

# HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

## MINUTES of H&DCS COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2021 – ONLINE ZOOM

**Date** – Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 10.00 am

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

**Present on Zoom** - Tony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM), Jerry Simmons (JS), Martin Chown (MC) for item 5 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 Ann Stephens (AS).

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

**3) Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021** – No amends requested and minutes signed by ShK on behalf of and as requested by AB.

**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 (MC, AM & ShK).**

MC from the Conservation Area Advisory Panel (CAAP) was welcomed to the meeting by AB and invited to give a brief presentation of the work of the CAAP. He explained that it was a non-statutory group whose members serve by invitation. The role of the CAAP (Conservation Panel) is to give a view on selected planning applications which feeds back into the Planning Application as a consultee. The CAAP meet monthly, to an agenda of selected proposals in relation to conservation and planning. Borough Planning officers, as well as Developers and Architects ask the Conservation Officer (Steven King) to run projects through the CAAP at both the Pre-App stage (before a formal application is made) and at the Application stage. The views of the Panel are often helpful in determining the scope and character of an application, whether within an official Conservation Area within the Borough, or looking into it.

The Panel is chaired by the Conservation Officer, but both the Panel and the Conservation Officer may submit differing views to the process, although this is rare.

In relation to Town Council matters, AM reported that the Neighbourhood Plan is at an advanced stage and may soon become a material consideration in future planning applications. The Twinning with 67<sup>th</sup> Squadron of the USAF may be a discussion item at Town Council soon.

ShK advised that the old laptop computer has been donated to an organisation that recycles these for use by children working online at home with their schools.

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

The TIC Action Group (AB, ShK, StK, YB & JB) is now waiting for BCKLWN to present their proposals following their review intended to be completed by the end of March. It is hoped that the emphasis will be on cooperation, rather than the prevailing attitude, which is widely regarded as adversarial. **Action: TIC Action Group (TAG)**

**7) Treasurer's Report**

One subscription received since the last report. 24 Guide Books sold since last report. StK highlighted the fact that we are now in profit on the Guide Book project. Total of balances in our accounts stand at £14,331.59.

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

ShK reported as per Treasurer's Report that one subscription received, still three lots due but not now expected.

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### 9) February 2021 Newsletter.

Not all Committee members had successfully received the draft sent out by StK. To be resent and any comments to be sent to StK for inclusion.

### 10) Heritage Centre Lease and Fundraising.

Agreed that the Lease needs to be finalised without further delay. A number of items require clarification from Landlord to whom a list will be sent. Agreed that the Insurance premium and rent will be paid on receipt of invoice from Landlord. **Action AB, JS ShK & StK.**

### 11) Heritage Centre.

Difficulty with electricity provider regarding meters still persists. Installation of heaters delayed on account of Covid. Uncertainty regarding post Covid opening remains.

Volunteer availability could be problematic. **Action: Committee to review.** Pocahontas project – following offer of information from Christine Dean contact has been made by JS. She describes having a wealth of material which we might be able to see once Covid restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, she has agreed to send 2 books on the subject. A modest charitable donation has been promised by JS once books received. **Action JS.**

### 12) Marketing/Social Media matters.

Grant application for ‘Go Digital’ funding has now been accepted which StK will progress. **Action - StK**

### 13) Chair’s Discussion Document.

Nothing to report.

### 14) Gardens/Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Great Britain.

Capt Fryatt and Edith Cavell benches – AM will apply for grant from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) towards renovation. **Action AM**

### 15) Pier Project.

JB reported that the Withernsea Pier group were on the point of starting to rebuild their pier in 4 phases having obtained all the necessary permissions from statutory bodies and adequate funding – **JB to monitor progress.**

**Rail Project.** Nothing to report.

### 16) Talks Programme.

Judith Thursby has just sent a long list of potential speakers that we might be able to utilise if we were to restart a Talks Programme whether in public or by Zoom. StK and ShK have been invited to attend the King’s Lynn Society of Arts and Science monthly meeting this Friday which uses Zoom and will assess usability of such meeting methods by this Society.

**Action: StK/ShK**

### 17) Outings.

Nothing to report.

### 18) Town Centre & Town Walks.

In abeyance until Spring 2021.

### 19) AOB –

There was no other business to discuss

### 20) Date and Venue of future meetings –

Decided that the next meeting should be held by Zoom on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10.00am

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