

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of MEETING of H&DCS COMMITTEE HELD AT HERITAGE CENTRE

TUESDAY 14th September 2021

Date – Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 10.00 am

Venue -The meeting was held at the Hunstanton Heritage Centre

Present – Tony Armstrong (AA), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM).

1) Welcome and Apologies.

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), John Bridger (JB), Bob Clark (BC) and Ann Stevens (AS).

2) Minutes Secretary. ShK & StK volunteered to write up the minutes.

3) Minutes of meeting held on 22nd June 2021 – No amends requested and minutes signed by AB.

4) Matters Arising - Item 13 – AA reported that additional ballast had been applied to enhance the Railway Garden and the Signal has been repainted by the Gardens Department BCKLWN. Bench still required painting. Mick Smith has applied another coat of preservative to the Wolf in the Chapel Garden. A question was asked as to who was responsible for the Chapel Garden – thought to be the Borough Council. Mick has requested that the Edith Cavell bench be relocated to AB's garden.

4a) Minutes of meeting held on 23rd June 2021 – No amends requested and minutes signed by AB

4b) Matters arising from Minutes of meeting held 23rd June 2021 – AB reported that she had received (and circulated) the forms from the Architectural Heritage Foundation but was yet to start filling them in regarding application for the Project Viability Grant.

5) Notes of Zoom meeting held 6th July 2021 – This meeting was held to discuss the Chair's Discussion Paper entitled HDCS Activities & Projects. No amends requested

6) Matters arising from meeting held 6th July 2021 – Item 3(e) As AA had not had any papers from WNTF of recent, ShK was asked to follow this up with Phil Eke. **(Action – ShK)**
Item 3e – It was decided that the suggestion of an additional £12 subscription charge per annum for members not on email and requiring hard copy of papers should be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Item 3k – Talks – AA was asked to seek speakers for our Talks beginning with one on 20th October 2021. AM has created displays in the Heritage Centre concerning the Local BCKLWN Local Plan Review and made some presentations on 2nd, 5th September and was also making a presentation to the Town Council this evening.

5a) Notes of meeting held at Heritage Centre on 20th July 2021 – This meeting was held to continue the discussion about the Chair's Discussion Paper entitled HDCS Activities & Projects. Under Item h) AM requested that the sentences 'NCC argues shelter in Hunstanton' be removed.

6a) Matters arising from meeting held 20th July 2021 – Under Item h) – AM said that he would follow up the matter of footpaths and cycle routes with Andrew Jamieson with respect to the Interpretation Board to go into the Mercy Gray shelter.

Item I) – Agreed that the two benches (Edith Cavell and Capt Charles Fryatt) should be replaced with modern equivalents each to have plaques indicating that their history can be viewed in the Heritage Centre along with the back boards of the original benches; also to provide details of any relevant sponsorship. StK to talk to Anthony Jewell regarding the

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possibility of the Royal British Legion providing some funding particularly for the Edith Cavell bench. StK to send AB a copy of the photo he has of the Fryatt bench.

7) Correspondence, Planning and Council Report

- a) AM reported that CIL monies had been awarded to the Town Council in respect of: the Town Hall and Community Centre Hearing Loops; Trim and Trail equipment and Youth Shelter at the Community Centre.
- b) An email from Henry Buckton seeking our interest in the making of a film next year. This film about Discovering Norfolk follows similar ones he had done for other counties. Agreed that we would be interested and responded accordingly
- c) A letter from a local resident concerning his uncle, Peter Lewis Crown (former owner of the House of Lachasse (Couturier)), asking if we would be prepared to accept, on his death, his OBE and a prestigious American Medal. Meeting held with Michael at the HC with AB, ShK and StK on 5th September has resulted in direct communication with Mr Lewis Crown by StK and, after chatting with MB, to the possibility of creating a display/Newsletter article on his career.
- d) An email had been received from a Mr Paul Cooper regarding the missing benches (Edith Cavell and Capt Fryatt). ShK and StK will respond to him.

8) Treasurer's Report

The accounts to date were approved by Committee. AM advised that there was an account regarding Buildings Insurance on the Heritage Centre to be paid.

9) Membership Report and Renewals

Membership renewal subscription notices would be going out in the next few days. AB advised that her Chair's Report was in preparation.

10) Talks Programme – AA agreed to attempt to find speakers from 20th October onwards – StK to investigate costs, availability and hiring conditions of Town Hall. Many members had asked when Talks were going to resume. Also discussed were other events including the Platinum Jubilee (AM to find Railway Magazines surrounding the Queen's Accession to the throne). Also discussed putting up Christmas lights for the Christmas Lights Festival on 28th November and any contribution to the Christmas Tree festival (3rd to 5th December). Suggested a tree could involve using the Society's Green Plaques. Also discussed contacts made with Hunstanton Scouts and Smithdon School regarding promotion and involvement with the youth of Hunstanton and the Heritage Centre.

Another discussion ensued about West Norfolk Tourism Forum insofar as there seems not to have been any contact/minutes etc of WNTF meetings. ShK to follow up with Phil Eke.

Also discussed a possible celebration for this Society's 20th Anniversary next year.

11) H&DCS Newsletter for September – MB has not been able to visit one of our members to complete her 'story'. This will be deferred until completed.

12) Heritage Centre Lease and Fundraising.

Nothing to report in addition to that reported earlier in AHF form filling.

13) Heritage Centre – Installation of water meter and Electricity Meters now completed. ShK reported that we had received a reminder that our electric automatic doors were due for a service. Agreed that we should obtain a price for this but may well consider that we revert to manual operation of these doors. AA asked to purchase replacement ceiling tiles.

14) Marketing/Social Media Matters. Covered earlier in the meeting.

15) Chair's Vision Document. Nothing to report at this stage.

16) Gardens/ Hunstanton in Bloom/& Greening Grey Britain. Railway Garden ballast resolved (see 4 above)

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- 17) **Pier Project.** JB reported that he is following closely a member's efforts regarding the Green and had expressed his willingness to assist where possible. KLHRC Project – nothing to report.
- 18) **Talks Programme.** Covered under 10) above.
- 19) **Outings.** A number of our members attended the Sculthorpe open day in August.
- 20) **Town Centre Shop Fronts & Town Walks.** Discussion postponed until the winter season.
- 21) **AOB.** – AB to attend meeting on 17th September with Twinning Group regarding future events involving 67th SOS of the USAF.

Dates & Times of next Meetings		
Tuesday 12th October	10.00am	Monthly Committee Meeting at Heritage Centre
Tuesday 9th November	10.00am	Monthly Committee Meeting at Heritage Centre
Wednesday 8th December	6.30pm	Annual General Meeting