

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

NOTES of ZOOM MEETING of H&DCS Committee - TUESDAY 6th July 2021

Date – Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 2.00pm

Venue – The meeting was held online using Zoom hosted by StK

Present on Zoom – Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM), Jerry Simmons (JS).

1) Welcome and Apologies.

AB, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Tony Armstrong (AA), John Bridger (JB) and Bob Clark (BC)

2) Minutes Secretary. ShK and StK volunteered to write up the notes.

3) Consideration of Discussion Paper “HDCS Activities – Projects” All had read the spreadsheet previously circulated by AB.

a) Committee – AB asked how much time officers spent on their duties. Agreed that times varied tremendously but roughly Secretary spends about a day per month on meeting administration whilst Treasurer spends about the same dealing with the Finances. These hours are spread throughout each month. AB had not quantified her hours but indicated that time spent to carry out duties has increased since she took on the role.

Other Committee Members did not quantify their hours although clearly increased if and when they took on roles including writing articles for the Newsletter.

Town Walks were discussed. It was agreed that we should take more photos and try to post a couple of accompanying sentences to report on what was found, whether to inform relevant authorities or simply highlight activities. Also agreed that we should create a Facebook Page in order to keep members and residents aware of goings-on in the Town and District (see also j) below).

b) Planning – Much discussion on the Local Plan and what is happening over the coming months with respect to Consultation at Council and Public levels. AM agreed that he should take the lead on this. Agreed that we should keep these matters in the public eye using Newsletter and Town & Around Magazine.

c) Civic Voice – AM happy to continue being our representative on this body and report as required.

d) Coastal Community Team (CCT) – currently defunct, although there are moves to restart where they left off a couple of years ago. Jason Richardson is the Borough Council Officer responsible for operation of the group.

e) West Norfolk Tourist Forum (WNTF) – AA is our representative; our second representative, Ann Stevens, is currently taking a break from HDCS committee so we should consider nominating a replacement on WNTF (if and when meetings resume).

f) Hunstanton Town Council – AM will report on HTC activities on an ad hoc basis, as appropriate (no formal representation).

g) Membership – ShK keeps membership lists up to date. There followed discussion on whether those who are not on email should pay extra for having hard copy printed and distributed. Suggested that £12 per annum should be requested at membership renewal time if members wished to continue receiving the Newsletter and other papers in hard copy (to cover costs of paper, printing, mailing, etc). Agreed that AGM papers and membership renewals should go out at the end of August as before.

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- h)** Accounts – Now that the structure of the Society has been reorganised and rationalised, although not a legal requirement, David Boxell should be asked to continue auditing our accounts at the year-end (30th September).
- i)** Website – transition to Wordpress should continue, following which the ability to include reports and activities as they happen could be incorporated. Potential use of secure Work-Spaces available to Committee members was suggested; StK would investigate this at a later stage.
- j)** Facebook – Pending creation of an HDCS Facebook page, items might be posted on local pages such as “Hunstanton Area” (subject to approval by their administrators).
- k)** Talks – It was agreed that the present system of Talks could be reinvigorated to try to encourage more participation and more young members to attend, even opening up more for the wider public, improving promotion and publicity. Also timing was reviewed and it was suggested that talks could be more variable with respect to timing and venue (Town Hall presently unavailable). Consideration of different subjects and examples was suggested, including possibly a talk on use of Carrstone in modern constructions (e.g. 29 Sandringham Road development). MB to follow up on the possibility of the Architect giving a presentation. AM could do a presentation on the Local Plan as part of the consultation process (August/September). Other possible topics: Rewilding at Ken Hill; Tourism.
Suggested that we might invite Steven King (BCKLWN Conservation Officer) to address the committee and even possibly the membership on Conservation as it affects Hunstanton.
Use of the Heritage Centre was discussed, but we have the problem of a lack of seating and possible license requirements. A source of folding chairs might be St Edmund’s Church Hall – MB to investigate.
- l)** Our Image – there was discussion on whether we should be updating our Logo and what, if any, permissions had we got for the use of the old Hunstanton coat of arms (if that is what it is). To ask John Maiden/Brian Holmes.

Dates & Times of next Meetings in 2021		
Tuesday 20th July	10 am	Extraordinary Meeting – H&DCS Activities in 2021/2022 Part 2 in the Heritage Centre