

Hunstanton & District Civic Society
Committee Meeting on Tuesday 16 December 2014 at Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray (AM), Chairman, Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Martin Chown (MC), Ann Stevens (AS), Richard Webb (RW), Secretary, Mavis Windibank (MW)

1 Apologies: Tony Armstrong (AA), John Little (JL), Treasurer, Ivy Scales (IS)

2 The minutes of the meeting on 19 November were approved and signed. AM has written a further letter objecting to the building of a chalet bungalow at 29 Sandringham Road (14/01550/F). This revised application still has the building too near to the TPO-protected cedar tree roots. MC reported on a meeting of the Conservation Panel on 12 November. They would not like to see anything built on this site. A building would detract from the form and character of the Conservation Area and green spaces such as this need to be retained.

3 The Secretary's report is attached.

We saw no reason to object to 14/01749, land adjacent to 48 Westgate, on which the owner wants to build a café, providing it adheres to the shop front guide.

We thought it would be useful for MC to request being on the circulation list for the weekly summary of planning applications. (**Action: MC**)

We will write a letter to Matthew Henry/Nick Daubney pointing out the disadvantages to the town if McCarthy & Stone are allowed to use parking spaces for their crane and building supplies. (**Action: RW**) We hope the Chamber of Trade and Princess Theatre will make similar representations. MB will write an article on Arts and Crafts (Ibbotson) for the Norfolk Coast Guardian. (**Action: MB**)

The Hopkins Homes proposal will be on a HTC committee agenda next month.

4 The Treasurer's report is attached. Thanks were given to JL, in his absence. We have 176 paid up members. We talked about various ways to raise funds and raise our profile within the district. Organising film shows in the Town Hall is a possibility but would require a more professional screen. AM will talk to the Clerk about this. (**Action: AM**)

5 This item was deferred until the treasurer was present.

6 The Heritage Centre has been cleaned and decorated with Christmas Trees.

We suggested revised opening hours to be:

Easter to the end of October	Fri, Sat, Sun	1pm to 5pm
November to Good Friday	Sat, Sun	12 noon to 3pm

Closed January and February until Half Term

We will send a Christmas card to Solveig and Derek. (**Action: TA**)

We will remind Brian Holmes (BH) about a flyer which can be distributed throughout the area. (**Action: TA**)

7 Website update. We need to have a draft plan of what should go on the website (in time for the next meeting) and then we can get it prepared for David Jones (DJ) to use. (**Action: MC**)

8 The AGM was thought to be very good. Thanks were expressed to the catering team, AS and MB.

9 The Butterfly Shelters are to be replaced. We need to research to see if some can be bought that are more sympathetic to our Victorian heritage. (**Action: MB**)

10 Projects.

Hastoe Housing might help with moving the Chapel Bank shelter. (**Action: AM**)
The BCKL&WN are applying for a Parks for People grant and that might provide some help too. We will investigate if Best Western would like to draw attention to their links with the Gray family. (**Action: AA**)

AM is hoping to source some large-scale maps of the town to help with the preliminary work for the Neighbourhood Plan. (**Action: AM**)

11 Outing in 2015. MB suggested a visit to All Saints in Margaret Street, Fitzrovia, near Oxford Street, London. It is regarded as one of the foremost examples of High Victorian Gothic architecture in Britain. William Butterfield, a school friend of Henry Le Strange, designed the church in 1850. It was his influence that led to Hunstanton's open aspect. It may be possible to arrange for a speaker on Butterfield's early work by a researcher at the Victorian Society. September was suggested as a working-towards date. (**Action: MB**)

12 The next committee meeting will be on **Tuesday 20 January** 2015 at 2.30pm in Valentine Road.

The following meeting will be on **Tuesday 17 February**, time to be confirmed.

13 There was no other business.