

# HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

## MINUTES of H&DCS COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 12th JANUARY 2021 – ONLINE ZOOM

**Date** – Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 10.00 am

**Venue** -The meeting was held online using Zoom hosted by StK

**Present on Zoom** - Tony Armstrong (AA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM), Jerry Simmons (JS), Ann Stephens (AS) and Yvonne Bridger (YB) for item 6.

**1) Welcome and Apologies.**

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Bob Clark (BC), and Terry Ashworth (TA) due to technical problems.

**2) Minutes Secretary.** AA and JS volunteered to take notes for the Secretary to write up the minutes.

**3) a) Minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020** – No amends requested and minutes signed by ShK on behalf of and as requested by AB.

**b) Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.** No amends requested and minutes were approved for submission to the next AGM to be held in December this year. The comment about schools was agreed should be progressed and included as an agenda item for future committee meetings and at the next AGM.

**4) Matters Arising not otherwise on the Agenda.** There were no matters arising concerning the Committee Meeting that were not otherwise on the Agenda.

**5) Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report (AM).**

AM reported that there were no matters of any consequence that needed to be raised. However, a HTC General Purposes meeting was to be held the next day to which AM would be making representations on some agenda items.

**6) TIC Closure and the Coal Shed**

The TIC Action Group (AB, ShK, StK, YB & JB) continues the challenge to have a staffed TIC reinstated in a sensible location in Hunstanton by Easter 2021. A Zoom meeting was held with James Wild MP and he has agreed to encourage the parties involved to work to achieving the aims by the end of March this year. YB reported on an article for the next Town & Around magazine. There is a Borough Council meeting planned for 17<sup>th</sup> February at which the TIC may be discussed. Agreed that it was important for the matter to be resolved in time for Easter.

**Action: TIC Action Group (TAG)**

**7) Treasurer's Report**

Some further late subscriptions have been received and fees for accounts preparation have been paid. The accounts for the last month were approved by the Committee.

**8) H&DCS Membership Report & Renewals.**

ShK advised that there were just a few subscriptions that remained unpaid. **Action: ShK**

**9) January 2021 Newsletter.**

Minor amendments were suggested to a draft January 2021 Newsletter circulated before the meeting. Discussion regarding the Capt. Fryatt bench (the subject of the main feature in the Newsletter) resulted in a decision for the Society to fund the acquisition of a bench to incorporate a memorial plaque and possibly attach the old back rest with the dedication on the back of a new bench or possibly preserved in the Heritage Centre.

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### 10) Heritage Centre Lease and Fundraising.

Progress still required in order to complete the lease agreement. Roof repairs and utility service provision still unresolved

11) **Heritage Centre.** Still uncertainty on account of Covid remains. Downstairs heating system in partial operation. Professional electrician required to bring electrics to appropriate standard. Opening days and hours when we do open still to be decided. **Action: Committee to review.**

12) **Marketing/Social Media matters.** Meeting with Rory Blake after last month's committee meeting produced some useful ideas including a) need to attract younger people b) An aquarium in the Centre c) more hands-on activities d) provision for locals and tourists. MB suggested that Heritage Centre involves itself in town-wide activities aimed specially towards children and builds a calendar of annual activities. Sub-group established to further this – AB, AS, ShK and MB. Noted that further meetings with consultant would attract charges. **Action - Committee**

13) **Chair's Discussion Document.** Nothing to report.

14) **Gardens/Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Great Britain.** Nothing extra to report.

15) **Pier Project.** StK reported on letter found in Brian Holmes files re Southwold Pier rebuild using local builders, materials and a crane purchased for pile driving etc. Action – **StK to send material to JB.**

**Rail Project.** Nothing to report.

16) **Talks Programme.** After discussion, it was decided to get in touch with Judith Thursby and suggest she might like to chat to us at the start of our next Committee meeting. StK /ShK reported that they had received much material from one of our members (Christine Dean) who has carried out a lot of work regarding Pocahontas and the Rolfe family. **Action: StK/ShK to send invitation to Judith and to provide JS with the Pocahontas documentation as he has an interest in this subject.**

17) **Outings.** Nothing to report.

18) **Town Centre & Town Walks.** In abeyance until Spring 2021.

19) **AOB – Buildings** Insurance on the Heritage Centre building is up for renewal early February. AM to send details of policy to StK and JS for review asap.

20) **Date and Venue of future meetings** – Decided that the next meeting should be held by Zoom on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 10.00am

Dates & Time of next Meetings		
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	10.00 am	Next Committee Meeting by Zoom