

# HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

## NOTES of MEETING of H&DCS Committee – Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Date** – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 10.00 am

**Venue** - Heritage Centre

**Present** – Tony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Bob Clark (BC), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM)

### **Welcome and Apologies.**

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Ann Stephens (BC) and from Jerry Simmons (JS) who has resigned from the H&DCS Committee but will continue to support the work of the Society. Jerry was warmly thanked for his input to the committee.

- 1) **Minutes Secretary.** JB volunteered to write up the minutes.
- 2) **Notes for meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021** – No amends requested.
- 3) **Matters Arising not otherwise on the Agenda.** Nothing to report
- 4) **Meeting Notes**
  - a) **Visits** – RAF Sculthorpe Heritage Centre will be opening up on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 for visitors. No prior booking is required. JB to produce a note for circulation to all H&DCS members. **Action: ShK, StK**
  - b) **Local Plan** – This should shortly be ready for putting out to consultation to the general public. **Action: AM coordinating for H&DCS and could organise a display for the Heritage Centre to replace the Pocahontas display.**
  - c) **Annual General Meeting** – due to be held in December and could be held again using Zoom, as last year
  - d) **Talks** – after discussion it was agreed to suspend talks until 2022. This decision to be reviewed again in September/October, prior to the AGM. A potential presentation to members could be provided by AM on the current live topic of the Local Plan.
  - e) **Life Stories** – MB reported that work on the latest life story will be continued when possible. **Action: AA to send a photo of former coffee shop on Hunstanton High Street to StK**
  - f) **Heritage Gardens** – The Railway Garden and the Heritage Centre frontages will be reviewed in October 2021. **Action: Committee**
  - g) **Hunstanton Web Cam** – Live views of Hunstanton available on-line: views from Town Hall, Promenade, Sailing Club and Clifftop car park.
  - h) **Mercy Grey Shelter** – AM stated that the AONB paths have still not been finalised and hence it is still not possible to arrange an Interpretation Board for the Mercy Grey Shelter. NCC argues that this route terminates at Titchwell. AM will see if access to the NCC £3,000 grant can be extended to at least recognise the shelter in Hunstanton. **Action: AM**
  - i) **Benches** – an update on the Edith Cavell bench and Capt Fryatt bench was discussed. **Actions:**
    - a) StK to look for photos of the Fryatt bench and send to AB
    - b) MB to follow up on: potential BCKLWN contribution to the cost of a replacement bench; repainting the signal and buffers in the Railway Garden.

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### j) Heritage Open Days

- Visits to Lighthouse, Old Hunstanton Hall and Infant School under consideration.  
Action: **AM to arrange**
- Guided walk around Heacham. **Action: AM to discuss possibility with Mavis Windibank**
- Publicise Heritage and Walking Trails in the Hunstanton area; consider mailshot and on-line publicity to schools and other organisations. **Action: AB, StK, ShK**
- Look into Listed Building Status for the Coal Shed. **Action: AM**

### 5) Heritage Centre – AB has received additional information from Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) relating to a potential Grant Application. **Action: AB, AM, ShK & StK**

### 6) Other Heritage Centre Issues – **Action: for further discussion in the Autumn**

- **Opening hours** from October to be reviewed
- **Signage** – discussion of possible display screen above front door; banners; flagpoles
- **Storage** – identify storage for admin/records
- **Funding** – should H&DCS require a minimum donation from visitors to the Heritage Centre?
- **Accredited Museum Status** – Should the Heritage Centre be registered as such?
- **Product sales** – photos for calendars still required
- **McCarthy & Stone** – potential sponsorship possibility
- **Publication of booklet** - Objects of interest, as included in our Newsletters

Dates & Times of next Meetings in 2021		
September	10 am	
October	10 am	