

SHAZ Report Full Council – April 13th 2022

Cllr Judy Anscombe

Meeting of the HAZ Strategic Board was held on March 23rd 2022

Masterplan

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Conservation Area Appraisal

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Building improvements

Assembly Rooms:

Evie Hayman confirmed that she is meeting on site with Kings & Dunne and Sarah Morrison, architect from Historic England, to review the proposals for the Assembly Rooms. Additional information on render and paint samples had been sent through which may alter the proposed works.

EH to analyse costs, when confirmed, into Essential and Desirable.

Old Hamond's School:

The Breckland Planning case officer has been replaced and is now Chris Hobson. There is an extension of time and still waiting on the viability and drainage studies.

Building improvements:

Contact with owners/tenants of buildings on priority list is progressing and to establish interest for the grants. Andrew Gayton, Conservation Officer will be involved due to his knowledge on the buildings and businesses.

Financials

Budget:

EH provides verbal update on the budget. The Quarter 4 claim has been sent to Historic England and is on track.

Benches update:

BDC procurement have been working to arrange contracts and order of the benches in time for financial year end. The benches are going to be recycled where required in Swaffham and throughout the towns in Breckland.

HAZ Extraordinary meeting March 28th 2022

The Extraordinary meeting was held to discuss/agree the final documents for the Masterplan from Urban Symbiotics and the Conservation Area Appraisal from Purcell Architects.

Masterplan - Presentation from Urban Symbiotics and to answer any questions. The board supported the document, and it will be taken to Cabinet on the 25th of April 2022 for final and formal sign off. The purpose of the document should be clear in the final version, setting out clear opportunities to bid for future funding.

Stephanie Edwards and the team from Urban Symbiotics were congratulated for the professional document and vision for Swaffham

Conservation Area Appraisal - Presentation from Purcell Architects and to answer any questions. The board supported the document, and it will be taken to Cabinet on the 25th of April 2022 for final and formal sign off. The purpose of the document is for it to be an easy-to-use planning policy document.

Sally Humphries highlighted that public consultation comments have influenced changes in the document from the previous draft.

The CAA document has changed since the public consultation document and includes a change in boundary lines and now includes a larger parcel of land in ownership of the Manor House; Sally Humphries confirmed that the house and stables were included already, the only addition is the gardens which are in the same ownership.

The Conservation Area Appraisal is an adopted document and is signed off at Cabinet, as it is a policy document.

Swaffham Cultural Consortium

Notes from Brain Armitage, Lead for the SCC are below:

Mosaic

Swaffham Men's Shed have completed the design of the Pyramid structure and will produce all woodwork. Howard Cardus, Swaffham based Norfolk Planning and Self Build Company, has generously agreed to manage preparation of the Planning Application, and is liaising with Norfolk County Council (NCC), owner of the intended site of the Pyramid.

Carolyn Ash our local Mosaic Artist lead a launch event for the Mosaic Project on the 12th March. The first of 20 open workshops for up to 16 participants was held on 26th March.

Archaeological Dig

In a virtual meeting, NCC Historic Environment Service gave their support to the project. A Geophysical Survey of Campingland to identify likely places to dig will take place on April 19th and 20th. A specialist will be present to facilitate community involvement by explaining to residents what is going on.

Media

We continue to promote events via our Website and Facebook Page. Swaffham Town Council's new Communications Officer is doing an excellent job in sharing Facebook posts to STC pages and groups. The support of Breckland and Historic England communications teams in doing the same will be much appreciated.

Cultural Programme 2023 / 24

SCC meeting on the 3rd March focussed on plans for 2023/24. A further application for these years has been drafted and is currently being reviewed.

Grant application meeting with Judy Anscombe and Richard Bishop planned for April 8th 2022.