

HORNCASTLE HISTORY & HERITAGE SOCIETY

Executive Meeting Minutes

DATE	15/08/2025	TIME	13:00	FACILITATOR	Adam Cartwright
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ATTENDEES			
Adam Cartwright, Ch'man	Nick Fox, Vice Chairman	Kevin Woodward, Sec'y	Helena Burman
Micheal Hieatt, Planning	Mike Martin, Rec. Sec'y	Chris Wells	
APOLOGIES			
Jane Wells	Ian Marshman	Mary Silverton, Treasurer	

ITEM	TOPIC
8.2	<u><i>Approval of Executive Minutes 04/07</i></u> The minutes of the Executive meeting held on 04/07/2025 were approved without comment.
8.3	<u><i>Matters arising from the previous minutes</i></u> 1) Watermill plaque – IM to give a nudge to the owner to arrange a suitable date for official unveiling, preferably in Sep or Oct. 2) Thimbleby Road/Hill name update – reply received on 8/8/25 from ELDC: our Level 2 complaint was reviewed and denied. NF to request council to consider adding “Formerly known as Thimbleby Hill” to the existing road sign. 3) ELDC engagement – AC will write to Planning Dep't to set up a meeting. 4) Ghost signs database – Photographs have been taken of candidate signs and uploaded to the website. AC asks HHHS members for more suggestions. 5) Publications update: a) Design and layout for the railway book is in progress, with publication planned for the end of this year. AC b) “Folklore around Horncastle” book possible reprint – AC submitted an ‘Expression of Interest’ for funding from the South and East Lincs Councils’ StoryTellers Scheme, funded by the Arts Council. If approved, these funds will cover such costs as a professional artist to create art for the book, publicity and other activities linked to the project. c) Potential new books: i) Horncastle Participants in WWII;

	ii) Horncastle Canal. 6) VJ80 remembrance exhibit has been put together by KW for display at the Wong, organized by Horncastle RBL. 7) Ambrose Langley Blue Plaque: NF has reached out to Sheffield Wednesday football club for possible donations towards it, and KW has reached out to their fan club, but no response from either group. We are aware that SWFC are in financial difficulties. 8) The HHHS banner for the bridge arrived and was installed immediately after the Exec, meeting.
8.4	<u>Correspondence</u> • Request received for information on petrol stations in Horncastle. KW replied with all information which we had. • AC received an email from a reporter from <i>Lincolnshire Life</i> for info on an upcoming article on Horncastle.
8.5	<u>Financial report</u> • The bank balance as of July 31 was £15,016.29. • Lloyds Bank has advised that fees for bank services will change in mid-November, including a 50p charge to deposit a cheque. This amount will probably need to be passed onto those who will pay by cheque next year. To keep under review. • A Paypal account has been set up, for control by the Vice Chairman and Treasurer. • It was agreed that the Treasurer should open a savings account to earn interest on funds in the Society's bank account.
8.6	<u>Archives update</u> • WWII diary has been sent to South Collingham Archive team, the author's hometown. • 1947 identity documents of a female were sent to the Sleaford Museum, which is the closest museum to Cranwell where the lady lived. • Need a better way to note the name and address of people dropping off items or requesting information in the JBC office; too many items mysteriously appear on the archive office desk with key details missing.
8.7	<u>Planning Report</u> • MH has prepared the attached planning report which summarizes the minutes of the last meeting of the Planning Committee. • The HHHS Planning sub-committee, which was set up at the last Exec. Meeting to deal with planning issues and the Society's response to them, met to discuss Terms of Reference for the sub-committee. The sub-committee will meet next week as usual and will also discuss the planning application to build a 9-unit commercial venture on the location of the old medical centre, west of the Community Centre.
8.8	<u>New website update</u> • Josh, our IT support, will advise on go live for the online shop including a link to our Paypal account. • We now have statistics on how the HHHS website is accessed and used: 58% access by search engine; 28% by direct link, 9% via social media. We can also identify which pages and search terms are the most popular. This will help to inform further work to update the webpages.

8.9	<u>Walks and Talks Ideas for 2026</u> HHHS has talks planned for the remainder of 2025, but 9 talks are required for 2026. The following topics were suggested. <table><tr><th><u>TOPIC</u></th><th><u>WALK</u></th><th><u>TALK</u></th><th><u>EXHIB</u> :</th></tr><tr><td>Horncastle Railways</td><td></td><td>X</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Marwood</td><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Horncastle Pubs</td><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Horncastle Canal</td><td></td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Richard Hill (info from Heather Hughes at Lincoln S=University)</td><td></td><td>X</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Horncastle during the Cold War</td><td></td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> MM to set up planning calendar for use by the Exec., before next meeting	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>WALK</u>	<u>TALK</u>	<u>EXHIB</u> :	Horncastle Railways		X		Marwood	X	X	X	Horncastle Pubs	X			Horncastle Canal		X	X	Richard Hill (info from Heather Hughes at Lincoln S=University)		X		Horncastle during the Cold War		X	
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8.10	<u>Future Events</u> • Visit to South Ormsby Estate: Heritage Estate tour may be of interest, depending on cost and length of walk. AC to request cost info and check timing for end-Sept or early Oct. • Archives Open Day in January is to be held on Saturday January 24th. Pearl Wheatley will open this event: KW. • Battle of Winceby Tour by the Battlefields Trust on October 12th at 10.30am which will be free. Numbers will be limited to about 20 members. NF • Initiation of annual HHHS award – one award initially to be decided by the committee. Award could be to an individual, organization or building. AC to bring a proposal to the next meeting																												
8.11	<u>Any Other Business</u> • It was proposed that the Ambrose Langley Blue Plaque and the Marwood Exhibition be funded using the £1000 that the Town Council has budgeted for HHHS use. • NF: need exhibitions for 2027 • AC: Boston Heritage Forum meeting takes place on Oct. 9 including attendance from other heritage groups; NF & HB to attend. • HB agreed to work with MS to organize the annual HHHS Christmas dinner.																												
8.12	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> The next meeting of the HHHS executive committee will be held on Sep 26th at 2 pm.																												
	The meeting adjourned at 3.20 pm.																												