

## Notes of the Northstowe Heritage Steering Group

4 November 2024

Held on TEAMS

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### Present

Dean Harris (Homes England)	Michelle Eidevik-Skinner (SCDC)
Roy Stoner (LDHS)	Quinton Carroll (CCC)
Roger Hetherington (LDHS)	Sally Croft (CCC)
Ellen Cox (SCDC)	Emma Bunbury (CCC)
Mark Nokkert (NTC)	Julie Groves (O&WPC)
David Reeves (O&WPC)	

### Apologies

Hilary Stroude (LDHS)	Sally Croft (CCC)
Luke Mills (GCSP)	Michele Eidevik-Skinner (SCDC)

### Also Invited

Representatives from Longstanton Parish Council

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### Introductions

QC welcomed representatives from Oakington & Westwick Parish Council to the meeting and provided a rapid summary of the project to date.

JG is also Secretary of the Oakington & Westwick History Society.

### Actions Arising

Invite Oakington PC to join	Done
Information for LDHS AGM	See below
DH to review Paddocks management	Done
HS to get storage costs for QC	Done
QC to circulate brief for Heritage Strategy	Done
QC to pursue donation of snowplough	Ongoing

### Exhibition Update

SC and EB had visited various locations in and around Longstanton and Northstowe but were struggling to find a suitable venue in terms of security and environment and where the operators were willing to host.

No other suitable public/civic building is to be completed until 2028.

QC and SC were to look at local libraries along the A14 corridor for the A14 exhibition and suggested delaying the Longstanton/Northstowe one.

Cllr Firouz Thompson (CCC) had arranged an introduction to the Education Trust to ask about unused school facilities.

**ACTION** QC to follow up

DH was asked about earlier suggestions to use either the Guardhouse or Officers' Mess buildings.

**ACTION** DH to assess possibilities and report back. UPDATE not possible due to conditions and asbestos in these structures.

SC had asked National Highway to confirm restrictions etc on funding. CCC need to invoice by 1 March 2025.

### **Heritage Strategy**

A suggested starter for revisions to the strategy had been circulated and reviewed. Further amendments made during the meeting.

Needed further reference to strategies that now existed, such as the Arts Strategy and sense of Place/Community Strategy.

It was agreed that an updated brief would be circulated for one last round of comments to be coordinated by RH and EC (check....)

**ACTION** QC to circulate updated brief

### **Other Heritage Assets**

DH confirmed works on converting the pillboxes to bat roosts should commence in spring 2025.

Management of the Paddocks had improved following discussion with Homes England's groundworks contractor and the Management Plan was being followed.

JG raised the question of NMU access to the airfield from Oakington.

**ACTION** DH to check

Any work around the ROC bunker would be part of Phase 3.

No other 'Urbex' activity had been spotted at the Officers' Mess.

### **LDHS Storage & Other Issues**

QC had discussed internally and with DH about CCC using a part of the remaining Phase 3 S106 funds to support LDHS's storage requirements. QC offered to fund a suitable sized store at the Bar Hill Self Store for a period of four years with a review after two to ensure progress towards a permanent solution was on track. DH agrees.

QC has to get internal approval for the spend at a meeting on 26/11 after which he will confirm to the group.

### **AoB**

None