

MINUTES of the MEETING of the HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE, on TUESDAY 23 JULY 2019 at 10.00 AM

PRESENT: Councillor Lesley Howes – Chairman
Councillor Anita Barham
Councillor Emma Ben Moussa
Councillor Sue Butterfill

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Lorna Cross
Councillor Maurice Weet
Brenda Bobby - FOSHP
Shirley Fahy – FOSHP
Lyn Keys - FOSHP
Martin Harding, Assistant Town Clerk/RFO
2 x members of the public

ABSENT: There were none

167/19-20. 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.

168/19-20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' Ann Duke and Linda Hall.

169/19-20. SUBSTITUTES

There were none.

170/19-20. 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.

Councillor Lorna Cross gave a brief update to members on the recent dig undertaken in the Swanscombe Heritage Park that she had attended as a local volunteer.

171/19-20. URGENT ITEMS / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.

There were none.

172/19-20. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2019.

Recommended: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2019 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

173/19-20. HERITAGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The ATC/RFO confirmed that the pond had now been damaged beyond repair and that the only way to progress was to seek further funding to secure a vandal proof liner such as concrete or puddling clay. Members expressed their disappointment at the anti-social behavior that has resulted in the delay to this project. Members confirmed that they were happy for a funding bid to progress subject to the ATC/RFO exploring which material is the most viable for the site.

Historic England had sent through confirmation that the Heritage Watch Project was progressing and they would be liaising with the Town Council shortly to set up a community day to discuss heritage assets.

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

174/19-20. **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 received feedback from the International Quaternary Society on the recent dig in the Swanscombe Heritage Park. The organisers were very thankful for the community support with volunteers and the engagement with the community.

The organisers would be sending through pictures from the event along with a field guide to enable information to be publicised.

Recommended: That the item be noted

175/19-20. **FRIENDS OF SWANSCOMBE HERITAGE PARK (FOSHP) REPORT OF ACTIVITIES.**

Brenda Bobby confirmed that the Teddy Bears Picnic was scheduled to be held on 15 August 2019.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

176/19-20. **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.

177/19-20. **ANY OTHER ITEMS RELATED TO HERITAGE.**

There were none.

178/19-20. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Recommended: That the next meeting be scheduled for Tuesday 24 September 2019 at 10.00am.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 11.00 am.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Chairman)

