

HORNCASTLE HISTORY & HERITAGE SOCIETY

Executive Meeting Minutes

DATE	2025-04-11	TIME	13:00	FACILITATOR	Nick Fox
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ATTENDEES			
Nick Fox, Dep. Chairman	Mary Silverton, Treasurer	Micheal Hieatt, Planning	Kev Woodward, Secretary
Adam Cartwright	Mike Martin, Rec. Sec'y		
APOLOGIES			
Trevor Butterworth	Ian Marshman, Chairman	Helena Burnam	

ITEM	TOPIC
4.1	<p><u>Approval of the previous Executive Committee Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the March Executive Committee meeting were approved without comment.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Matters arising from the previous minutes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Watermill blue plaque has been installed. IM will contact the owner so that an unveiling ceremony can be arranged within the next few weeks.2. St Mary's Environs Project update: Phase 1 is complete – information boards have been installed. Still awaiting approval of funds for Phase 2, re-surfacing of the pathways.3. NF to follow up on the complaint to ELDC regarding Thimbleby Hill being renamed Thimbleby Road without any consultation in accordance with their own procedures.4. AC will write to Horncastle's 3 councilors concerning the state of the Market Place.
4.3	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Martin Fripp, who resides in the USA, requested that the HHHS monthly presentations be recorded for non-attendees to view. NF to reply negatively, for various reasons including copyright concerns.2. Mr. G. Green wants to donate a 1902 bible and some newspaper clippings. NF to reply affirmatively.3. NF sent the annual request to the council for this year's funding donation. The reply from the council indicates that they want to set up an annual funding amount which doesn't rely on an annual request letter. NF and IM to meet with Councilor James Martin on 19 April.4. Royal British Legion invited HHHS to operate a stall at their event at Stanhope Hall in evening of May 10th. KW will organize, with assist from NF.
4.4	<p><u>Financial report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The balance at the end of March was £13,758.01.2. Since March 31st is the last day of the HHHS fiscal year, this is also the 2024/25 year-end figure. The year-end financial report is being prepared for distribution to the HHHS Executive and will be presented at the forthcoming AGM in May.3. The card.net machine now works in the SJBC building, albeit only in downstairs rooms.4. HHHS insurance was renewed with a new provider for £302.45, a saving of around £200.

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4.5	<p><u>New website Update</u></p> <p>AC, KW, IM and NF are to meet with Josh from IT Systems on 23rd April to critique the new website.</p>
4.6	<p><u>Planning report</u></p> <p>See attached report from Micheal Hieatt.</p>
4.7	<p><u>Archives and Sir Joseph Banks Centre update</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The new display case has arrived. It will have a plaque “In memory of June Benton”, as discussed at the last meeting.
4.8	<p><u>Memorandum of Understanding</u></p> <p>NF circulated a copy of the existing MoU with SJBC, showing proposed revisions, which were discussed. He will incorporate these comments and send them to Executive members, prior to presentation to SJBC for approval.</p>
4.9	<p><u>Future events</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AC will arrange a visit to the South Ormsby Estate. 2. It was decided that HHHS would participate in the Woodhall Spa show on May 18th. KW and NF will arrange a suitable display. 3. HB offered to organize a tour to the Gunby Estate. 4. A list of walks throughout the year has been compiled and put on the new website. 5. 60th Anniversary of the HHHS: January 2026 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Only an open day will be held; date yet to be determined. A slide show presentation will be prepared. b. MS will contact Pearl Wheatley for an oral history since she was the driving force behind the Society’s creation. c. The archives open day for 2025 will be postponed, to be held in conjunction with the 60th anniversary open day; nibbles to be served. 6. IM is to compose a letter to our prospective new Patron to invite them to take on the position. 7. A visit to the backroom of the Lincolnshire Archives in Lincoln will be arranged for the 2nd or 3rd week in August. KW to arrange. 8. It was confirmed that there will be another test pit survey carried out this year, led by KW. They will be on an ad-hoc basis when sites and people are available during the summer. 9. A visit to the Winceby Battle site in conjunction with the Battlefield Trust will be arranged for October, which is when the battle took place. NF will contact them in August to book this event.
4.10	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NF asked if HHHS Executive would fund an electrical meter for SJBC. Request was denied since it was considered that such a purchase was not within the remit of the HHHS. 2. ELDC organized a meeting between county civic/heritage societies and various arts groups, which AC attended. AC reported that while it was valuable and interesting to meet with members of other heritage societies, there appeared to be little scope for interaction between HHHS and the arts groups present, with one exception. Spectrum Arts met with the Louth Market folks and prepared a very interesting coffee table book. AC recommends that HHHS support Spectrum Arts in their quest to garner sufficient funds to prepare a similar book for Horncastle Market. 3. AC volunteered to prepare a list of old (“ghost”) signs in Horncastle and will liaise with the volunteer rep on ELDC. HHHS can then use this list to decide which signs should be maintained and preserved. 4. KW confirmed that some of the hoard of short cross medieval silver coins, found near Thimbleby, will be donated to HHHS by the finders, the Wolds Historical Research Society (a metal detecting group) so that they can be put on display. The coins have been disclaimed by the Treasure Committee at the British Museum. The landowner is very happy that they are to be placed on display locally.

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	5. NF requested that ideas for a 2026 exhibition be submitted before the next meeting. 6. KW volunteered to create new displays in the display cases after the VE-Day Exhibition has ended. 7. It was agreed to attach an addendum to the MoM to indicate what items were to be presented in the display cases, by month.
4.11	The next Executive meeting will be held on May 23rd at 1 pm at the Joseph Banks Centre.
	The meeting adjourned at 15:40.

Addendum 1: DISPLAY CASE CONTENTS

<u>CASE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
No.1 Horizontal	VE Day	April 9	June 8
No. 2 Horizontal	VE Day	April 9	June 8
No. 3 Vertical	VE Day	April 9	June 8
No. 4 Vertical	VE Day	April 9	June 8
No.5 Vertical (June Benton)	VE Day	April 9	June 8
Window	VE Day	April 9	June 8