

## Notes – Blue Plaque Assessment Panel meeting

6.00pm, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Present: Councillors Casson & Longbottom

Association for Heritage Interpretation representative: Geraldine Mathieson

Local History Society representative: Katrin McClure

Clerk: N Pape

### 1. Appointment of Chair

It was proposed by Katrin McClure, seconded by Councillor Longbottom, and agreed unanimously that Councillor Casson be appointed as Chair for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year

**Agreed: that Councillor Casson be appointed as Chair for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year**

### 2. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Marten

**Agreed: that apologies be noted**

### 3. To note Blue Plaque policy

The current Blue Plaque policy was noted. It was suggested that blue plaques, and window stickers describing the history of notable shops, could be included within the village Heritage trail. The new Parish Council website will include details of the blue plaques and village heritage trail

### 4. To receive update on budget for the 2025/2026 financial year

The Clerk reported the budget for the blue plaque project for the 2025/2026 financial year was £1700, no funds had so far been spent from the budget. The Parish Office will obtain quotes for the purchase of 2 new blue plaques

**Agreed: that the Parish Office will obtain quotes for the purchase of 2 new blue plaques**

### 5. To consider nominations for suitable candidates and make recommendations to the Parish Council

The panel discussed potential candidates, it was proposed that the next 2 blue plaques commemorate Alan Plater (English Screenwriter) and Madame Clapham (Celebrated Dressmaker) with Ernest Shaw (cartoonist) in reserve. A further reserve list to include Brian Rix (petroleum), Winifred Holtby (authoress) and Alice Holtby (first ERYC female Councillor)

It was noted that the as the current blue plaque policy states that “In order to be eligible for a commemorative plaque an individual must have been deceased for a period of 20 years OR the centenary of their birth has passed” and that Alan Plater passed away in 2010, an amendment to the policy would be required prior to a blue plaque being approved

**Agreed: The Clerk will contact the existing property owners of Alan Plater and Madame Clapham’s previous residences to seek permission for the installation of blue plaques**

6. To propose additional names to be added to the Cottingham street name bank

The panel proposed that Nurseryman Walk and Dairy Walk be added to the Cottingham Street Name Bank, these names being nominated due to the history of merchant gardeners and dairy farmers trading from Cottingham

**Agreed: that it be recommended to Full Council that Nurseryman Walk and Dairy Walk be added to the Cottingham Street Name Bank**

**Date of next meeting: to be arranged**

The meeting closed at 6:53pm