

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting of the Civic Trust held on Wednesday, 5th February 2020 at Burnley Town Hall.

Mr. R. B. Frost, (Chairman), occupied the Chair throughout the meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. D. A. Smith, Mr. T. Mitchell, Mr. M. Beck, Mr. B. Hall, Mr. A. Lucas, Mr. R. Collinge, Mr. R. B. Frost, Mr. & Mrs. N. Fawcett, Ms. S. Barker, Mr. G. Grimshaw, Mr. D. Kilpatrick, Mr. P. Pike, Mrs. C. Stinton, Mr. E. Walton and Mrs. J. Stuttard.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mrs. J. Evans, Mr. N. G. Ashworth, Mr. R. Glover and Miss K. Armfield.

MINUTES: The minutes of the committee meeting held on the 8th January 2020 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING: i. *Invitation:* The Secretary would write to the town's new M.P. to invite him to meet the committee during the summer recess.

Items for A.O.B. were received.

PLANNING MATTERS:

FUL/2019/0628: *Vicarage Road, Padiham; erection of 6 detached bungalows with integral garages, access, landscaping and ancillary works.* The application had previously been turned down but the land had already been turned over. There were no strong views.

FUL/2020/0003: *Bentley Wood Farm, Accrington Road: change of use to vehicle storage with erection of vehicle preparation, workshop and fencing.* The applicant wished to create a secure yard for storage of vans and cars before delivery to end users. The application was a two phase development with no certainty the first would go ahead without the second following. We should need to see comprehensive proposals before agreeing to support the application.

Members were informed about the following:

Higher Saxifield Development: The proposal to build houses on the site had been turned down but there was now a new application for 117 houses. The local residents were still against.

Walshaw Mill, Harle Syke: The parish council had objected to the previous application to build houses there because of the proposed demolition of some of its ornate buildings. The applicants had now agreed to reduce the number of houses.

Red Lees Road, Cliviger: The application for housing on this sensitive site had been narrowly passed. We should wait to see what the residents say before expressing our views. The Secretary would consult with the Residents' Association.

CIVIC TRUST AWARDS and BUILDINGS AT RISK: There was considerable discussion of suggestions for the Civic Trust awards. Some were chosen for further discussion and others were deferred for the time being. A list of the suggestions with the results of the survey is attached to these minutes.

Likewise, a preliminary triage of the *Buildings at Risk* suggestions was undertaken and the preliminary results are attached to the minutes.

The item would be included in the future agenda.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS: i. *Civic Trust Heritage Fair:* It had been planned to hold a Heritage Fair at St. Peter's Church on 23rd May 2020, but the church would not now be available until late summer. However, the church would be celebrating its 900th anniversary in 2022, when a programme of events was due to take place (starting on Palm Sunday) and we would ask to be allotted a date then; after this a small sub committee would start planning in earnest. The item would be put on a future agenda.

REPORTS:

CT ARCHIVE GROUP: The group was continuing to thrive; in January there had been 76 visitors to the site a day with good feedback, whilst in January 815 people had looked at the *Matthew Rochester* site. Nelson and Colne people were also researching the *Nelson Leader* and *Colne Times* sites. Over two days each week there were 18 volunteers at the Cell and probably 3,000 images now on the internet.

WEAVERS' TRIANGLE: The group had almost finished the display on the 40 years since Brian Redhead had opened the Visitor Centre.

Next year would be the 150th anniversary of Spencer's Textiles and the group was considering whether it would be worth while to do something appropriate to commemorate this.

Unfortunately during the previous weekend the toll house had been broken into; nothing was taken and the police thought it might have been someone wanting somewhere to sleep for the night.
There was no news regarding the pub except that a licence had been applied for.
The car park had now been cleared - apparently successfully.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: i. *Thompson Park* : Mr. M. Beck reported that he had been invited to the final meeting of the Thompson Park refurbishment committee and would be attending.
ii. *Heritage Plaque*: There was a suggestion that a heritage plaque should be placed on the Landmark building to feature the original architect, William Waddington but it was pointed out that there was one there already; people were not sure whether it mentioned the architect.

DATE AND FORM OF NEXT MEETING and ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH PUBLIC MEETING: Wednesday, 4th March 2020 at 7pm. at Burnley Town Hall. The public meeting highlighting the Archive Group would be on Wednesday, 1st April 2020.

CHAIRMAN

Dates for your Diary

5th March 2020

Civic Trust Committee

Suggested sites for Civic Trust Awards

1. Mount Sion Church extension, Walk Mill, Cliviger- an award
2. Padiham Road Methodist Church – an award
3. Thompson Park Refurbishment - an award
4. Restoration of Greenbrook Chapel - deferred
5. Landmark (Former Grammar School), School Lane - an award
6. Shop renovations, Padiham – some shops not done - deferred
7. Former Waterloo tavern - deferred
8. Plane Tree – pending, site needs tidying up
9. Flowers around Burnley and Padiham
10. Cliviger Village Hall
11. Shuttleworth Farm, Briercliffe
12. Low Sym, Thursden
13. Wine Bar on Yorkshire Street, end of Plumbe St.

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

CIVIC TRUST COMMITTEE 2019 – 20

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