

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY
Committee meeting at 2.30pm on Thursday, 28th April 2016
at the Council Offices, Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray (AM), Margi Blunden (MB), Mavis Windibank (MW), Terry Ashworth (TA), Ann Stevens (AS), Tony Armstrong (AA), Stephen Kent (SK), David Jones (DJ), Alethea Gillard (AG)

1. **Apologies** received from John Maiden (JM) and Andrew Winnington (AW).
2. The **minutes** of the previous meeting were approved and signed. AM has been given a framed marine photograph but we do not think it is Hunstanton pier. We should inquire of the Records Office regarding the placement of the Infants School records and we should also look at the contents. A letter has been received from AW resigning from the committee.
3. **Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report** – The planning committee meet on Monday, 9th May and the Lidl application will be recommended for approval. Other matters to be discussed are outline permission for the development in Cromer Road and the play area by the ice cream shop on Cliff Parade.

AM attended the Mayor's Awards in King's Lynn. Unfortunately, the Mayor, Colin Manning, was ill and the deputy Mayor was in charge. They did not feel the model shop front merited an award. Lots of awards went to second homes in Burnham Market and Brancaster.

The Borough Council considers they now have a 5-year supply of land. A request will be made to NCC to part fund a bus shelter in Princess Drive that will cost £2,700.

The Victorian Society is to visit Hunstanton on 1st October.

Historic England is holding an event in Peterborough re "How to list buildings of historic and heritage importance". Marine Knowledge of Exchange Network is also having a meeting in Sherringham. Both these events are on 12th May.

Scaffolding has to be erected round the Town Hall due to cracks appearing because of McCarthy and Stone pile driving. Repairs will be needed to the front of the building.
4. **Treasurer's report** – There were reports re the Heritage Centre, Civic Society and Mercy Gray shelter. We need to know who owns the shelter for insurance purposes. It is worth about £30,000. Dersingham village centre run a lottery costing £5. Perhaps we should do something similar at a later date. The Borough Council made an agreement with McCarthy and Stone

they pay £100,000 for the loss of car parking. This was to be used to improve the access to the 3 properties at the back of the car park or for the benefit of the town. AM will contact Matthew Henry to find out what is happening to the money.

5. **Website** – Nothing to report.
6. **Heritage Centre** – The windows have been cleaned. There is a new display with maps. Mustard TV has been there today. John Smith will be doing a rotating exhibition during July. March and April donations were up on last year.
7. **Britain in Bloom** - Railway garden needs revamping. New railway ballast, compost and plants are required. A retaining fence to protect the ballast is perhaps a good idea. It was agreed the Civic Society would provide £200 for this. Grass cutting in the area has been reduced from 18 cuts to 12.
8. **Talks** – all talks, except one, have been booked for 2017. At the AGM there will be a picture quiz and an exhibition on the Heritage Centre.
9. Progress on projects
 - a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – questionnaires have been returned and there will be an open day at the Heritage Centre on 18th June to display results and refreshments will be provided.
 - b) **Pier** working party – A visit was made to London to see Sir Henry Bellingham who had arranged a meeting with Mark Francois, the Minister for Coastal Communities. Mr. Francois should be invited to Hunstanton to meet the Coastal Communities Team.
 - c) **Tiles in Spinney** - No further progress.
 - d) **Outing to Wisbech** – the coach has been cancelled. There was no cancellation fee.
 - e. **Mercy Gray shelter** – all the wood filling has been done and it is being repainted. Some softwood blocks are to be replaced with night storage heater bricks. Interpretation boards are progressing.
 - f) **Twinning** with 67th USAF Squadron – At present, 120 local people and 50 Americans will be coming to the ceremony.
10. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 24th May 2016 at 2.30pm at the Heritage Centre.