

Gorleston Conservation Area Advisory Group

Minutes

Tuesday, 26 May 2015 at 10:00

Present:

Margaret Ward (in the Chair), Norman Ward, Vicki Mileham, Beryl Thompson, Councillor Fairhead, John Evans and Kate Argyle (Historic England).

Ian Hardy and Karline Smith (GYBC Officers).

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Doreen Fuell.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2015 were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN POSITION

It was agreed to defer this item until the future of the committee is known.

6 OPEN FORUM

(i) Local Listing and Open Spaces

It was pointed out that Williamson's Lookout, West Quay and Pop's Meadow had not been listed as Open Spaces. Pier Gardens had been listed as a local park as had Meadow Park, East Anglian Way. The Chairman reported that she had sent a list of

recommendations in 2013 to the Council and agreed to resubmit this to Becky in the Strategic Planning Department. Concern was also expressed that the piece of land beside the MESH centre on the corner of Trinity Avenue/Magdalen Way and a Large Piece of Land at Brasenose Avenue could be built on.

It was reported that at the informal meeting concern had been expressed that young people in the Borough were not involved in the Heritage of the local area and it was agreed that Beryl, Margaret and Vicki meeting with Kate Argyle to talk about liaising with local schools as this could be a project.

(ii) Conservation Matters

Cliff Hill

The Conservation Officer reported that he had spoken to the Planning Enforcement Department about this property and that he had personally looked at the property but would chase this up.

Horse Trough

It was reported that the Horse Trough had been cleared by GYB Services but the group agreed that they would see if someone would be prepared to plant this and maintain it as GYB Services had stated that they would not be able to do this.

Willimason's Lookout

It was reported that the grass had now been cut and the rubbish had been cleared but it was pointed out that the rubbish was from local residents and this would have to be reviewed.

High Street

It was reported that the issues with the flats on the High Street had been reported to Environmental Health who were already aware of the issues and were liaising with the residents.

Priory Gardens

It was reported that GYB Services had been spoken to about the children playing in the park out of hours but there were now groups of children meeting in the park regularly and were destroying the flowerbeds. It was suggested that the group make contact with the local Neighbourhood Policing team and local youth workers. Vicki asked if Priory Gardens could be included in the Gorleston Conservation Area and the Conservation Officer reported that the Conservation area was extended 5 years ago and that as the gardens is already in Council ownership this gave it a certain amount of protection already so it was unlikely to be included.

Pier Gardens

The Chairman reported that it had been agreed with GYB Services that the Lavender would be removed as it was past its best, however, this area would not be replanted it would be grassed over.

(iii) Millennium Manuscript

Councillor Fairhead reported that the police had contacted the two sons who do not live locally and that gentle enquiries had been made but this would not be pursued more strongly.

(iv) Coastal Revival Fund

No update on this item was provided.

(v) The Coastal Path

Concern was expressed at the height of the grass on Brush Quay.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman reported that the Pier Hotel Planning Application for seating outside was agreed for an initial period of one year to see how this worked with the Sailing Club using the slip way.

The Cliff Hotel Planning Application for a Restaurant and Bar was agreed with the terrace only being used until 10pm but the Restaurant would turn into a nightclub at 10pm until 2pm. The Chairman expressed concern that the Heritage aspect of a Cockerill building had not been taken into consideration.

A new planning application had been received from the Pier Hotel to apply for change of use to the Harbour storage area to an area that could be used for Craft and Car boot sales. Their long term aim is to turn the building into a Banqueting Hall. The group expressed concern about parking in the area and stated that they would send in a letter expressing concern that the area is in a conservation area.

8 THE WAY FORWARD

The group expressed concern at their focus as the local list was now being looked at by the Council's Local Strategic Planning Department and the Heritage Lottery Bid would now not be submitted they felt that they should now look at some of the smaller issues that they had previously spoken about including:- Beach Road Walls Collapsing, Brush Quay Grass and it was also suggested that they could set up a Gorleston Heritage Forum.

9 DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next informal meeting would be held on 29th June 2015 at 10.00am and the next formal meeting would be held on 20th July 2015 at 10.00am.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at: 12:00