

MINUTES of the MEETING of the HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE, on TUESDAY 4 JULY 2017 at 10.10 AM

PRESENT: Councillor Ms L C Howes (Chairman)
Councillor Ms L M Hall
Councillor R J Lees (substituting for Councillor Mrs A E D Barham)

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Harding, Assistant Town Clerk & RFO
Mrs Brenda Bobby, FOSHP
Mrs Shirley Fahy, FOSHP

ABSENT: There were none

93/17-18. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' Mrs A E D Barham, Mrs S Butterfill, D J Mote and B E Read.

94/17-18. **SUBSTITUTES**

Councillor R J Lees substituted for Councillor Mrs A E D Barham.

95/17-18. **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.

96/17-18. **URGENT ITEMS / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

There were none.

97/17-18. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2017.**

Recommended: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2017 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

98/17-18. **HERITAGE PARK FUNDING.**

The ATC/RFO gave an update on the progress of the digital heritage trail project. Members were given a brief demonstration of the augmented reality software being considered for the project.

The ATC/RFO confirmed that discussions were ongoing with both the developer and now with Ebbsfleet Academy regarding incorporating students with the design process. The ATC/RFO explained that although discussions were ongoing regarding potential funding, incorporating school children within the project would release other funding streams.

The ATC/RFO also updated members on correspondence with Froglife. Froglife are a national organization who work with groups to preserve ponds and areas of conservation in relation to amphibians. The group were keen to get involved with the winter pond within the park as this links into a toad patrol that operates across Alkerden Lane.

Recommended: That the ATC/RFO continue working on the current funding projects and report the progress at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

99/17-18. NATURAL ENGLAND – SWANSCOMBE SKULL SITE NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE AND SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST – VISUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.

The ATC/RFO confirmed that progress was being made on the Lease and that a meeting was scheduled with Natural England, at the site, for 15 August 2017 to discuss site management.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

100/17-18. FRIENDS OF SWANSCOMBE HERITAGE PARK (FOSHP) REPORT OF ACTIVITIES.

Brenda Bobby confirmed the next planned event was the Teddy Bears Picnic on the 26 July 2017.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

101/17-18. HERITAGE PARK WEBSITE

This item reminded everyone that any items to be included on the website needed to be forwarded to the ATC/RFO.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

102/17-18. ANY OTHER ITEMS RELATED TO HERITAGE.

The ATC/RFO confirmed that an organisation had been conducting a dormouse survey within the Heritage Park.

The Chairman confirmed that the Local History Group had their open AGM on the 2 September 2017 at the Heritage Community Hall. The event would start at 6.30pm and include a talk regarding the Skull Site and Bakers Hole.

Brenda Bobby confirmed that scrub had now obscured the geological interpretation which showed the land levels at the Heritage Park. The ATC/RFO agreed to feed this back to the Town Councils Parks Department.

103/17-18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Recommended: That the next meeting be scheduled at the discretion of the ATC/RFO

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 11.30 am.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Chairman)

