

# Hunstanton and District Civic Society

## Meeting Minutes

DATE Tuesday April 17th 2018

VENUE 2, Clarence Road, Hunstanton

PRESENT Tony Armstrong (AA) Terry Ashworth (TA) Amanda Bosworth (AB) Margi Blunden (MB) John Bridger (JB) Robert Clark (RC) Alethea Gillard (AG) Sheila Kent (ShK) Stephen Kent (StK) John Maiden (JM) Andrew Murray (AM) Judy Simmons (JS) Ann Stevens (AS)

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting opened at 10.40 with no apologies.

### 2. Minutes of meeting held on March 20th and Matters Arising.

The minutes were signed by MB, who chaired the meeting. No matters arising.

### 3. Correspondence, Planning and town Council Report (AM)

Bennett Homes - there are detailed designs, and the layout of 120 houses on line.

Miramar B&B has applied to retain the recently installed UVPC windows that have destroyed the symmetry of a pair of Ibberson semi-detached properties in the conservation area.

Consultation has opened about the erosion of the cliffs and the promenade.

Kings Lynn Hunstanton Railway Project- an application has been made to the Coastal Community Fund to expand the railway heritage site near the Coal Shed Gallery.

Norfolk Coast AONB celebrated 50th anniversary with the launch of a book of pictures and poems entitled, "Walk with Me".

Natural England- consultation on Coastal Path- Weybourne to Hunstanton closes on May 16th 2018.

The Mayor's Reception on Friday April 13th 2018 was a successful event and Brian Holmes received a community award for his outstanding work in establishing the Heritage Centre.

There is a Community Event on Friday April 20th in the Town Hall at 15.00, followed by Annual Town meeting at 18.00.

Jason Richardson has been in touch about the interpretation boards. The first board will be placed near the statue of Henry Le Strange on the Green, with information about Henry, the sculptor, and the New Inn, now the Golden Lion. The second board will be near the fountain, giving a description of the buildings around The Green.

There is a meeting on April 24th 2018- the Heritage Centre will participate in activity plans.

The zinc roofing on the butterfly shelters is to be replaced because it is sub-standard.

JM is organising a trip to Mildenhall on May 18th, 2018 for the Change of Command Ceremony.

### 4. Treasurer's Report (StK)

StK distributed his report prior to the meeting. Among the expenses this month were Talk fees, and refreshment fees. £40 has been taken for the Mary Rhodes books, and the current Bank/Cash Balance is £15,385.84

### 5. Membership Report and Renewals (ShK)

ShK sadly reported two deaths, those of Mary Rhodes and Norman Gill.

#### 6. Implications of General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) (StK)

StK has been preparing a personal data information audit, which will come into place with the membership renewals, and bring the Civic Society into line with current Data Protection and Privacy regulations.

#### 7. Report on progress with Pier Project and visit to Withernsea (JB)

On March 27th 2018, StK gave a presentation to the CCT about progress on the Pier Project. Further research on successful pier rebuilding is to be undertaken, followed by a feasibility study, with the launch of the project to be sometime in June at the start of the tourist season, making full use of social media, and with the local press being invited.

At present the vote by the CCT was five for the Pier Project, and five against, with the chairman's casting vote against. JB and StK will try to find out why people chose to vote against the project, and hopefully resolve the issue.

The Town Council voted in favour, and Sir Henry Bellingham has offered to help in any way he can.

On April 14th 2018, JB and StK visited Withernsea in the East Riding of Yorkshire, as that town is starting the process of rebuilding its' pier. Withernsea is further forward than Hunstanton, having already done their feasibility study, but JB and STK said it was a very good meeting.

#### 8. Railway Project update. (AM)

There will be a stall about the Railway Project at the Community Event in the Town Hall on Friday, April 20th. People in Snettisham and Dersingham are concerned about the possibility that a railway line could make sand extraction more viable. RC pointed out that a railway line for transporting people would be very different to one transporting heavy goods.

#### 9. Talks Programme (AA)

AA reported that the Talks Programme is going well for next year, with a good variety of Talks.

Mary Mackie is to give the Talk on May 16th. This will be about the Lovat Scouts who were based in Hunstanton during WW1, and she has written an accompanying book, available from the Tourist Information Centre.

#### 10. Website Matters (STK)

StK reported 46 hits during the last month, and 1199 hits since April 2015. No other changes.

#### 11. Heritage Centre- Rota, New Displays, Featured Villages (TA)

There are six new volunteers at the Heritage Centre. (HC)

The Heacham Village display has been very well received, and Heacham school are to visit on Monday. It was suggested that schools should be notified when their villages are on display, and invited to visit the HC. Snettisham village is next, followed by Dersingham, and Holme has been approached.

The tubs outside the HC are to be replanted, and will be watered by the council.

Volunteers phone numbers have been removed from the HC in accordance with data protection.

6000 HC leaflets are to be printed at a cost of £320 by Paris Print.

#### 12. Hunstanton Leaflet Guide (StK)

StK reported that the new Hunstanton Guide Book is very nearly ready to be printed.

StK has obtained permission for all the photos used in the book.

Yvonne Bridger will be asked to give the book a final proof read.

It will be on sale in the TIC and the HC at a cost of £2.99, 30% of which goes to the Town Council.

ShK suggested that First Edition 2018 should be printed on the book, and StK to order the printing of 1000 books from Dolphin Graphics in Dersingham.

It is hoped to launch the Guide Book before the end of May. AB suggested publicising it in the local papers and Town and Around.

Huge thanks and great appreciation were extended to ShK and StK for the enormous amount of work they have undertaken with the Guide Book.

#### 13. Interpretation Boards, Esplanade Gardens, Britain in Bloom (AS)

There is a Britain in Bloom meeting on April 23rd 2018.

There has not been much work done on the Civic Society gardens, largely due to the inclement weather, and illness of the gardeners. AM will make a plea for more volunteers to help with the gardening at tomorrow evening's Talk.

AS suggested having an electronic display board near the TIC that will show what events are happening in the town on a daily basis. StK is getting quotes, and AB said the Town Council are also looking into an electronic display.

#### 14. Visits- Norwich Society CITB Frimstone Quarry Wisbech (JB)

JB has arranged provisional dates for a visit to Elgoods Brewery In Wisbech, and the Norfolk Club in Norwich.

Visits to Frimstone Quarry and the CITB are also being considered.

#### 15. Plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 (AA)

The Town Council is applying to the Borough for a grant of £250 for the WW1 project.

The WW1 project may be featured at the Festival of Arts in the summer.

AA will be writing the history of every soldier from Hunstanton who served in the war, and this will be displayed in the Town Hall on November 10th and 11th 2018. Christine Earnshaw will visit schools with the histories, and may be able to find out more information about the soldiers.

The Fire Brigade will put up large poppies on lampposts around the town for the 10th and 11th, and the Beacon may be lit.

The shops in town will display plaques of how they looked a hundred years ago, and children will be able to follow a trail, and collect stamps in a "ration book." The money raised will go to the British Legion.

#### 16. AOB

The Archivist from Ely cathedral visited the Heritage Centre, and she suggested that HC volunteers may wish to visit Ely Cathedral.

JS asked whether we could lend our display board featuring St. Edmunds Church to the Church for the weekend of the Flower Festival- July 28th and 29th 2018.

#### 17. Date and Venue of next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.51pm, with many thanks and much appreciation to ShK and StK for hosting it.

The next meeting will be on May 15th 2018 at 10.00am at 2, Clarence Road.