

Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 9 April 2013 at 9.15 am

in Large Committee Room, Valentine Road, Hunstanton

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Sue Boxell, Martin Chown, Norma Ham, Ivy Scales, Ann Stevens.

Apologies. None.

Minutes of Meeting held on 12 March 2013 were approved and signed.

Secretary's Report and Matters Arising.

Planning Applications and Developments

Outline application for construction of a mixed-use scheme of 355 dwellings, a care home, housing with care facilities, a building for community use , business incubator units, a public house with accommodation, allotments, associated landscaping, a skate park, green open space, SUDS ponds and associated works including an electricity substation and a pumping station. Developer unknown. The proposed site would be south of the village of Heacham (population 4,707). The new scheme would increase this figure by 1,385 plus 80 bed spaces in care home/housing with care. MC thought that should construction go ahead then it would destroy plans for something similar on the other side of the A149.

Correspondence

Spinney. AM had sent an objection to NCC Highways .

Chapel Bank Shelter. AM circulated a diagram showing the proposed new site for the shelter.

Car Parking Survey. NCC considered Cliff Parade a cash cow. AM did not want to see parking meters all along it. MC considered there was enough clutter already with signs. There was a danger with a survey in that should residents not return the forms then parking meters could be imposed. AM said the subject should be left for the moment.

Treasurer's Report. AG reported that the current a/c balance was £2,219.73, deposit a/c £7,364.66, total assets £9,584.39. AG suggested raffling the wine left over from the AGM at the talks evening on 17 April. Tickets could be sold during the interval.

Report from Heritage Sub-Committee – Lease of premises on The Green.

While all agreed the opportunity for a Heritage Centre was very welcome, discussions revealed areas of difficulty, especially in:

Terms of the Lease/Formal Agreement. AG advised that we would need formal legal advice to draw up the terms of the lease. (As tenants HCS would have to cover the cost). The agreement prepared by Solveig Ward would not suffice.

Staffing. NH requested that we do not employ anyone. It would appear that we would have difficulty in even opening the Centre for three days a week from 10.00 am-4.00 pm. IS believed that ideally it should be open daily. MB mentioned the possibility of A-level history students helping out.

Heating. Solveig's lease required a small amount of heating in cold weather. Electricity is currently supplied by British Gas. They would impose a standing charge of 25p per day and 11.94p/kWh daytime or 7.94p/kWh night time.

Toilet facilities. Access to a toilet at the rear of the building might be available when the owners are in residence. In their absence a locked door would prevent entry to the facility.

Food/drink not permitted on premises. This clause in Solveig's lease that appears not allow members on duty to bring in a packed lunch/flask of tea or coffee needs to be clarified.

AM would be seeking the advice of Civic Voice before informing Solveig of our difficulties. A meeting to report her reactions and to formulate a handout was fixed for 8.00 pm at AM's residence on Monday 15 April. Also for discussion at that meeting would be the possibility of seeking funds from English Heritage for the proposed Centre.

Report from Green & Pier Sub-Committee, QEII Fields Challenge. John Maiden had written to advise that the Borough Council had not agreed with the request of the Town Council to allow the whole of The Green to be designated as QEII Fields.

Report from In-Bloom. SB reported that the remaining tamarisk trees were planted on 19 March. On 4 May the Orchard would be holding a "Blossom Day" from 11.00 am-5.00 pm. On 29 May there would be a "Bug Hunt" in Boston Square. AS had noticed that the Wolf was cracking but Chris Durham had said this was normal weathering and they treated it as required. St

Edmund's head would be back in place soon. The Freedom of Hunstanton for the USAF 67th. Special Operations Squadron would now be held in September.

Summer Garden Party to Raise Funds for the Chapel Bank Shelter Project. AM said that his garden was not yet ready. He suggested that perhaps it could be held in the proposed future Heritage Centre. The subject was put on hold.

Dates of next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 14 May, Tuesday 11 or Wednesday 12 June..