

**Ordinary Committee Meeting Thursday 19 December 2013 at 9.15 am
At Willow Tree Cottage, Homefields Lane, Hunstanton, PE36 5HZ, 532223**

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), John Little (Treasurer), Anthony Gooch (Outgoing Treasurer), Terry Ashworth, Margi Blunden, Martin Chown, Brian Holmes, Margaret Robinson, Ivy Scales, Ann Stevens

1. **Apologies:** Norma Ham.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 19 November and Matters Arising.** These were approved and signed. The minutes of the meeting of 18 September had not yet been corrected for minor errors and would now be re-presented at the next meeting on 14 January 2014.
3. **Secretary's Report and Matters Arising;** AM read out his report that had been circulated to Committee members. He had submitted a Review of 2013 and a report of the AGM for "Town and Around". MC had included in his "T&A" article a plea for help with our various projects.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** AG explained the details towards handing over to John Little. Current a/c balance was £1,715.50, deposit a/c £7397.64 (pending statement of 31 December), current assets £9,113.14.
Viv Young, graphic designer, had set up the HCS web-site and enabled David Jones to regularly update it. She had not been paid recently.
Stella Gooch had registered the Domain names of "Friends of Hunstanton Green" and "Friends of Hunstanton Pier" but they as they had never been developed, it was suggested that they should not be renewed.
5. **Report from Hunstanton Heritage Centre Trust.** AM announced the Centre would be closing at the end of December and re-opening 14 February 2014.
6. **Review of the 2013 AGM.** Comments received had been very favourable. The buffet had been excellent and, considering the annual membership fee, very good value. We could try to enlist the help of AG for the 2014 AGM buffet.
7. **Projects.**
Arrange Talks Evenings for Autumn 2014/Spring 2015. BH had already booked three talks for 2014/2015, including 15 October **Healthy Seas.** with Capt Phil Haslam the speaker (no fee). 19 November on the subject of **Alice Le Strange and the Civil War,** Speaker Dr Elizabeth Griffiths, fee £80.
Suggestions for other talks were:
Houghton Hall – with possible speaker the author of the book of the recent paintings exhibition there; **Protecting the Royals,** with speaker David Reeve; **The Royal Stud; World War I** with speaker MC; **KL Town Hall** – AS said that the caretaker there was very informative and might agree to speak.
MC volunteered to take on arranging the remaining talks to be booked for Autumn 2014/Spring 2015. AM said it would be useful to have a list of all speakers to date.
Move Chapel Bank and three Clifftop Shelters. AM said that as the recent tidal surge had eroded some of the cliffs, the Borough Council might move the clifftop fence further back. Moving The Chapel Bank Shelter and the 3 cliff top ones would cost several thousands. Funds available included £900 that Old Hunstanton Parish Council had been holding for its demolition and the ring-fenced £364.34. It was agreed to set aside £3000 in the hope that the Borough Council would be able to match that. AM, MC and AS to liaise with Chris Bamfield
Updating and Reprinting Interpretation Boards. AM and MR thought this should be a number

one priority. AM, MR, BH and TA would liaise with Viv Young who did the original art work. They thought this might cost £ 1000. An approach to the Heritage Lottery Fund would be appropriate. BH thought that the Lions and Rotary Clubs could be asked to help. MC proposed that two or three members of the Committee should meet with Chris Bamfield in January. This would be arranged by AM. He received thanks for the care he had taken in keeping the Chapel Bank Shelter in good condition.

Input to Neighbourhood Plan. This concerned the future appearance of the town. Important assets that were valued were to be identified and included in a document to be produced by HTC, who could apply for a grant of £7000. This document was for use of the Borough Council, who would consult it whenever planning permission was requested. BH said that John Smith had produced 300 pictures of Hunstanton for a Quiz. These could be useful. He also had some information himself that could be helpful for compiling the document. AM said that at the next Talks evening an appeal could be made for a volunteer to assist on the project. AM, MB and TA would lead on this.

Production of Oasis Way Leaflet. MB said that it should be in the same style as the Ibberson and forthcoming Windmill leaflets. The latter would shortly be produced and the next one would be on **Henry Le Strange**. BH said that Clive Wilkins-Jones of Hellesdon Road, Norwich was an expert on the subject. (Clive Bond, Richard Hoggett) MB, IS and MR would lead on this.

Plaques Leaflet - This needed re-printing as few copies were now left. The date on the plaque at 28 Victoria Avenue concerning **H G Wells** is incorrect by one year. - The claim made on the **Lighthouse plaque** that it had the world's first parabolic reflector has been questioned.

8. **Roles of Committee Members. Membership** - JL would welcome members and guests at the Talks evenings. A volunteer was still needed to give out information.

Dates of next Committee meetings Tuesdays 14 January, 11 February, 11 March, 8 April.