



MEETING TITLE	Minutes of the 87th meeting of the Blue Plaques Panel	
DATE	7 June 2023 at 11am	
LOCATION	English Heritage Offices, 100 Wood Street, London EC2V 7AN	
MEMBERS	Professor William Whyte (Chair) Professor Richard Aldrich Dr Simon Chaplin Chania Fox	Emily Gee Dr Gus Casely-Hayford OBE Professor Claire Harman Amy Lamé (by Zoom) Susie Thornberry
ATTENDEES	Sophie Anstee de Mas – new Panel member designate Anna Eavis – Curatorial Director Jeremy Ashbee – Head Historic Properties Curator Alexandra Carson – PR Manager Cathy Power – Blue Plaques Manager Rebecca Preston – Blue Plaques Historian Amita Sharma – Blue Plaques Event Manager Howard Spencer – Senior Historian, Blue Plaques Judeth Neville – Head of Governance (minutes)	
APOLOGIES	Alex Graham Andrew Graham-Dixon	Mihir Bose

Item 1 – Apologies, announcements and declarations of interest or any other business

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed as an observer Sophie Anstee de Mas, who will join as a Panel member from the end of this meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair noted that Alex Graham and Mihir Bose had sent comments in advance on the papers, to which he drew the Panel's attention as the meeting progressed.
- 1.3 There were no new declarations of interest.

Item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2023

- 2.1 With one amendment, the Minutes were approved as a fair and accurate record.

Item 3 – Matters arising

- 3.1 There were no matters arising.

Item 4 – Chair's report

- 4.1 The Chair thanked the members who have agreed to serve a second term on the Panel. He highlighted the areas of expertise to be sought in the forthcoming recruitment for additional Panel members and the Panel gave comments on the draft appointment brief.

Item 5 - Curatorial Director's report (oral)

- 5.1 The Secretary of State for Heritage, Lord Parkinson, announced – as part of a wider ranging speech – that he wished a national blue plaques scheme to be investigated. English Heritage has made a submission and we are in discussions with DCMS and HE.

A further update from the Curatorial Director is included in a protected appendix to these minutes as it contains information that is potentially protected from public access.

Item 6 – PR Update

- 6.1 The Panel noted the PR Update.

Item 7 – Blue Plaques Programme - Progress Report

- 7.1 The Panel noted the progress of the plaques programme.

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 17 preliminary reports as follows:

Jabez Church (1824–1875)

Jabez Church (1845–1896)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Manuel Chavez Nugales (1897–1944)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Sir Reginald MacLeod (1847–1935)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Samuel Sanders Teulon (1812–73)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Yvonne Rudellat (1895–1945)

The panel's decision was to shortlist.

John Forster (1812–1876)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Ian Donald (1910-1987)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Sir Harold Ridley (1906-2001)

The panel's decision was to shortlist.

Terrence (Terry) Higgins (1945-1982)

The panel's decision was to shortlist.

Sir Abu Bakar (1833-1895)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

22 Hans Place

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Dora Montefiore (1851-1933)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Józef Piłsudski (1867–1935)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Yootha Joyce (1927–1980)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Bobby Buckle (1868–1969)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Harry Edward (1898-1973)

The panel's decision was to shortlist.

W. K. L. Dickson (1860–1935)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Item 9 – Shortlist of recommendations awaiting final report

9.1 Noted.

Item 10 – Final reports

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 Chair convened a discussion around the future role of the Panel and structure of future Panel meetings. *Notes of this discussion are included in a protected appendix to these minutes as they contain information that is potentially protected from public access.*
- 11.2 The Chair noted that this is the last meeting for Chania Fox and thanked her for her valuable contributions to Panel debates and her learnings for future youth members.

Information paper: Blue plaques selection criteria

Minutes: J Neville 7.6.23