

THE CORFE CASTLE TOWN TRUST

The Town Hall, 1 West Street
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MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY 2017

Present: Louise Haywood (Chair), Emma Grinsted (Secretary), Rupert Spicer-Short, Tony Bryan, John Lindsay, Dawn Lindsay, Steve Clarke

Apologies: Colin Fuller, Angela Sturch, Andy Withers (Treasurer), Rev Ian Jackson, Mark Taylor, Peter Morrison-Wells

Absences: Nigel Dragon, Mary Wills

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (12th April 2017)

- a. There has still been no response from Dorchester about the Mace and Seal.
- b. The building valuation, PAT testing and fire extinguisher inspection have all been done.
- c. We are still trying to get the hook for the Seal from The Fox.

Correspondence

The Dorset History Centre now holds certain original documents that have recently been given by us to them for safe-keeping. We hold copies of them in the Town Hall except for the old minute books of the Trust (dated 4 Nov 1889 – 27 Feb 1997). They also hold the original charters granted to the mayor and barons of the borough awarding certain privileges to the town dated 1666 and 1678, and the Letters Patent granted by Queen Elizabeth in 1576 (*DHC reference nos: D.156/1, 2 & 3*). They were given to the County Record Office a while ago and there may be a receipt for them. They are extremely large documents and the Town Hall holds copies of the documents.

Chairman's Report – The church had been hoping to display Ian Harris's sculpture of St Edward but, for various reasons, this cannot now happen. It was agreed that we would have it instead.

Mrs Sykes of Bere Regis has donated a picture of the castle painted by a German POW using camouflage paint.

Dr Andrew Norman has put an acknowledgement of thanks for The Town Trust's help with his new book 'Corfe Remembered'.

Louise has completed the house history of Well Court and Seasons Green.

Louise has been helping with The National Trust walks around the village and out on Middlebere Heath.

Treasurer's Report – Our audited report shows the best surplus for years, although there are a few points to note: the insurance payments look less as we are paying monthly rather than yearly; the collection box money is down and our utilities bills are down. The bills are hugely confusing so we're a little uncertain as to why the utilities bill has lowered.

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We no longer pay for a cleaner and, understandably, the museum and Town Hall chamber isn't as clean as it was. We are doing the occasional sweep, but maybe we need to do it as a team clean every few months.

The National Trust are now paying the £14 historical annuity, but they haven't yet paid back the missing 3 years. Rupert is going to write to them again.

We have received an estimated insurance value of the cost of rebuilding the Town Hall and Museum prepared by Rapley Construction Consultancy Ltd. It was produced for free, courtesy of Alan Clevett, and the trustees warmly thanked him for allowing this to happen. The rebuild figure did not include vat. The cost has risen from what it was previously and this may increase the insurance costs. Everyone agreed that Rupert could go ahead with the insurance renewal.

We are currently covering our costs, but we need to make sure our income meets our expenditures and we don't become complacent. We therefore need to have a good think about fundraising. The collection boxes need to be renovated as they are looking old and tatty and don't show up well in comparison with others that are used in the village.

Museum Report – Nothing to report.

Town Hall Report – Nothing to report.

Bookings – There have been three bookings since the last meeting, with a few more in the diary. We need to put an advertising poster in the museum, as we can't advertise outside the building.

Accreditation – Nothing to report at the moment. The draft emergency plan will hopefully be ready for October.

AOB – Our Summer Exhibition is a work in progress. We are hoping to open at the end of July and continue into August and possibly September. A rota for stewarding will be put together shortly.

We can get our VHS tapes copied for £8 each. We are looking into the cost for 8mm film. Once all the film has been copied we could put on a presentation.

We have safety glass in our cabinets.

When paying in funds please use a paying in book not a slip as it makes auditing difficult.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 7.30pm, Town Hall

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