

MINUTES of the MEETING of the HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE, on TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2019 at 10.00 AM

PRESENT: Councillor Ms L C Howes - Chairman
Councillor Mrs A E D Barham
Councillor Ms L M Hall
Councillor R J Lees
Councillor D J Mote

ALSO PRESENT: Shirley Fahy – Friends of Swanscombe Heritage Park (FOSHP)
Lynn Keys - FOSHP
Martin Harding, Assistant Town Clerk & RFO

ABSENT: There were none

547/18-19. ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.

The Chairman explained the arrangements and constraints relating to the filming or recording of the meeting.

548/18-19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs S P Butterfill.

549/18-19. SUBSTITUTES

There were none.

550/18-19. TO DECLARE INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

551/18-19. URGENT ITEMS / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

There were none.

552/18-19. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2019.

Recommended: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2019 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

553/18-19. **HERITAGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.**

The ATC/RFO gave a verbal update on ongoing work being undertaken for improvement to the Heritage Park.

Members were informed that the ATC/RFO had attended the Heritage Watch Conference on 6 February 2019. It was confirmed at the conference that the Heritage Asset logo's going forward would be the yellow previously selected by the Sub-Committee.

Funding work had been ongoing for pond improvements with Bluewater agreeing to fund the pathway improvements and the application with Kent Community Foundation for the fence and dipping platform being pending. The ATC/RFO confirmed that he was receiving support from the Funding For All organisation for further potential heritage funding applications.

The ATC/RFO confirmed that the liner for the new pond had been damaged but a repair kit had been received and the repairs work would be undertaken prior to the pond being filled. North Kent Countryside Partnership planned to undertake both the planting and a community event in early May to promote conservation volunteers.

Recommended: That the ATC/RFO be thanked for his work in progressing heritage improvements and that he continue with the current funding projects.

554/18-19. **NATURAL ENGLAND – SWANSCOMBE SKULL SITE NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE (NNR) AND SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST (SSSI) - VISUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN/LEASE.**

The ATC/RFO confirmed that he had met with Natural England on site to discuss the INQUA dig scheduled for 21 July 2019.

A stipulation had been placed that the consent for the dig would not be given by Natural England without an agreement that community engagement be undertaken. With this in mind the ATC/RFO had been liaising with INQUA, and their proposal was due this month.

Recommended: That the item be noted

555/18-19. **FRIENDS OF SWANSCOMBE HERITAGE PARK (FOSHP) REPORT OF ACTIVITIES.**

Shirley Fahy provided an update that the next event would be the Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday 17 April 2019.

It was confirmed that FOSHP had recently had some new volunteers.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

556/18-19. **HERITAGE PARK WEBSITE**

The ATC/RFO reminded members that any items to be included on the website needed to be forwarded to him.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

557/18-19. **ANY OTHER ITEMS RELATED TO HERITAGE.**

Shirley Fahy asked whether an alternative could be considered for the coloured light that used to shine on the flint statue in the entrance to the Heritage Park. The ATC/RFO agreed to consider the options and the associated costs.

The Chairman asked whether a further reptile survey could be considered in the future for the Heritage Park to assess the impact of the migration work undertaken last year. The ATC/RFO confirmed that this would be added to the list of potential future projects.

558/18-19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Recommended: That the next meeting be scheduled for Tuesday 4 June 2019 at 10.00am.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 10.30 am.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Chairman)