

## **HORNCASTLE HISTORY & HERITAGE SOCIETY**

### **Executive Meeting Minutes**

<b>DATE</b>	05/12/2025	<b>TIME</b>	14:00	<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Adam Cartwright
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<b>ATTENDEES</b>			
Adam Cartwright, Ch'man	Nick Fox, Vice Chairman	Micheal Hieatt, Planning	Helena Burman, Planning
Mike Martin, Rec. Sec'y			

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
12.1	<u>Apologies</u> Ian Marshman; Mary Silverton, Treasurer; Kevin Woodward, Secretary; Chris Wells; Jane Wells (both Chris and Jane have resigned from the Executive Committee)
12.2	<u>Approval of Executive Minutes 04/07</u> The minutes of the Executive meeting held on 24/10/2025 were approved without comment.
12.3	<u>Matters arising from the previous minutes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Plaques</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No action on the Watermill plaque; <b>AC</b> will complete before end-January.</li><li>• £381 obtained from Horncastle Town Council for the Ambrose Langley plaque, plus £100 each from the town football club and Harpars Bar, which will cover the cost of the plaque. A framed photo of Ambrose Langley will be given to each of the £100 donors.</li><li>• It was agreed to purchase aluminium plaques in future and consider a change of supplier to a cheaper alternative.</li><li>• Possibly 4 more plaques to be proposed for installation in the community.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>NF</b> sent a copy of our correspondence to the Thimbleby Parish Council concerning the name change from Thimbleby Hill to Thimbleby Road. ELDC will most likely support the installation of a 2<sup>nd</sup> sign on the signpost noting the former name.</li></ul>
12.4	<u>Correspondence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A request for information on Hearth Tax relating to pubs was received from Naomi Field, Archaeologist and Historian; responded by <b>KW</b>.</li><li>• AC provided an update on our application to ELDC's Storytellers Fund (provides funds for local heritage projects) to re-publish the booklet "Folklore Around Horncastle". The request will be reviewed at the Fund's next meeting in January, so we should have a response before the end of next month.</li><li>• ELDC sent an email concerning the Wolds Walking Festival which suggested a walk to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Viking Way in 2026. <b>AC</b> responded and agreed</li></ul>

	that HHHS would support this initiative. <b>HB</b> will check with Wellness Walking for participation ideas.
12.5	<p><u>Financial report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bank balance as of December 1 was £16,613.</li> <li>It was agreed to discuss the use of a savings account at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
12.6	<p><u>Archives update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ros Rickard donated some of her late husband's documents; cataloguing of these items is in progress.</li> <li>Review of existing files is in progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>larger files are being split;</li> <li>file topics are being rationalized to provide a more logical presentation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Industrial Archaeology team from the Society for Lincolnshire History &amp; Archaeology will visit HHHS Archive on Friday, Dec. 12 to look at maps and information on local industries.</li> </ul>
12.7	<p><u>CIO Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AC</b> is working through the process which involves setting up a CIO and then migrating the existing Society into it, which he is doing.</li> </ul>
12.8	<p><u>Society membership of Lincolnshire Heritage Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>KW</b> is arranging for the Society to join this valuable group.</li> </ul>
12.9	<p><u>Planning Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HHHS comments were submitted on the proposal to build 200+ houses on the north side of Lincoln Road.</li> <li>Planning permission has been submitted for an extension to the doctors' surgery on Spilsby Road.</li> <li>Planning permission has been submitted for a change of use for the land on the south side of Jubilee Way, east of West Street (the triangular piece of land between Jubilee Way and the rivers Bain and Waring). The proposal is for the creation of a wetland area.</li> <li>Planning permission has been submitted to upgrade the floodlights at the football pitch.</li> </ul>
12.10	<p><u>Publication Sub-Committee</u></p> <p>The next HHHS publication, titled "The Railway That Horncastle Built", will be printed in time for the Archive Open Day on January 21, 2026.</p>
12.11	<p><u>Website Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Books can now be purchased on the website. Since the facility was created six weeks ago, we have made sales totalling £98.</li> <li>There were 418 visitors to the website in the 28 days ending on Dec. 4. There was a lot of spam and trash email in the "contact us" section, so it was agreed to spend £60 to install Captcha software to ensure that only real folks can contact us.</li> <li>The student who will be working with HHHS early next year will be tasked with writing a few pieces on some of Horncastle's famous people, to post on the website.</li> <li>The full list of talks for 2026 is shown on the website.</li> </ul>

12.12	<p><u><i>Future Events</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning is complete for the Christmas Market stall, Christmas Party and Archive Day.</li> <li>• Bar Unico has space for 10 information boards. Date of the presentation to be determined, but most likely will be held in the late spring or early summer.</li> <li>• More information is required for the Wolds Walking Festival, to determine how we can best support this initiative.</li> <li>• The Marwood exhibition is scheduled for Jun to Sept next year. Need to contact ELDC to ensure there are not issues with the proposed advertising for this event.</li> </ul>
12.13	<p><u><i>Any Other Business</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AC</b> registered HHHS with Volunteer Centres, Lincolnshire, to attract volunteers to the organization.</li> <li>• <b>AC</b> recommended that HHHS consider developing a long-term (5 year) plan. Items such as museum accreditation should be considered in such a plan. (See the Arts Council website for information on the accreditation process.) AC will form a small group to take this forward,</li> <li>• <b>NF</b> advised that Horncastle Town Council asked HHHS for suggestions for new road names. Anyone with a suggestion should submit it to Nick before the end of December so that he can submit to Council by their deadline.</li> <li>• A BT phone box is available for rent in the Market Square.</li> </ul>
12.14	<p><u><i>Date of Next Meeting</i></u></p> <p>The next meeting of the HHHS executive committee will be held on Jan. 14 at 13:00.</p>
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 15:45.</p>