiona also noted that the Council+ arrangements would continue into the future.

- 5. Membership**

Neil noted that there had been one new associate member and two affiliate members in the last quarter as well as three resignations.

There was also one pending application for full membership.

6. County Reps Reports

Derbyshire: Becky Waddington submitted a written report circulated with the Agenda, and Neil added that the Swadlincote THI officer post was to be re-advertised.

Leicestershire: Liz Blood submitted a written report circulated with the Agenda.

Lincolnshire: Kelly Appleton submitted a written report circulated with the Agenda. It was also noted that at the Conservation Officers' meeting there was particular interest from a number of conservation officers wanting to upgrade their IHBC membership.

Nottinghamshire: Jason noted that the next Nottinghamshire meeting was to be held at Retford.

7. Communications

Chris had reported that the forthcoming Branch events could be advertised on the web-site once the dates had been arranged. These included the Historic England event at Nottingham Trent University in the March and the Haddonstone visit in April.

8. Branch AGM

Liz noted that the September AGM could be held at Philip Gaches' workshop in Market Deeping and that depending on interest from our Branch membership this could be extended as a joint visit IHBC members from the East region.

9. Historic England War Memorials' Project

Ros described the latest war memorials project run by HE and the potential opportunities for IHBC members to be involved to gain CPD and work experience that could be used to demonstrate the key competencies for full membership.

Ros also noted that the designation team was also looking at different types of war memorials, such as buildings and work memorials, that have been previously been ignored.

10. Mentoring for Affiliates

Rob noted that the interest shown by Lincolnshire conservation officers for some sort of support and mentoring in upgrading their membership could provide a theme for Kate Kendall's offer to meet with the Branch.

It was suggested that this could take the form of an informal seminar, led by Kate and supported by Branch Committee members, and a possible location

was mooted as the skills centre at Lincoln castle, although the possible dates for this seminar and venue would have to fit in with other Branch commitments.

It was suggested that Liz, Neil and Fiona were probably the most appropriate Committee members to attend on behalf of the Branch.

It was also noted that a suitable date might be just before a membership application deadline, although Fiona pointed out that whilst this was sometimes helpful, people did not always follow-up directly with a membership application.

11. AOB

It was noted that Nottingham City had appointed a heritage strategy officer.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 28 April at Haddonstone – details to be announced

Meeting closed: 8.25pm.
