



Minutes of Oxtan Society Committee Meeting January 4th, 2025, 19.00 St. Saviour's

Present:

Chris Jarrey	(CJ)	Chair
Jeff Willis	(JW)	Conversation and Planning
Alan Chape	(AC)	Conservation and Partnership / Vice-Chair
Bob Knowles	(BK)	History Group
Annette Capper	(ACa)	Friends of The Arno
Dominic Wilkinson	(DW)	Planning Lead
John Field	(JF)	Blue Plaques
John Heathman	(JH)	Secretary
Hugh Owen	(HO)	Membership
Griff Round	(GR)	Treasurer
Steve Weber	(SW)	Conversation and Planning

1. **Apologies** were received from George Harrison, Heather Alcock, John Field, Allan Brame

2. **Approval of minutes.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Conservation/Planning

- No new planning applications received since last report.
- Ashton House. Decision still imminent. Section 106 agreement awaiting. **Action JH** to ask Allan Brame what this agreement looks like.
- Local Listing. Alan Chape updated the meeting. A provisional list of properties has been compiled. Debate on whether we should consult residents. Still not clear exactly what WBC expect of us. **Action AC** to meet WBC, clarify approach and re-convene the group to prepare final list and narrative for each property.
- ACa stated that River Hill and 1-3 Shrewsbury Road have been sold. **Action JH** to ask Allan Brame for info on this

4. Sub-group reports:

a. **Friends of The Arno.** See reports sent out with agenda. Woodchurch Road school visit to the gardens was a great event very well received by the pupils. Possible opportunity for SG?

b. History Group.

- Walks programme pre complete.
- History Fair at Hulme Hall 22nd March
- Blue plaque Peter Sheppherd. June 2025 for unveiling. Speakers and official guests being finalised.

5. Community items

1. **Business update.** a. No response received from businesses regarding request for feedback on Xmas Lights event.
b. Don FW has recently sent out a business bulletin outlining the Secret Gardens event and inviting businesses to let us know their intentions.
c. New business (health care shop) opened January.
2. **Hanging baskets.** We are still seeking an overall co-ordinator for this project. Action JW to check whether Tom (man with van) is still working (and available for hire).
3. **Secret Gardens. Action HO** to lead a society stall.
4. **Green areas in the village (3).** Permission for development (maintenance) of the site on Village Road has been granted by WBC. **Action CJ** to lead on this, with JF eager to assist.

6. AOB

- a. Heritage street name signs - JH continuing with initial survey. Looking to repair the vandalized "Mount Pleasant" sign as a first step.
- b. Privacy Policy. **Action HO** to seek this document out and review.

7. Date of next meeting

Proposed to be Tuesday 5th March 2025, 7pm at St. Saviour's

The meeting finished at approximately 8.45pm