

## Hunstanton & District Civic Society

### Ordinary Committee Meeting Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 9.15 am Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road, Council Offices

**Present:** Andrew Murray (Chairman & Interim Secretary), John Little (Treasurer), Terry Ashworth, Margi Blunden, Martin Chown, Norma Ham, Margaret Robinson, Ivy Scales, Ann Stevens

1. **Apologies.** None.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 11 March 2014** approved and signed.

3. **Secretary's Report – incorporating report from Town Council, Planning Applications. Former Garage Site:** The application by McCarthy & Stone is not on the agenda for the next meeting of the Planning Committee on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps the plans are being re-drawn to include space for delivery vehicles, ambulances etc. AS asked if the Council wanted the proposed care home. AM replied that the Borough Council would get a substantial amount of money by leasing a part of the car park to facilitate construction.

**Leaning tree, 16 Valentine Court:** The height and lean of the tree over the doctor's surgery car park could be dangerous. AM thought that the application to reduce the height to the level of the fence should be opposed

**Protection of Cedar tree in Sandringham Road:** MC said that to build flats there would be detrimental to the Conservation Area. He considered it a landmark decision.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** AM suggested that the report be sent out by e-mail before the meeting. After correction to the paper version supplied, the current a/c balance was £1,571.11, deposit a/c £7400.70, total assets £8,971.81. JL had received the Membership List from David Boxell. Membership had been reduced to 207. NH said the renewal forms had become too complicated and needed revision. MC proposed a group be formed for this purpose, with volunteers AM, JL, AS, MC, TA. First meeting would be at 10.00 am on Tuesday 20 May at 12-A Boston Square.
5. **Report from Hunstanton Heritage Centre Trust.** A Literary Group would be meeting there on a regular basis in the mornings. We could not charge them but donations would be accepted. AM read out the details of a forthcoming visit of Leicester schoolchildren.
6. **Preparations for In Bloom.** In the absence of MB, AS had attended the meeting on the subject of "Hunstanton, a Victorian Garden Town by the Sea" The signs are all prepared for this year but we must keep the idea alive. AM would send a memo to Tim Humphreys at the BC saying it was well received by In Bloom. MB would be attending the next In Bloom meeting.

7. **Progress on Projects. Talks Evenings:** MC said he was almost there. AM said the programme card should be circulated with the membership renewals in September. Even though David Boxell had retired, he hoped the BC would continue to print the cards for us. One of the inhabitants of TA's building was a daughter of Eric Morecambe. Her name is Gail Stuart and she could be a potential speaker for 2015.
- Relocation of Chapel Bank Shelter:** AM was still waiting for Mr Penty to come back with the cost of moving it.

**Input to Neighbourhood Plan:** Progress had been slow as Deputy Clerk Chris Amos is off sick. TA had prepared a very good list of Heritage Assets which MC suggested sending directly to the BC. AM said it should be submitted to the TC, as they were acting as Leader. Brian Holmes had been invited to a TC Working Group on the subject. TA would like to be part of it. AM would enquire.

**Updating and reprinting Interpretation Boards, Plaques Leaflet.** The latter was almost ready for printing, probably by Paris Print. MC asked if it was accurate. AM replied that it was. The Interpretation Boards were making heavy weather. The grammar needed to be checked. NH volunteered to proof read.

**Production of Oasis Way Leaflet:** MB said this was not yet started as the Ringstead Windmill leaflet was still in course of preparation and the next leaflet planned would be on the subject of Henry Le Strange.

**Ringstead Windmill's Historical Associations:** The pencilled sketches were about to be inked in and the text was already complete.

8. **Outing to Deene Park, 17 September 2014.** MB reported that the terms and conditions had become extremely complicated and costly. Tickets would be £23/£25 with an additional £14.50 for a set lunch, and a cheque of £65 was required in advance. Regretfully it was decided to cancel the trip for this year. MC suggested sending out details earlier next year. MB asked for members' e-mail addresses for this purpose.

9. **Date of next meetings Tuesdays 6 May, 10 June.**

10. **AOB. Spinney:** MB said that the name of Henry Le Strange should be highlighted in gold lettering on the inside wall of the tiled circle, along with that of Richard Searle. JL reported that there was quite a lot of litter on the grass of the Spinney, with no bins provided. AS said this subject was brought up at the In Bloom meeting. Apparently the BC had not wanted to