

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee meeting on Tuesday, 28th February 2017
at the Council Offices, Valentine Road

Present: Terry Ashworth (TA), Ann Stevens (AS), Stephen Kent (SK), Sheila Kent (ShK), Brian Holmes (BH), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Maiden (JM), John Bridger (JB), Judy Simmons (JS), Robert Clark (RC), Alethea Gillard(AG)

1. Apologies received from AM, AA, MB and IS..
2. The minutes of the meeting on 24th January 2017 were approved and signed. The cost of the chairs was £4 each.
3. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report – Planning consent has been granted for both land south of the commercial park and the fairground site at Seagate. Sam Daniel has put together power point presentations about information extracted from the 2001 and 2011 censuses. Some of this will be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Council website is experiencing technical difficulties. £1.8m has been awarded to the BC to compensate areas where there is a large proportion of second or holiday homes. Hunstanton has more holiday homes than KL. Big new signs are to be put at the entrance to the gardens. John Crisford, chairman of Royal British Legion, is in contact with Ray Harding concerning the Cenotaph. A further inspection of the damage to the Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday. A letter has been sent requesting a breakdown of how the McCarthy and Stone money has been spent. There have been complaints about people feeding ducks and seagulls and it is now a big problem. We do not know if the Council will be putting up notices. We do not know if there is any truth in the rumour McCarthy and Stone have bought the land opposite Old Town Way. There is also a rumour the bus station will be closing and moved to Tesco. A card has been received from Canny Jones thanking us for her tree in the orchard.
4. Treasurer's Report – The bank balance for the Civic Society and Heritage Centre is £14,075.69. SK was asked to pass on to his son our thanks for his help.
5. Website – We have had 55 hits over the last month.
6. Membership secretary's report – Last month we have received 2 renewals and 2 new members. We have 201 members.
7. Heritage Centre – Opened on 10th February and it appears people are being a little more generous with their donations. We will have 3 big pots of red and white geraniums which will stand at the front of the building. It is possible for us to fund raise for a new building.
8. Heritage trail booklet – This needs updating. JM will look into this.
9. Historic films and slides – When the shed was cleared out there was a lot of films and slides, most of which seem to be someone's holiday snaps. ShK has been through these. Heacham photos will be given to Heacham History Society and the films will be given to Mr. Slater.
10. Civic Day – This will be held on 17th June 2017. John Selby is happy to give a talk on the conservation area. HCS and the Town Council have the town hall on this day and it should be used as an opportunity to re-engage with the community. If everything is agreed, it is planned to open at 10.30am by the Mayor who will also welcome the 5 Syrian family refugees to the town. There may also be a picnic on the Green. The day could also be used for recruitment of members to HCS.
11. Pier progress – JB reported on the meeting of the Pier Task Force. A Pier Charitable Trust can be set up which would involve the whole community. It was agreed we should

set up Hunstanton Pier Heritage Community Trust (HPHCT). We need a copy of the deed of variation dated 14th October 2009 between BCKLWN and Hunstanton Pier Company and also the lease and supplemental lease. We need to approach the Town Council to support the pier project. Their full meeting is on 21st April 2017. JM proposed we act on the advice by HPHCT. Seconded by AB. All agreed. SK proposed, seconded by JM, £1,000 be earmarked for expenses incurred. All agreed.

12. Activities in Esplanade Gardens – An event management training course will be held on 10th and 11th April at the Golden Lion from 10am to 3pm, lunch included. AB is interested in attending this. A Battle of the Bands heat will be held at the Bandstand on 17th April. Actively recruiting a Friends Group to specifically look after the heritage gardens. Should be in contact with Hunstanton in Bloom committee. No photos have yet been selected to go on the wall at the Time and Tide Garden. It is proposed to incorporate details of the floods, pier and Henry le Strange's relationship with the sea. The butterfly shelters will have 16 glass panels and it is planned to etch images into the glazing of our railway connections.
13. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 28th March 2017 at 10am at the Council Offices, Valentine Road.
14. AOB – John Smith would like to hold another exhibition this year in June and July. He is working on the interpretation boards for the gardens. Donations are shared. We are concerned about the size and quantity of the boards and we will speak to him about this. At Ripper Hall and the Church in Docking on 29th and 30th April there is a heritage day. John Smith and AA will be there and they will need some help. BH has taken photos of the le Strange graves in the churchyard and they are covered in moss and are illegible. Can we get someone to clean them up? A letter will be sent to Mr. Meaken. KL Magazine has asked for photos of the boating lake and swimming pool and these could be included in the June issue. Mustard TV is coming up towards the end of March but this can only be viewed on I Player. We are negotiating with the lady in the library re Societies Day on 24th March and 12th May. Books and leaflets will be taken. A volunteer is needed to write an article on HCS for Hunstanton Town and Around April issue. Sue Burge is coming to talk to us in April. The roundabout on the A149 could be opened on Friday, 3rd March 2017. JM handed round pictures of the suggested entrance signs to the town. The Council have decided which one we are having but it was thought it is not as good as JM's suggestion.