

HERITAGE AND BUILDINGS WORKING GROUP
VIRTUAL MEETING
Tuesday 29th November, 8pm
MINUTES

Present:

Cllr T Martin
Cllr Perkin
H Goodwin

Cllr Reynolds
Cllr Henderson

Cllr Irwin
Cllr Hook

In attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)
Jonathan Carey (Faversham Society)

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

Cllr T Martin advised there was a minor amendment required under item 8 the wording should be “remaining medalists” rather than “remaining victims”.

Subject to the amendment under item 8, Cllr T Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Heritage and Buildings Working Group dated 19th October 2022.**

4. T S Hazard

Jonathan Carey gave his views on the condition reports received.

The need to consult residents on the future use of TS Hazard was discussed.

Following the discussion, Cllr T Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Henderson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to recommend the Town Council enters into discussions with Swale Borough Council on the future ownership of TS Hazard.**

5. The Guildhall and Town Hall

Paint colour samples for the internal decorating of the Council Chamber will be in place for 12th December for a decision. We are awaiting quotes for the proposed extension to the Mayoral Boards and Photograph Frames.

6. Signage

Following a lengthy discussion on proposals, Cllr Henderson proposed, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to recommend the Town Council next meeting makes a decision on proposals from Swale Borough Council on wayfinding signage whilst noting the view of the Working Group that proposals do not meet the requirements of SBC's own streetscaping documentation, the proposals have had little consultation and the exact specifications for each sign are outstanding.**

7. Blue Plaque Scheme

The Town Clerk provided an overview of her paper detailing the Faversham Historic Plaques Scheme.

Cllr Hook referred to the need for future plaques to be similar to the widely recognised blue plaques to provide colour contrast for the visually impaired and the need to recognise the women of Faversham. Cllr Henderson stated the need to carry out a full audit of existing plaques. Harold Goodwin felt the audit would be carried out when the streets were surveyed as part of the Conservation Area Appraisal by March 2023.

Cllr T Martin commented the majority of the plaques would be installed on listed buildings and would require planning consent. There may also be complications whereby plaques installed that were not part of the Scheme had been installed and/or taken down.

Cllr T Martin proposed, seconded by Cllr Hook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to recommend the Faversham Historic Plaques Scheme be reviewed in conjunction with The Faversham Society.**

8. Matters for Report

Conservation Area Appraisal

Harold Goodwin provided a report on the Conservation Area Appraisal being carried out in early 2023 by The Faversham Society and funded by Swale Borough Council.