

**HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY**  
**Committee Meeting on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 2.30 pm**  
**at the Council Offices, Valentine Road**

Present: Andrew Murray(AM), Terry Ashworth(TA), Ann Stevens(AS), John Little(JL), Margi Blunden(MB), Mavis Windibank(MW), Ivy Scales(IS), Stephen Kent(SK), David Jones(DJ), Brian Holmes(BH), Alethea Gillard(AG)

AM welcomed Sue Dickinson who will be advising the position regarding the HLF bid for renovations to the Green and Esplanade Gardens and Dave Morton, Resort Service Manager.

1. Apologies from Tony Armstrong(AA), Adrian Winnington(AW) and John Maiden(JM).
2. MB agreed to chair the meeting today only.
3. The minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.
4. Review of AGM and draft minutes - There are two amendments to the draft AGM minutes – direct debits should read standing orders and the new website address. Everyone was happy with the minutes.
5. Talks Co-ordinator and Publicity Officer – Martin Chown has arranged speakers only until May 2016. JM suggested we all take a month each and arrange a talk but we would still need a co-ordinator to organise the programme. MW agreed to do this and was handed the file originally made by BH. A publicity officer is also required. There were no offers. MB is willing to write some articles for Hunstanton Town and Around.
6. Planning, Correspondence and Town Council Report
  - a) The only traffic monitoring in School Lane, Heacham took place in August when the school was shut. AM will send a letter. Sedgeford chicken plant revised plan has not yet been verified and the consultation period has not started. A letter was sent to the planning authority re 29 Sandringham Road.
  - b) Sue Dickinson advised they had been let down by the mentor and they are behind schedule. Victorian replicas of the butterfly shelters will probably not be agreed and there will be something different in their place. Costs will also be an issue. HLF not keen on the proposed position of the new play area and this will perhaps be moved to where the crazy golf is now and the crazy golf will be near to the putting green. More planting to take place on the outside of St. Edmund's Chapel and paving around the wolf flower bed. There is a suggestion the cenotaph plot should be made square and the flood memorial moved westwards to the centre of the grassed area and has a York stone path leading to it. Another feedback will be needed to the community in January. Activity plans have to be filed – Adopt-a-bedders, planting days, In bloom group, market research by the students of West Anglia college, history and design workshops, art competition, horticultural apprenticeships, town guides, construction skills, creation of a digital archive, resources for school children to visit for geology, fund management training, sports training, links with sailing clubs, bug hunt and fossil search for children, annual soap box race, archaeological opportunities. King's Lynn have town guides and we could perhaps ask Carla Hume, an ex town guide, to give us a talk. Maybe 6 people would be willing to train for

- this. History work shop could investigate the history of the area and perhaps this could include architecture.
- c) Photos of cliffs and beach - TA and Kate Dunbar will establish some fixed points from where photographs could be taken and this will then be done on a monthly basis.
  - d) Hunstanton Model shop for design award - This needs to be done.
  - e) Reprint of book – AM has spoken to Mary Rhodes who is in contact with a printer in Yarmouth who used to work at Witley Press. There are no copies of her book in Hunstanton. AM will ring her and advise this and she may organise a reprint.
  - f) Bus services to King's Lynn – the Town Council, Civic Society and Chamber of Trade should all write a joint letter to the County Council pointing out the bus services do not link up with the train services. Everyone was in agreement for this to be done.
  - g) Norfolk Coast Guardian – very good. The infants school is open on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December during the day for access.
7. JL gave the treasurer's report. Total assets £7671.75. There is also £6000 in the Heritage Centre. We need new cheque signatories for the bank account. SK and TA will be the signatories plus the Chairman. SK will also be a signatory for the Heritage Centre.
  8. Treasurer's report – Annual statement of accounts has been scrutinised and agreed. There was a loss last year of £87.25
  9. Website – we have now managed to get the old website deleted. There are links to other organisations. LILY to be added.
  10. Heritage Centre – a dry day is needed for the carpet to be cleaned. Cupboards have been cleaned. 10,000 leaflets have been ordered. TA asked if we could have a window cleaner monthly. There was a man in Heacham who did this and TA and IS will try and organise this.
  11. Progress on projects
    - a) Chapel Bank shelter has now been moved to its new site. The interpretation board should say something about Hunstanton, Mercy Gray and hotels.
    - b) Neighbourhood Plan will be kept very simple and basic.
    - c) Pier working party – thinking of going to London to see Henry Bellingham and a minister.
    - d) Replacement tiles in the Spinney – these are being sent back to be re-done.
    - e) Outings – Wisbech to go to Peckover House, Octavia Hill's birthplace, town hall, Clarkson memorial, museum and the church. Lunch at a hotel. This would take place in May.
  12. The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 10am at the Council Offices in Valentine Road.