

Heritage Asset Review Group

Notes of Meeting held on Friday 29 April 2016 starting at 13.00

Present:

Jacquie Burgess
Mike Barnard
Sholeh Blane
Peter Dixon

In attendance:

Andrea Long – Director of Planning and Resources
Prue Smith – Consultant on Cultural Heritage
Simon Hooton – Head of Strategy and Projects
Sandra Beckett – Administrative Officer

19/1 Apologies for absence and welcome

Apologies for absence were received from Lana Hemsall and Ben Hogg, the Historic Environment Manager

19/2 Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The Director of Planning and Resources invited nominations for the Appointment of a Chairman of the Heritage Asset Review Group.

Sholeh Blane proposed, seconded by Mike Barnard and it was

RESOLVED

that Jacquie Burgess be appointed as Chair of the Heritage Asset Review Group.

Jacquie Burgess in the Chair

The Chairman invited nominations for a Vice-Chairman.

Peter Dixon proposed, seconded by Sholeh Blane, and it was

RESOLVED

That Mike Barnard be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Group.

19/3 To receive the note of the eighteenth meeting held on 4 December 2015

The Note of the eighteenth meeting of HARG held on 4 December 2015 was received as a correct record.

19/4 Points of Information arising from the last meeting

There were no further points of information arising from the last meeting other than those to be discussed within the agenda.

19/5 Conservation Area Re-Appraisals

Progress was reported on the following Conservation Areas.

(1) Stalham Staithe Conservation Area Re-Appraisal

The Stalham Staithe Conservation Area Re-Appraisal had been published for consultation with the closing date of 7 April 2016. Twenty written Responses had been received and there had been over 50 attendees at the Town Hall exhibition with many verbal responses being given. Officers were currently collating these.

One of the common themes of the responses included working with Stalham Town Council and other agencies to achieve integrated long term management. Officers were waiting for feedback from the Town Council and a future report would be brought to the Planning Committee. It was noted that no further information had been received about the allotment area, and this had remained within the Conservation Area boundary for the consultation.

(2) East and West Somerton Conservation Area Re-Appraisal

It was noted that the Somerton Conservation Area Re-Appraisal had been approved for consultation by the Planning Committee on 1 April 2016. The Authority would be undertaking the consultation for both West and East Somerton, recognising that East Somerton came within the Great Yarmouth Borough.

The Parish Council were being kept informed although the dates for the consultation period had yet to be agreed but it was likely to be held between late May and June. A further report would be brought to HARG and the Planning Committee to consider the responses.

19/6 Conservation Area Re-appraisals – future programme

Ludham, Loddon and Horning

The Historic Buildings Consultant explained that there were just three Conservation Area Re-Appraisals left to carry out, these being Ludham, Loddon and Horning, maps of which were displayed.

It was agreed that as all three areas are shared with neighbouring authorities, the potential re-appraisals should be discussed with them, before being scheduled into the work programme. It was agreed to give the Horning Area priority but that this not be included in the work schedule until 2017/18. It was agreed to contact Horning Parish Council as well as North Norfolk District at an early stage explaining the Authority's intentions to carry out consultation in 2017. It was noted that if there were proposals to extend the boundary, this was more likely to be within the Broads area along the riverside.

19/7 Heritage at Risk

19/7 (1) Buildings at Risk Schedule 2016

The Consultant on Cultural Heritage provided the Group with the updated Schedules relating to the Buildings At Risk Survey as well as the Schedule relating to current and potential Enforcement issues.

It was noted that an ambitious comprehensive pre-application scheme had been submitted for **Common Farmhouse, Fleggburgh** and was being considered by officers. The property had been stabilised in the meantime.

With reference to the **Mills** within the schedule, most came within the Landscape Partnership Scheme bid where match funding had been promised by owners should the LPS bid be successful. It was pleasing to note that most had been in contact with the Authority expressing encouragement and their wish to be involved and that progress was being made. With regards to Pettingel's Mill Phase 1 of the Restoration work had now been completed and it was agreed to remove this from the Register. The mill would still be monitored as part of the suite of mills within the HLF Landscape Partnership project.

The repairs to **Bridge Farmhouse, Low Road, Mettingham**, were the subject of a Section 106 Agreement, where the construction of another property was dependent on repairs to the farmhouse being carried out. As this planning permission had expired, a new application had been submitted for a revised proposal for an agricultural dwelling which would be subject to a similar associated Section 106 Agreement. The Authority was discussing the details of the S106 agreement to ensure that the urgent works to Bridge Farmhouse were carried out before any new dwelling was constructed.

Langley Abbey –the Historic Environment Manager had contacted the owner and would be pursuing the matter.

Brick Barn Gillingham – following pre-application discussions an application for works was due to be submitted. Some holding repairs had already taken place.

(2) Enforcement

The Group welcomed the continued progress on the replacement of the windows and doors at Ashby with Oby Manor House.

It was noted that considerable progress had been made on dealing with those Buildings on the Heritage at Risk Register in the Authority's area since HARG had begun its work. Those properties still on the schedule were those which were most challenging. It was noted that there was always a human story relating to the circumstances for each of the buildings.

19/8 Water, Mills and Marshes: The Broads Landscape Partnership Bid

Simon Hooton provided the Group with a note setting out the progress to date. He drew attention to the following points.

Will Burchnall had been appointed as the Programme Manager to take the bid for Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) for the Broads Landscape Partnership Project to the next stage in submitting a second round application. The following areas of work were being progressed during the 18 month development phase up until May 2017:

- *Historic Environment Manager working up Schedule for work on the mills – Spring/Summer 2016*
- *Education element to be developed – 2016*
- *Development of Landscape Character Action Plan including archaeological elements and ecclesiastical history – 2016. This was based on the work of the original Landscape Character Assessment but was being widened.*

The Project Board had met and 2 additional members had been appointed.

Will Burchnall would be meeting with a number of the Parish Councils in May and web links were being set up. There was good evidence to suggest that the Project was progressing in the right direction, particularly on the basis of partnership work.

The Group wished to formally thank, on behalf of all Members, Will Burchnall and the team for the progress being made.

19/9 Any Other Business

Sholeh Blane

It was noted that this would be Sholeh Blane's last HARG meeting as she would be leaving the Authority in July.

The Chairman thanked Sholeh Blane for her work on the Group and for acting as the Authority's Heritage Champion.

19/20 Date of Next Meeting –

It was noted that the next meeting of the Heritage Asset Review Group would take place on Friday **22 July 2016** following the Planning Committee meeting.

The meeting concluded at 1.40pm

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