

THE CORFE CASTLE TOWN TRUST

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MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL 2015

Present: Louise Haywood (Chair), Paul Jobling (Treasurer), Emma Grinsted (Secretary), Tony Bryan, Charles Overton, Colin Fuller, Juliet Glover, Mark Taylor, Nigel Dragon, Mary Wills

Apologies: Frank Spooner, Steve Clarke, Rev. Ian Jackson

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (6th January 2015) – No matters were arising. The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed off.

Correspondence – An email was received from the Mortimer Society complaining about the accuracy of one of the seals of the Constables of the Castle on display in the church. The seal of Roger Mortimer at No 39 shows the 4th Earl, when it should be the 2nd Earl of March & Ulster. The display, originally made by Dr Dru Drury, will be moved into the Town Hall to prevent further confusion. It will not be taken apart.

Alex Langland, from Winchester University, intends to map the Saxon charters' boundaries in the UK. He may ask for assistance with this project as Corfe has 4 remaining charters.

We have been donated a mace. It is a miniature morning star. It was found in a field in Hertfordshire and given to the police in Swanage who donated it to us.

Philip Mansel of Smedmore House thanked Louise for her help and has given a donation to the Trust.

Chairman's report – The Trust now has a Facebook page. It needs more 'likes', so please encourage people to look for it. It will be linked to the website very soon.

Helen Cattle has volunteered as a helper. She will help Louise check the MI's in the East Street Cemetery initially.

The new booking form is now on the website for people potential users to download and submit to Mark. Hopefully this will prevent any confusion over the payment and make life easier for Mark.

A decision was made not to rejoin the Dorset History Network as most Trustees did not make use of the Network and it did not seem to benefit the Trust financially. Trustees are welcome to join as individuals.

Treasurer's report – Paul presented the trustees with a summary of the full year. There was a slightly lower deficit than last year. Maintenance costs are higher this year as many items have been renovated. The revenue is up by about £500. Paul will produce a year on year comparison before the next meeting.

Colin, Steve and Mark have made a list of revenue generating ideas. This list will be circulated to all and then fully discussed at the next meeting.

The collection boxes are doing well. There is one permanently on loan to 'The Fox' at the moment. More need to be spread around the village. Paul agreed to do this. People need to know what the collected money

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is used for. A handout will be produced with pictures of the assets (Louise will produce this). This can then be displayed with the collecting boxes.

The online banking is now fully functional.

Museum Report – The de-humidifier has stopped working. It can be replaced for about £100. The photo frame has also stopped working. A new one will cost about £95. It was agreed that both items need to be replaced as soon as possible. The new photo frame needs to be connected so that it turns off with the lights.

The toilet is ready to be painted tomorrow.

The items in the storage container still need to be reviewed.

Town Hall – The Gift of Four is going to be looked at as the lettering beneath the sign is starting to peel and needs to be repainted. To enable someone to do this, the lettering board will have to be removed. The sign is not thought to be Grade II listed as it was only placed in The Square in 1927. (Louise to discover if it is listed.)

The lock on the Town Hall door has been replaced so all Trustees who hold keys need to make sure that they obtain the new ones.

Bookings for the Town Hall: Metal Clay have booked for three days in September. They will need to complete the new form to confirm the booking. There was some confusion over the cost, but it was agreed that they would be charged £50 per day.

We need a new hand towel dispenser key.

AOB – It was suggested that a question sheet for the children over the summer might raise revenue. How this will be actually organised has yet to be discussed.

The Post Office will not be doubling the money raised at the May Fair this year. It was a one-off and associated with Nick King's exhibition last year. Any further donations for the May Fair stall, which is being organised by Chares, can be left in his porch at 87 West Street.

Juliet will be standing down as a Parish Councillor at the May election. Her four-year term on the Corfe Castle Town Trust will finish in July. The Trust thanked her for all her help and support.

Post Script: Since this meeting, on 27th April, Frank Spooner resigned from the Town Trust due to family circumstances.

Upcoming Events: Town Trust Meeting - Wednesday 9th December

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.30pm, Town Hall

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