

Hunstanton & District Civic Society
Committee Meeting on Tuesday 17 February 2015 at Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray, Chairman (AM), Tony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Ivy Scales (IS), Ann Stevens (AS), Richard Webb, Secretary (RW),

1 Apologies: Martin Chown (MC), John Little, Treasurer (JL), Mavis Windibank (MW)

2 The minutes of the meeting on 20 January were approved and signed.

- AM has talked to the Clerk and will talk also to Brian Hallard about a screen for the Town Hall. (**Action: AM**)
- We need to find out what we can do to update the website by talking to Viv Young, David Jones and Stephen Kent. (**Action: RW**)
- The Civic Society will be consulted when the butterfly shelters are replaced as reported by Jemma Curtis. AM attends the Regeneration Project Team later today and may get more information. Funds depend on a Heritage Lottery grant. Not expecting any progress till the autumn but MB is researching potential designs (possibly ones like those on the cliff top).
- A detailed plan for the trip was circulated. We agreed a £5 charge to be used to make donations and expenses to the churches and speaker. Details will be available at this month's meeting and a booking form will be provided.

3 The Secretary's report of correspondence has been circulated. AM (as Town Councillor) reported that the Hughes sign is still under discussion and a tree outside Valentine Court with a TP order will not be felled but maintenance will be allowed.

4 The Treasurer's report is attached. There were no questions in the Treasurer's absence.

5 There was a general discussion about the Civic Society's response to the Pre-Submission Document. We agreed points made in the prepared paper but it was suggested a summary might be produced and duplicated to hand out at tomorrow's meeting. (**Action: RW**)

6 The Heritage Centre It is opened again and the new leaflet about the Heritage Centre is now available and being widely distributed. There are some new displays which were well received by a good number of visitors last weekend. We need to look into getting the front windows regularly cleaned. (**Action: IS**) We were told about the plans for a Heritage and Learning Centre in Downham Market.

7 Projects

- AA has had further discussions with Le Strange Hotel management and they are keen for an exhibition there illustrating the history of the hotel and links with the Gray family. They would give us the use of the hall and provide professional advertising. John Smith would lend some boards. Discussions are ongoing. (**Action: AA**)
- Neighbourhood Plan – AM has acquired some large scale maps. He is to attend a further meeting tomorrow. It was reiterated how valuable NPs can be in influencing planning decisions.

8 The next committee meeting will be on **Tuesday 17 March** at **2.30pm** in Valentine Road.

12 AM is to ask at tomorrow's meeting for more volunteers to go on the 'tea' rota for future meetings. (He forgot!)

With reference to item 6, IS has contacted the window cleaner and the windows have been cleaned and will continue to be so during the season.