

Heritage Asset Review Group

Notes of the meeting held on 25 March 2022

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Present

Chair - Harry Blathwayt, Andrée Gee, and Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro

In attendance

Andrew Farrell – Programme Manager Water Mills and Marshes, Kayleigh Judson – Heritage Planning Officer, Kate Knights – Historic Environment Manager, Sarah Mullarney – Governance Officer

1. Notes of HARG meeting held on 17 December 2021

The notes of the meeting held on 17 December 2021 were received. These had been submitted to the Planning Committee on 4 February 2022.

2. Water Mills and Marshes update

The Water Mills and Marshes (WMM) Programme Manager gave an update presentation to the group on the activities.

Working with Norfolk County Council, day schools had restarted. This included sessions on reading historic churches in the Broads with Tim Holt-Wilson, which had been well attended. There had also been a series of walks in Norwich City centre, led by local historian and geologist Matt Williams. The focus of the walks was on historic flooding in the city, specifically

the 1912 flood. More activities are to be arranged this year to coincide with the anniversary of the flood.

Work on landscape history was completed last autumn with Masters and PhD students from the UEA. It was also reported that volunteers had been able to meet for the aerial perspectives project. Further events have been held with the community archaeological training programme. Volunteers have been trained on using total station, dumpy level and lining level drawing techniques.

The Aerial Perspectives Broads Hidden Heritage project has commenced with 6 training events. Volunteers were issued with a 1km square map of the Broads to mark up the features; these will be digitised and added to the heritage GIS system.

Historic tide maps are being digitised as part of the Understanding Marshes project, and uploaded to the Historic Environment Record (HER) for Norfolk County Council (NCC). The Understanding Marshes project also included work with Tom Williamson on updating the general history of the Broads.

The Programme Manager discussed the WMM partnership work with the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), to increase accessible information in the Broads for visually impaired people. A fully tactile map has been installed at Whitlingham. Vision Norfolk, a Norfolk based charity, have been supporting groups of people visiting the area for the first time. It was also reported that a grant had been awarded from the Tarmac Landfill Community Fund to repave the area.

A grant from NCC's EXPERIENCE project will fund work for the Broads Mill trail. This includes interactive digital material, and the installation of furniture along the access trail. WMM is also working with Greater Anglia Community Rail to encourage more people to visit the local heritage landscape and the Wherry Line stations, using the Rangers and Rovers tickets.

WMM are sponsoring the From Sails to Blades exhibition at the Museum of the Broads, which explores how wind power has shaped the Broads landscape. WMM, in collaboration with the University of Nottingham, have provided an interactive 3D augmented reality map of Halvergate for the exhibition. The exhibition is expected to open in April until October 2022.

The group suggested the next Heritage Asset Review Group be held at the Museum of the Broads for all members to view the exhibition. **Arrangements for the next meeting to be confirmed. Officers to inform members.**

The Chair thanked the WMM Programme Manager for the presentation and the update was noted.

Andrew Farrell left the meeting.

3. Historic Environment Team progress report – December 2021 to March 2022

The Historic Environment Manager and the Heritage Planning Officer presented the report providing an update on progress with key items of work by the Historic Environment Team between the end of 17 December 2021 and 25 March 2022.

Conservation Area review

It was reported that the Bungay Conservation Area appraisal was adopted at the 4 March Planning Committee meeting. The Historic Environment Manager and Heritage Planning Officer are currently working on the Halvergate and Tunstall Conservation Area review; public consultation is expected to commence in the autumn.

Heritage skills

City College students have been back on site with bricklaying and decorating students working at Muttons Mills twice a week. The group were updated on a visit to the international Boatbuilding Training College in Lowestoft. The college had diversified into mill work and recently built a cap for a mill in Cambridgeshire. The Historic Environment Manager and Heritage Planning Officer plan to visit the mill as the owner intends to generate electricity from the mill.

Land of the windmills

The Water Mills and Marshes team were pleased to be nominated for the National Constructing Excellence awards and to have the programme work recognised.

Work at Muttons Mill is ongoing and progressing well, including replacement of eroded brickwork as a result of close contact with the working scoop wheel. It was reported that the trainee joiner had injured his leg and would be unable to work for a month. The team were reviewing the impact this had on the programme.

Clippesby Mill

The Heritage Planning Officer discussed the application for Clippesby Mill, a grade 2 listed mill, that had been determined under delegated powers. The group were shown pictures of the exterior and interior of the mill and pumphouse. The proposal intended to extend the pumphouse significantly with a two-storey extension, containing a dwelling. Machinery has been retained in the pumphouse, and it is intended to open this as an exhibition space to visitors with displays of the history and restoration of the site. The mill will become an annex to the pumphouse dwelling and restored externally, including the installation of the sails, fan cradle, fan tail and scoop wheel. It was concluded that the application was approved subject to conditions under section 106, which prevents the mill from being sold separate to the pumphouse, and secures the overall restoration work.

The group welcomed the restoration and praised the proposed public access to the mill.

The report was noted.

4. Any other business

None

5. Date of next meeting

The next HARG meeting would be held on **Friday 17 June 2022, at 10am.**

The meeting ended at 10:50am

Signed by

Chair