

Notes of the Northstowe Heritage Steering Group

28 August 2024

Held on TEAMS

Present

Dean Harris (Homes England)
Hilary Stroud (LDHS)
Roger Hetherington (LDHS)
Ellen Cox (SCDC)
Luke Mills (GCSP)

Michelle Eidevik-Skinner (SCDC)
Quinton Carroll (CCC)
Sally Croft (CCC)
Emma Bunbury (CCC)

Also Invited

Representatives for Longstanton Parish Council and Northstowe Town Council

Introductions

QC apologised for his recent sickness absences that resulted in delays in actions

Actions Arising

Amend ToRs to reinforce support for exhibitions	Done
Arrange quarterly meetings of the group	Done
Invite Oakington PC to join	Not done
Statement re facility in Northstowe FAQs	Done
Create T&F Group	Done
Information for LDHS AGM	See below

Exhibition Update

SC reported that the T&F Group has met and reviewed the current position. A list of possible locations had been identified. SC and EB were to visit before the next T&F meeting to assess the locations.

Vidar Media had raised concerns about security and environment that need to be addressed.

HS asked about content and security and QC confirmed that once a case was installed it would not be accessed locally or changed without any agreement.

SC had asked National Highway to confirm restrictions etc on funding.

Other Heritage Assets

DH confirmed the position on the pillboxes remained the same

HS raised the condition of the Paddocks and apparent lack of management in accordance with the Management Plan. She expressed strong concerns that in their current state of overgrowth it

would be very difficult to return to a stable grass sward and was also causing difficulties for neighbouring gardens with weed incursion etc.

ACTION DH to review with Homes England estates team and report back

LM confirmed that the Management Plan for the Paddocks is a direct planning obligation and any breach should be reported to GCSP

LDHS Storage & Other Issues

QC confirmed that possible short-term storage by CCC was not possible at present. HS has already identified a possible self-store in Bar Hill and agreed to get details.

ACTION HS to get storage costs

HS requested that firm proposals for storage and exhibition be agreed for the LDHS AGM in early December meaning by early November

Heritage Strategy

QC set out the history of the strategy and confirmed that a brief agreed by the group previously existed,

LM confirmed that GCSP still held £24k of the grant.

RH emphasised the need for community engagement in this work and suggested circulating between meetings and to create T&F group.

QC said CCC would be unable to do the work directly but recommended a tender for an independent heritage consultant to do so. LM confirmed this would be acceptable to GCSP.

ACTION QC to circulate existing brief with meeting notes and request for comments and volunteers for a T&F

AoB

DH reported that Urban Explorers had broken into the Officers Mess recently so security had been increased. QC found the website reporting it.

HS asked that CCC decide on the snowplough as Longstanton Paris Council had expressed an interest in acquiring it

ACTION QC to pursue