

**MINUTES** of a Committee Meeting of the Civic Trust held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at St. Peter's Church.

**Mr. E.J.Walton (Chairman)**, occupied the Chair throughout the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Mr. D. A. Smith, Mr. E. J. Walton, Mr. & Mrs. N. Fawcett, Mr. D. Kilpatrick, Mrs. J. Evans, Mr. G. Grimshaw, Mr. R. B. Frost, Mr. T. Mitchell, Ms. S. Barker, Mr. N. G. Ashworth, Mr. P. Hornby and Mr. R. Collinge.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr. A. Lucas, and Mr. B. Hall.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING:** i. *Maiden Cross:* The cross had still not yet been put back on the Long Causeway.

ii. *Higher Red Lees Farm:* There had been no response as yet to Civic Trust correspondence regarding the farm.

iii. *Pendle View Garden Centre:* Likewise, no response to Civic Trust enquiries. A letter would be sent to the Chief Executive to ask what was happening.

iv. *Landmark Visit:* The visit would be combined with a committee meeting, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August next. We would meet at Landmark at 2 pm, visit the building and afterwards hold the August committee meeting in St. Peter's Church.

**PLANNING MATTERS:** Members were informed about the following issues:

i. ESR/2022/0289: *Land at Todmorden Road, Cockden: request for a screening opinion in relation to a proposed solar farm and associated infrastructure.* This would cover a huge area – 160 acres and yet no one in Briercliffe had been consulted. Since this was not an application, only comment, we could not oppose it, only comment. We could say that we are not against solar farms but that this one was too big. It was a group of landowners who had got together. We could comment on the size and scale and say it would impinge on the Thursden wild life habitat.

ii. FUL/2022/0252: *Stiperden House Farm; provision of four glamping units each for up to 6 people, including hot tub, secure bike storage, electric vehicle charging point, a recycling/waste area; parking bay, associated structure and water treatment plant.* We need to see an aerial photo to see how it would fit in. It was pointed out that this was the type of development needed in the area.

iii. FUL/2022/0149: *Hollin Cross Farm, Woodplumpton Road; full planning application for the erection of 200 dwellings and associated works.* Far too many houses and more than the Local Plan proposed; the design of the houses and the way they fitted into the countryside was not good either. We would oppose this application but support the Local Plan's provision.

iv. VAR/2022/0189: *New Town Mill, Queen's Lancashire Way; application to vary condition no. 2 of planning permission FUL/2020/0054 – substitution of approved plans to reflect revised details for the approved roof replacement.* The plans seemed an excellent preservation of an old building. The rear of the building leading up to the canal was to be updated. A letter would be sent to the council saying that the Civic Trust accepted the plans.

Items for discussion under AOB were received.

**VISIT BY WAVERTREE CIVIC TRUST:** The visit, on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, would start at the Mechanics; from there would begin a guided walk round the town centre, led by Roger Frost; this would be followed by a visit to the

Visitor Centre where Brian Hall would speak about the Weavers' Triangle. In the afternoon the party would go to Queen Street Mill. There would need to be further communication with Wavertree but this was at present difficult because people were on holiday.

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR CT AWARDS:** Finsley Wharf was suggested as a location to hold the event. Roger Frost would enquire and report back. It was suggested that the town hall might also be available. A decision would be made at the next meeting.

On the question of Civic Trust blue plaques, Roger Frost reported that the name of Mr. Gregson, Padiham surveyor, had been suggested, also that of former Burnley M.P., Arthur Henderson, peace campaigner; the latter blue plaque would be placed on the town hall or other municipal building, and money for this plaque was available.

**TREES FOR BURNLEY:** In May, the group had been at Dunnockshaw fitting tree guards and the following Sunday they would be on the Long Causeway, opposite the wind farm, also fitting tree guards.

In her position as Treasurer, Mrs. Evans reported on the present financial situation of the Civic Trust.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** i. *New Publication:* Mr. R. B. Frost reported that his *History of Burnley*, started in 1980, was now complete. At present he needed only to give it a final read through and provide an index.

ii. *Commemorative Tree:* Mr. Simon Goff, head of Green Spaces, had informed the Civic Trust that 600 trees had been planted at Jubilee Meadows to commemorate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Questions were asked as to how we could plant a single tree in a prominent position on behalf of Burnley Civic Trust.

**DATE AND FORM OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at St. Peter's Church starting at 7 pm. At the start of the meeting, Mr. T. Mitchell would present his talk, *Burnley from the Air, 1958 – 1964.***

## CHAIRMAN

### Suggested Sites for Civic Trust Awards

1. Mount Sion Church extension, Walk Mill, Cliviger- certificate
2. Padiham Road- Methodist Church – certificate
3. Finsley Wharf – plaque
4. Landmark (Former Grammar School), School Lane - plaque
5. Waterloo Tavern - deferred
6. Restoration of former Lowerhouse Methodist Chapel (Greenbrook Chapel)– certificate
7. Low Sym, Thursden - certificate
8. Cliviger Village Hall – certificate
9. Shuttleworth Farm, Briercliffe - certificate
10. Wine Bar Yorkshire Street, end of Plumbe St. - certificate
11. Restored Shedden Bridge – letter

N.B. This list is not definitive. If you have any suggestions, please send them to myself at [ramon37@talktalk.net](mailto:ramon37@talktalk.net) and I will enter them on the list.

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