

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY
Committee meeting on Tuesday, 2nd August 2016
at the Heritage Centre

Present: Andrew Murray(AM), Terry Ashworth(TA), Ann Stevens(AS), Tony Armstrong(AA), Stephen Kent(SK), John Maiden(JM), Adrian Winnington(AW), Brian Holmes(BH), Sheila Kent(SK), David Jones(DJ), Mavis Windibank(MW), Alethea Gillard(AG)

1. Apologies received from Margi Blunden(MB). AM spoke to IS recently but her operation has been postponed and we do not know when she will return.
2. The minutes of the meeting on 28th June were approved and signed. 100 application forms have been printed at Glebe School.
3. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report – The Borough Council have demonstrated they have a 5 year supply of land. Broadland Housing's second appeal for development of land between School Lane and Stainsby's has been dismissed. The lottery bid for the Esplanade Gardens has been successful. 20th Century Society are supporting the replacement of the butterfly shelters on a like for like basis. The statue of Henry le Strange is now part of the refurbishment project. Play equipment has been renewed at Elizabeth Close but equipment has been removed from Charles Road. A review is being held by BC and NCC regarding the use of Valentine Road offices, the former infant school, library, bus station and other land in Hunstanton. HTC is seeking assistance in funding the cost of £2,500 for a bus shelter in Princess Drive. Members of The Victorian Society are visiting King's Lynn and Hunstanton on 1st October. BC are having an examination of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in South Lynn Community Centre from 6th September. Civic Voice are looking for new trustees, the closing date for election being 5th September. AM suggested 3 nominations – Mary Ash from Norwich, David Evans from Chester and Simon Moorhead from Manchester.
4. Treasurer's report – Some money has been transferred from the current account to the deposit account. £2,256.24 is in the statue fund. £24 has been paid for printing application forms. It was decided it would be better to put £5 of coins plus a £5 note as a float in the Heritage Centre collection jar. Donations from the July exhibition totalled £464.83. Nationwide Building Society have nominated 3 charities and are giving out blue discs to people when a transaction is made and HCS is one of these.
5. Website – We have had another 41 hits over the last month. Heritage Centre booking sheet has been updated.
6. Heritage Centre – Litter blows in to the area outside the centre and this has now been tidied up, swept thoroughly and cobwebs removed. 2,049 people attended John and Tony's exhibition during July. Very successful. AA said he was disappointed very few Councillors visited. It was thought we could hold another exhibition in 2017 and a grant will be applied for. 30,000 visitors have attended the Centre since it opened 3 years ago. A party for the volunteers will be held on 2nd October from 6pm. AA also asked if there is any co-ordination between the Esplanade Gardens regeneration and HCS. The consultants were paid for their pictures but we did not get an acknowledgement.
7. Britain in Bloom – The Judges appeared to be pleased when going around the town. They made the point that standards are going up round the country. There should be a meeting between the organisers of the Esplanade gardens and HCS. Hopefully, the gardens will be ready for next year. Pictures of Hunstanton in Bloom should be placed in the windows of the Heritage Centre. The seeds on the A149 did not germinate and the land has been re-rotovated.

8. Subscription renewal – Letters will be personalised and a list of talks attached. We have received membership applications from Normal Gill of Leicester who sent £100 subscription and Debbie Le May. We have lost James Lowe.
9. Visit to 67th SOS at Mildenhall – The visit was very successful. 24 people attended. All security information was prepared in advance. Hopefully, another visit can be arranged for September/November. We could possibly ask Glebe School and Smithdon if some of their senior pupils might like to attend but we must check with Mildenhall first. Perhaps we could send the 67th information about the Kite Festival and we would be happy to host them. Debra Leming is coming over in May 2017.
10. Progress on projects
 - a. Neighbourhood Plan – A meeting was held recently with Richard High, an examiner of neighbourhood plans. We need a response to see if we have got it correct. 200 plans have had a referendum and been passed. The Community Centre has been booked for another exhibition on 12th November from 10am to 6pm.
 - b. Pier working party – JM is writing a booklet about The History of the Pier naming and shaming those responsible for the present monstrosity. The launch will be on 21st September when he will give a talk – The Pier Uncovered. It was unanimously decided this will take place. HCS will pay for the printing costs.
 - c. Tiles in Spinney – Been delayed until the Esplanade gardens have been done. There is a meeting with Laura Hampshire next week.
 - d. Mercy Grey Shelter – Carpentry, glazing and painting completed. Interpretation boards to be completed and installed.
11. Pros and Cons of Devolution – At the last Town Council Meeting Carol Bower, Deputy Mayor at BCKLWN, said we ought to look at the websites regarding this. Three district councils in Norfolk do not think it a good idea and neither does Sir Henry Bellingham. There is nothing which gives an objective view of what it involves. BCKLWN want it hoping money will be provided for the railway track north of Ely. It was pointed out there are lots of disadvantages because of the extra layer of administration.
12. The date of the next meeting will be 6th September at 10.30am at the Heritage Centre.
13. AW reported 5 new picnic benches have been installed in the Orchard. JM stated no site meeting has been arranged about the roundabout on the A149 at Hunstanton Road. The bus route will be changed and temporary bus stops put at the end of Manor Road which is unmade. Hunstanton Road will be diverted 75 meters from the junction. This will take 7 months to build. MB thought we ought to have a geology section at the Heritage Centre.