



## IHBC EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH MEETING

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

At: 7pm The Organ Grinder, 21 Portland Street, Newark, NG24 4XF

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

Fiona Newton	Emilie Wales	Alice Ullathorne
Rose Thompson	Roy Lewis	Jason Mordan
Rob Walker	Chris McKinney	

#### 1. Apologies:

Liz Mayle	Peter Chowns
Chloe Oswald	Ros Worrall
Paul Grundy	

#### 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting & Matters Arising

Agreed

EW To add Rob back the list

#### 3. Updates:

##### i. Annual School 2019.

Liz and Chloe both passed on comments that it was very well received. Justin sends his thanks with a few comments – good ratio of ages and range of different professions – delegate packs were good – should we promote our Branch events wider? – employing an IT person was a success. Feedback online has all been good. Congratulate Jason for bike tours. Speaker Twitter ‘handles’ used well.

FN/LM Formal thanks to Organising Committee will be made using surplus.  
FN To compare final numbers with past schools.

ii. Consistency in Decision Making

We should still have a visit also to discuss governance. Suggested that this should be the first meeting after AGM. It is importance EM branch has a say.

AU to share dates of next year's meetings with LM to arrange visit.

**4. Chair's Report & Business Plan**

Business plan will be updated for next year prior to AGM.

**5. September AGM**

Bolsover either 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> September. CM gave lots of detail. It will have been spruced up in time for estate show on the 21<sup>st</sup>. AGM/Lunch/Tour.

Castle as venue. 20<sup>th</sup> Preferred.

CM/LM to arrange.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

£190.44                      c £1047.13

AU draft business plan ready for AGM (10<sup>th</sup> August deadline)

LM/EW to fill in forms to change signatories.

**7. Branch Reps Report**

Meeting of last minutes not available. Will update twice at AGM.

**8. Membership Report**

205 members              102 of which are Affiliates.

LM to send out friendly welcome letters/emails.

**9. County Rep's Reports**

Leicestershire – written report.

Lincolnshire – written report.

Nottinghamshire – No updates since last meeting however has a High Street HAZ meeting this Thursday in Worksop? Future High Streets was successful for Nottingham High Street.

Derbyshire – N/A

CO has volunteered to give update for AGM.

Northamptonshire – N/A

**10. Communications Officer**

i. Bulletin/Twitter

Need to update website/Bulletin to include feedback from Annual School Bursary recipients. Include vacancies and mention opportunities to stand at AGM.

LM to chase bursary recipients.

**11. Any Other Business**

Annual school expenses claims need to be submitted asap.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:**

September AGM – TBC

## Written Reports:

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### Leicestershire:

Leicester City – Annual Heritage Action Plan is complete. The draft Character Appraisal and Management Plan for New Walk Conservation Area is about to go out to public consultation

Harborough – A new half post to undertake Conservation Area Appraisals has been created and is currently out to advert. 6 war memorials are being considered for listing.

Hinckley and Bosworth – 1485 Legacy project being developed to commemorate the events around Bosworth Battlefield through six sculptures. 2 war memorials are being considered for listing. An expression of interest to Historic England for a Heritage Action Zone is being prepared.

North West Leicestershire – Coalville has been shortlisted for round 1 funding from the Future High Streets Fund.

No relevant updates / nothing to report from Blaby DC, Charnwood BC, Leicestershire County Council, Melton BC, Oadby & Wigston BC, Rutland County Council.

### Lincolnshire:

#### Boston

No CO, conservation advice from Mary Anderson (architect) who is retiring in September. Tender has gone out for conservation architect support. MB has advised that they are limiting their opportunities by focusing on architect only.

Market Place TH – going well, interest from properties which will form part of the tour. Activities due to start. Hoping to have projects on site soon.

Psica – almost complete. Some great examples to show.

High street HAZ going in as a small bid to support the match funding of the THI

#### East Lindsey

HTL been doing consultancy on EL while they await new CO in post. Out for advert again possibly with head hunters. LM understood that there was a wider regeneration post in place now as well.

### Lincolnshire County Council

A senior management restructure of the Place Directorate has recently been completed. The name of our team has been changed from Places Team to Historic Places Team, and we been moved to Planning Services (from Growth and Environment), which in turn is part of the Assistant Director area of Communities. Andy Gutherson has now been confirmed as the Director of Place.

I've been working with colleagues in our Economic Development area on the latest phase of the GLLEP funded hotel study. You may remember me asking COs for their thoughts on this a couple of years ago, which I did pass on at the time, and have again just recently. You may well have been contacted about it very recently by Lynn Thomason from Hotel Solutions - the company who are carrying out the study. The first phase of the hotel study carried out research into whether there was a need for more hotel accommodation in Lincolnshire, and what the feasibility would be for the construction of new branded hotels. The conclusion was that more hotel accommodation is certainly needed across the county, but that there was unlikely to be investment in new branded hotels outside of Lincoln, although I know that there a few exceptions to this.

This current phase is looking at the potential for creating smaller scale hotel accommodation in the market towns and villages, which includes pub accommodation, and reuse of existing historic buildings. I've advised Lynn from Hotel Solutions to speak to you (as well as tourism and economic development at the district councils) to get your advice and knowledge about potentially suitable buildings in your areas. Lynn will also be talking to hotel investors and developers about their requirements to see if there might be scope for encouraging them to invest in some of these buildings. If the results of the study are encouraging, there may be scope for further support from the GLLEP, perhaps even some funding.

Related to this, we are in the very early stages of developing a project to research and record pubs across the county for inclusion in the HER. The main drivers for this from our team's perspective are the alarming rate at which pubs are closing, and that there is a lack of information about many interesting but undesignated historic buildings. This means that when there are proposals to demolish or convert historic pubs we are not in a strong position to be able to protect them, and the intention is that the project will go some way to improving the situation. We are working alongside colleagues in Communities and Economic Development, as the loss of local pubs has such a detrimental impact on local communities, socially, culturally and economically. We will be in touch with you all in due course as the project develops.

The Extensive Urban Survey is continuing: the report for Holbeach has now been completed, along with a programme of community engagement carried out by Heritage Lincolnshire and C1 Media, and work on Market Deeping has started. The website for the project is now live - the link is <https://www.lincsabout.town/> . If you'd like to know more about what's happening or you'd like to read the reports you can talk to Ian George or Nicky Grayson.

The Historic Environment Record database and mapping systems have recently been undergoing some major changes. The data is now being hosted by Exegesis, and the lengthy process of getting

everything working properly is still ongoing. One of the issues that has come up is that the link to the HER21 website is not currently working. A solution is being worked on and hopefully it will all be up and running again soon. If you have any queries, you can speak to Richard Watts, the HER Manager.

### North East Lincs

THI – lots of interest but not yet signed up. Former Empire Theatre is a challenge – the current owners match funding is struggling (and the clawback period). Similar issues with Dolphin Hotel – which is still got the rooms upstairs. CH would like to talk to Sarah about Hotels Survey. Empire HODs tours fully booked, looking to release more dates. Heritage Stewards volunteers – surveyed all the current Conservation Area and are expanding to the adjacent areas. Connecting up Cleethorpes and Grimsby with app based trails and tours.

HAZ – lots going on. Kasbah PSICA not yet launched, waiting for legal advice from ABP regarding State Aid. Petersons Project, development appraisal and activities plan in progress, Round 2 going in November. High Street HAZ for £500k, persuading ABP to put more cash in. Council involvement in West Haven Maltings site, looking to redevelop this.

St James Square and Minister – public realm, over the historic graveyard (mostly dug), potential for community archaeology. CH helping with building and structural issues. Stella looking at community engagement.

### North Kesteven

£25k grant budget approved and application form/guidance notes online. Lots of expressions of interest. 2 applicants, neither appropriate. They've gone out to parish councils, so the applicants tend to have been not quite the demographic targeted. Hopeful that this will be spent easily and there may be scope to extend in future years.

PSICA comes to an end next year. Sudden interest in the scheme has meant that they've had to turn one down. Struggling to find contractors. GH requested recommendations for contractors – MB has some in Boston and will send the list. LM suggested Messenger.

Conservation areas in Beckingham and Silk Wiloughby consultations went well, with the usual grumblings! Going through a system of approval. It seems as though people are sneaking work in before the CA come in.

Waddington CA slowly being revised (taking some areas out!)

Sleaford Castle – Town Council are looking at how they could turn it into a tourist attraction. They don't have a "don't do anything" option. Geophys happening with schools.

Market place fountain has been cleaned, it looks very shiny (!) but is coming back in to use. Led by Civic Soc with NLHF cash.

May apply for High Street HAZ – but only discussed and the deadline is tight.

Struggling for contractors at Cogglesford mill for repairs to the water wheel.

## South Kesteven

Ian is retiring next year – post coming up this time next year.

Horbling Conservation Area – new, out to consultation next few weeks.

Denton and Woolsthorpe – maps now done to extend these, hoping for another consultation soon. Woolsthorpe ties in with the setting study done by NT.

Ian is still working for Rutland 1 day a week. Ketton conservation area in draft form and going out soon.

Messenger conservation are doing works at Wake House in Bourne – very much needed given the condition of the building!

Bourne has a High Street HAZ going in from Invest SK.

Planning service heavily consultant led at the moment. Very heavy workload at the moment.

## West Lindsey

Growth team waiting for visit for stage II of Gainsborough TH.

Gainsborough Market place scheme looking good. Grants for living over the shop – hope to use these for some real eyesore buildings which are standing out quite clearly now that some work is going on.

Conservation Area Character Appraisal review been undertaken by MB at HTL – response sent to WL Council.

DM work very heavy at the moment in addition to the TH and grant work. Agreed that there can be free pre-app advice to people coming in to Growth team for grant aided work.

LM has given a talk to Caistor Civic Society.

9 listed buildings come through, 5 at grade II\*

LM has done some updated guidance on the West Lindsey website as a first step for people looking for information. Also recommended the HE guidance.

### **1) IHBC update**

Annual School – Nottingham meeting went great – over 200 places for school, hotel rooms running out, great tours booked in. 3 bursaries full.

Great volunteer input to the school.

Fiona Newton would like to go back on the list please! Been missed off the last two ☹️

Last branch meeting April, great CPD at Collyweston Slate heritage centre, great demonstration.

Next meeting will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at organ grinder public house in Newark. AGM in September, first or second week, with CPD event.

Curtilage guidance from IHBC is now online – alternative to HE – worth looking at.

Chair was trying to get a wider topics in the apprenticeship scheme – but still very archaeology focussed.

Next year's Annual School is in Brighton.

Looking at governance at the moment, to see how they can cut down need to travels to London.

MB attended the evening pre-conference event in Notts, which was interesting.

## **2) Heritage Lincolnshire**

Greyfriars – The grant application for this has been postponed to November in order to release match funding from the City of Lincoln Council. Up to £200,000 has been identified through sale of other council assets. NLHF have been informed and were encouraged to hear of the match funding. The building will be open for a HODs event in September.

Caistor Coop – We are working with the community group to bring this forward for funding in August, they are funding us to do this. Lincolnshire Cooperative are making a significant capital investment as part of this. The proposed scheme looks good, and I am looking forward to getting them more funding so they can get a conservation plan in place to inform final plans.

Conference on October 4<sup>th</sup> – ticket sales going well, and sponsorship

Lincs Pass – launching a tourism pass for the county, already partnered with larger high street, but want smaller business to take part. Free to take part, just need to offer a discount/offer. Please spread the word! Being led by Hannah (business manager).

Welcome email from Simon Johnson (interim CEO) was sent out – not received by Gareth Hughes.

Conservation Projects Officer – deadline end of next week, please push out further!

Stella to send on to Gill Chitty.