

HORNCASTLE HISTORY & HERITAGE SOCIETY

Executive Meeting Minutes

DATE	24/10/2025	TIME	14:00	FACILITATOR	Adam Cartwright
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ATTENDEES			
Adam Cartwright, Ch'mn	Nick Fox, Vice Chairman	Kevin Woodward, Sec'y	Helena Burman, Plng
Mike Martin, Rec. Sec'y	Micheal Hieatt, Planning	Chris Wells	Ian Marshman

ITEM	
10.1	<u>Apologies</u> Mary Silverton, Treasurer; Jane Wells
10.2	<u>Approval of Executive Minutes 26/09/2025</u> The minutes of the Executive meeting held on 26/09/2025 were approved without comment.
10.3	<u>Matters arising from the previous minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watermill plaque – The plaque needs a bit of touch-up paint, which AC will do, prior to arranging with the Town Council for the unveiling ceremony.• Ambrose Langley blue plaque – Horncastle Town FC have pledged £100 towards the plaque and the owner of Harpar's Bar, where the plaque will be sited, has agreed to match this. NF submitted a proposed layout for the plaque, which was accepted with the minor addition of a football. NF also submitted an estimate for an aluminium plaque which was about £200 less expensive than a cast iron one, but it was decided to continue with cast iron due to concerns over the longevity of aluminium plaques. It was decided to use available Town Council funding to make up the difference in the required funding for a cast iron plaque.• Thimbleby Road/Hill name update – ELDC have agreed that the road sign can have an extra sign with 'Previously known as Thimbleby Hill' but the Society would need to bear the cost of £400. NF to clarify cost with council and obtain quotes from a local supplier. Thimbleby Hill Parish Council contacted NF and advised that they are not pleased with the name change; NF to forward a copy of all of HHHS correspondence on this subject to Thimbleby Hill Parish Council.
10.4	<u>Correspondence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two books were donated to HHHS: Horncastle War Children, and one on Ambrose Langley.• Notification was received that the initiative to use the Civic Voice organization as an umbrella organization for local heritage societies is likely to be abandoned as it may be closing down.• Received an invite to the opening of an Art exhibition on Dec. 3 in SJBC.

10.5	<p><u>Financial report.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The balance in the Society's bank account on 23/10/25 was £15,297.61, with approximately a further £600 awaiting deposit. MH will provide info on other possible savings accounts with more attractive interest rates by the first week of November.
10.6	<p><u>Archives update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student from the University of Lincoln will work with the Archives team next March and April, working 37 hours over the 2 months. Because the majority of the archival material is stored in non-secure cabinets, it was proposed that lockable cabinets be procured. A cost estimate for lockable cabinets will be presented at the next Executive meeting.
10.7	<p><u>Update on the proposal for HHHS to become a CIO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC will sort out the required paperwork and submit prior to the next meeting.
10.8	<p><u>Heritage Lincs funding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Lincolnshire has been awarded a significant six figure sum by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for heritage projects in Horncastle town centre, including building repairs and renovation, wider feasibility studies and public realm improvements. Further to the HL visit to Horncastle on 12 September, AC reported that HL is obtaining quotes to clear building gutters submitted, and that he submitted a number of "quick win" items including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoration of "ghost" signage; Restoration of blue enamel street signs; Vinyl wraps to utility boxes Provision of seating in the market square; Renovation of store canopies.
10.9	<p><u>Planning Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A full planning report to be included with the Minutes when they are sent out to the membership. AC to invite Emily Wailesto attend the next HHHS Planning sub-committee meeting. A fence has been installed close to the Roman wall by the old Horncastle News office. Ian Marshman has contacted ELDC and Heritage UK to complain about the proximity of the fence post holes to the wall.
10.10	<p><u>Website update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The on-line shop is open and the payment process has been tested satisfactorily. AC will check and verify that the payment system does not store personal data.
10.11	<p><u>Future Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archives Open Day in January is to be held on Saturday 24th, from 10am to 4pm at the Community Centre. Pearl Wheatley (a founding member) has agreed to formally open the event. Some extra volunteers will be required to man the exhibit tables. Christmas Party will be held at the Masonic Hall on the 10th Dec; 29 attendees so far. A reminder email will be sent to all members. The Bar Unico display will be about the history of the school building which houses it, including famous and infamous pupils; to be scheduled for March or April, 2026. NF

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHHS participation in Horncaste's Window Wonderland will be lead by Ian Marshman.
10.12	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Publication sub-committee held its first meeting. The Horncastle Railway book should be published in time for the railway talk in January. • HHHS will lay a Memorial Day wreath. • KW will submit paperwork for HHHS to provide a small Christmas tree for the church event on Dec. 6 & 7. • The list of talks for 2026 has been finalized and will be posted on the website. After 4+ years of managing the annual talks program, Kev is stepping down; 2 potential replacements: MM & CW. • KW: lease old BT phone box in market square for £1 • The following items were raised by NF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we consider buying used books and maps for resale at a profit? The meeting felt that would not work well for us. • Use SJBC window for Remembrance Day display? Yes, and include the silhouette, books and poppies. • Should we have a donation box at our next meeting for attendees to donate funds towards the purchase of the building by SJBC? It was proposed to put this on the website if a suitable link can be provided rather than have a separate collection at the talk.
10.13	The next Executive meeting will be held on December 5 at 2 pm at the Joseph Banks Centre.
	The meeting adjourned at 15:45.