MUSEUM MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 6.00 pm on 24 MAY 2010

Present: Councillor K L Eden – Chairman

Councillor D J Morson (Uttlesford

Members), D Laing and A Watson (Museum

Society).

Also present at the invitation of the Chairman Councillor S V Schneider

Officers in attendance: C Wingfield (Curator) and C Roberts (Democratic Services Officer).

MM28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Chamberlain and J Redfern.

Councillor S V Schneider declared a personal and nonprejudicial interest in as much as she was a member of the Museum Society

MM29 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2010 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MM30 REPORT OF SAFFRON WALDEN MUSEUM SOCIETY LTD

The Working Group considered the report of the Museum Society Ltd which had been circulated before the meeting.

MM31 CURATOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT

The Group considered the report of the Curator covering the quarter ending March 2010. She added that it was anticipated that a Sainsbury planning application might be under consideration at a meeting in June or July, and she updated the meeting as to the state of sponsor commitment.

Members understood that the Strategic Management Board had prohibited recruitment of a Museum Education Officer pending

consideration of the Tim Heathcote report. Members expressed concern about the lack of an Education Officer at such an important time of the year, which would damage both income and continuity of bookings.

MM32 **HERITAGE QUEST UPDATE**

Members discussed possible courses of action which might be taken in the event of different possible decisions on the Heritage Quest planning decision.

MM33 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday 26 July at the Museum School Room Saffron Walden.

The meeting ended at 6:25 pm.