



MEETING TITLE	Minutes of the 83rd meeting of the Blue Plaques Panel	
DATE	9 February 2022 at 11am	
LOCATION	English Heritage Offices, 100 Wood Street, London EC2V 7AN	
MEMBERS	Professor Ronald Hutton (Chair) Professor Richard Aldrich Dr Gus Casely-Hayford OBE Dr Simon Chaplin Emily Gee	Alex Graham Andrew Graham-Dixon Professor Claire Harman Amy Lamé
ATTENDEES	Sir Tim Laurence – Board Chairman (until 12:30) Anna Eavis – Curatorial Director & Panel Secretary Jeremy Ashbee – Head Historic Properties Curator Alex Carson – PR Manager Cathy Power – Blue Plaques Manager Rebecca Preston – Blue Plaques Historian Howard Spencer – Senior Historian, Blue Plaques Judeth Neville – Head of Governance (minutes)	
APOLOGIES	Mihir Bose	

Item 1 – Apologies, announcements and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the first face to face meeting since February 2020. He also welcomed the Chairman of Trustees, Sir Tim Laurence.
- 1.2 The Chair updated members on the status of recruitment of new Panel members. Members are invited to let us know of any possible candidates.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2021

- 2.1 Agreed as a correct record.

Item 3 – Matters arising

- 3.1 There were no matters arising.

Item 4 – Secretary's report (oral)

- 4.1 Anna Eavis updated members on plaque installations since the last meeting.

- 4.2 Installation of the first plaque of 2022 season will be mid-March. We are planning to install 14 new plaques this year, pending final consents. In addition, on 17 February 2022, the early Society of Arts plaque to Rowland Hill will be re-erected, by the Royal Free Charity, in their memorial garden off Rowland Hill Street.
- 4.3 Blue Plaques book edited by Howard Spencer: the 2nd edition has sold just over 1500 copies and we are planning a 3rd edition.
- 4.4 *Part of the Secretary's report is included in the protected Appendix to these minutes as it contains information that is potentially protected from public access.*

Item 5 – PR Update

- 5.1 The Panel noted the PR Update, including the forthcoming press briefing on 17 February when we will announce the 2022 programme.

Item 6 – Blue Plaques Programme - Progress Report

- 6.1 The Panel noted the progress of the plaques programme and that there is potential for the dates stated in the paper to change. Over the next month or two Cathy will email Panel members to confirm dates and may invite a Panel member to speak.

Item 7 – Criteria for the evaluation of Blue Plaque proposals

- 7.1 Noted.

Item 8 – Preliminary considerations

- 8.1 Under its terms of reference, the Blue Plaques Panel advises English Heritage on the erection of Blue Plaques. The Panel considered 16 preliminary reports as follows:

Jane Drew (1911-1996)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist.

R.V. Jones (1911–1997)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist.

Diana Rowden (1915-1944)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Sir Charles Parsons (1854-1931) and Rachel Parsons (1885-1956)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist.

Elsie Widdowson (1906-2000)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist, noting that it would also be worth considering her sister's position as part of final research.

Henry Muoria (1914-1997)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Quentin Crisp (1908-1999)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist.

Rosemary Edmonds (1905-1998)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Marian Hamar (1901-72)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Stefan Zweig (1881-1942)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist.

Winifred Atwell (c.1910 or c.1914-1983)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist.

Trevor Huddleston (1913-1998)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist.

Margaret Llewelyn Davies (1861-1944)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Asquith Xavier (1920-1980)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist.

Edgar Anstey (1907-1987)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Ted Willis, Baron Willis of Chislehurst (1914-1992)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Maeve Gilmore (1917-1983)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Michael 'Micky' Finn (1938-1996)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Item 9 – Shortlist of recommendations awaiting final report

9.1 Noted.

Item 10 – Final reports

10.1 *This item is included in a protected appendix to these minutes as it contains information that is potentially protected from public access.*

Item 11 – Any other business

11.1 The next Panel meeting would be held on Wednesday 8 June (11:00 – 13:00).