

ST MARGARET'S WITH ST NICHOLAS WARD FORUM

Quarterly Meeting 7pm, February 8th 2017

Minutes

1. The chairman, Dr Julian Litten, opened the meeting, welcomed members and guests and introduced the agenda.

2. Ostap Paparega Borough Regeneration and Economic Manager gave a brief outline of the new Coastal Community Team and the town's newly acquired Heritage Action Zone status and how they will affect the regeneration and economic programme of BCKLWN.

He explained the government's objectives regarding the two initiatives:

a) to set up a coastal committee team involving local businesses and to develop an economic plan by March 2017. Town Centre Partnership/ Coastal Community/W Norfolk Tourist Board working together.

b) Heritage Action Zone status, designed to help historic towns to develop economically eg house building, employment etc. and which will place them further up the list for funding and assistance from other statutory bodies.

3. Lecture 'A Pilot's Life' was given by retired pilot Captain Rod Payn. Captain Payn gave a fascinating insight into piloting large ships generally and especially through the sandbanks into the Lynn docks. He informed and amused us all with his knowledge and stories of life experiences.

4. Apologies were received from Brian Falconbridge, Dennis Pearce, Ann Drew, Deborah Holman, Diane Collin, Clare Cooke and Anne Philips.

5. There were no declarations of interest.

6. There were no announcements.

7. The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were approved.

8. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

9. Chairman's report had been circulated and the following points commented upon:-

a) St James Medical Practice. It seems definite that the practice will move and it was agreed that the forum will pursue the issue of transport to and from the new surgery.

b) Discussion re pavement lights outside the town hall and there was concern whether there would be more LED lights conflicting with historic buildings

c) It was agreed that the local authority would be reminded of legalities of street names and numbering of premises. Locating freeholders is virtually impossible. Lack of street signs makes it difficult for visitors. JL agreed to walk around the town and identify unnamed streets. He also agreed to contact the local authority about this and to remind them of the importance of maintaining and replacing street signs, especially around important historic areas.

10. There was no further discussion regarding the Chairman's report.

11. The treasurer's report was circulated and approved.

12. No topics for discussion from the floor had been submitted.

13. Under AOB the following points were mentioned

a) King John's statue now has additional information explaining why the king is important to King's Lynn.

Date of the next meeting – May 10th 2017

The meeting closed at 20:45