

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee meeting on Tuesday, 29th August 2017 at 10.00 am
at the Heritage Centre

Present: Terry Ashworth (TA), Tony Armstrong (AA), John Bridger (JB), Alethea Gillard (AG), Brian Holmes (BH), Stephen Kent (SK), Sheila Kent (ShK), John Maiden (JM), Andrew Murray (AM)(Acting Chairman), Judy Simmons (JS), Ann Stevens (AS).

1. Apologies for absence received from Amanda Bosworth, Margi Blunden, Ivy Scales and Robert Clark.
2. Minutes of meeting held on 25th July 2017 were agreed and signed. No matters arising.
3. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report -
Bennett Homes have dug trenches on land opposite Old Town Way, presumably to check for archaeological remains.
Four tenders been received for repair work to the front of the town hall. Hopefully, work will commence in September and be finished by Christmas.
The town council has supported the pier project and we should receive a letter in about a week.
Mr. Robert Corby, a teacher at Alderman Peel School, has been co-opted onto the town council.
BCKLWN is to close the counter at Valentine Road.
Abbs shop signage is to be preserved but may be covered by new fascia boards.
A new edition of Rights of Way book has been published and we will need to ensure that the rights of way around the area are properly registered. AM will contact NCC Highways.
4. Treasurer's report – The bank balance for the Civic Society and Heritage Centre is £14,236.85
SK has received an e-mail from Michael Ruston asking if he can channel funds via HCS to take advantage of Gift Aid in raising funds for the replacement skate ramp. The siting of permanent structures on The Green is contrary to the 1955 Covenant. The Civic Society considers that the Community Centre would be a better site if HTC can obtain the freehold of that land from the Borough..
A bill received from Honeyjohn Productions for £55.78 being half the publicity costs, 500 flyers and posters, for the exhibition. We will pay this but, in future, HCS should be asked prior to the event.
5. Membership – No new members this month. A welcome letter has been prepared. The Chairman's report and programme is needed so renewal letters can be sent out.
6. Talks programme – Talks have been booked through to December but we have not decided whether there will be a talk at the AGM. John Selby is not able to do his talk on 20th September. Georgina Turner wants to organize a talk about railways.
February and May talks will need to be announced.
7. Website matters – This is up to date. 51 hits were received last month.
8. Heritage Centre – A team meeting was held on 24th August. Front window displays and ice age display need to be refreshed.
There has only been 1 complaint in 4 years regarding the copyright of photos.
It was decided not to charge an entry fee and next year the Centre will be open on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
The volunteers party will be held on 8th October from 6pm to 8pm. David Morton, Jason Richardson and Rosie Djurovic will be invited. We need some more volunteers.
9. Heritage Open Days – The dates are 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th September. Bunting and balloons have been provided and these will be placed on the lighthouse wall and church wall.
Hunstanton Hall will be open on 7th September for tours at 11am, 12 noon, 2pm and 3pm.

The lighthouse will be open on 8th. September from 11am to 2.30pm.

10. Esplanade Gardens progress – The butterfly shelters are not yet finished. The idea was to bring back the Victorian appearance. Progress has been very slow. Generally, the views are that it will look lovely in 6 months time. Interpretation boards are still awaiting designs in order to start consultation with HCS and HLF. We do not understand why the old boards were removed. Pier stumps and time and tide garden will be dealt with as soon as the contractors are off site. We would like an inquiry into the lack of coordination.
11. SNAP – The next meeting is on 13thSeptember and JB will be attending. It was asked whether there is any way pollution levels relating to the holiday traffic can be checked.
12. Pier progress – As soon as the letter has been received from the Town Council, a letter will be sent to BCKLWN asking for their support. The website and logo are being worked on. SK has done a lot of work behind the scenes in connection with the pier and was thanked for his efforts.
13. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 26th September 2017 at 10am at the Heritage Centre.