

PETERBOROUGH SOCIETY

Inaugural Meeting record 1952

A RECORD of the INAUGURAL MEETING of THE PETERBOROUGH SOCIETY

A Meeting of a few citizens of Peterborough interested in the preservation of ancient buildings was held at the Angel Hotel Peterborough at 3.30 p.m., in the afternoon of Tuesday, December 16th 1952, at the invitation of Mr. H. B. Paten. The following were present:-

Mr. H. B. Paten; Mrs. M. A. Paten;
Messrs. K.G.Fryer; T.Powell; C.Sharman; J.Crisp;
G.Amies; E.Smedley, W.C.Wilkinson, H.G.Merchant;
W.T.Jeffries; A.Manton Baxter, E.T.Channell;
J.G.Warwick; Urwick Smith; the Rev. Canon J.L.
Cartwright and Mrs. E.M.Benstead (Mayoress).

Regrets for non attendance were received from:-

MR. FR. SKEVINGTON; MR & MRS D. CRISP; MR A W RUDDLE;
MR R.H. MOTTRAM (NORWICH SCTH); LT COL. THE HON. PETER BRASSEY;
MESSRS. SIMON EVERARD; W.E.WALLER; J.P.BRISTOW; P.CROWSON;
MISS ENID HARTLEY; CANON L.E.W. BOSLEY; MRS E.M. WHITTOME

Mr. Paten drew the attention of the Meeting to the changes which had taken place in the past 50 years and illustrated this with old prints of parts of the city. He mentioned the achievements of the Norwich Society which by influence gained over the past 30 years was doing much to preserve for posterity the heritage of the citizens of that city. Following an interesting discussion Mrs. E.M.Benstead proposed that a Society be formed with similar aims. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Urwick Smith and carried unanimously. It was agreed that the Society be known as "The Peterborough Society", that it be commenced by enrolling as Members all those interested at a subscription of 5/- per annum, the Rules and Objects to be drawn for the approval of the Members and that the business be conducted by a Committee composed of the Officers with powers to co-opt, until such time as an Executive Committee be elected by the Members.

Mr. H. B. Paten was elected Chairman of the Society.
Mr. T. Powell - Honorary Solicitor.
Mr. A. Manton Baxter - Honorary Secretary.
Mr. H. G. Merchant - Honorary Treasurer,
Mr. E. T. Channell, Honorary Assistant Secretary.

It was agreed that the election of a President be left until such time as the Committee were satisfied that the Society had been successfully launched.

Harry B. Paten
Chairman
17.11.53