

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee meeting on Tuesday, 20th February 2018
at 2 Clarence Road, Hunstanton

Present: Tony Armstrong(AA), Terry Ashworth(TA), Amanda Bosworth(AB) John Bridger(JB), Alethea Gillard(AG), Sheila Kent(ShK), Stephen Kent(StK), John Maiden(JM), and Andrew Murray(AM),

John Bridger(JB) agreed to act as Chairman for the meeting

1. Apologies for absence received from Margi Blunden(MB), Ann Stevens(AS) and Judy Simmons(JS).
2. Minutes of meeting held on 16th January 2018 were agreed and signed by JB.
There were no matters arising
3. Committee members interests and area of responsibility update
JB has good contacts at the CITB for a visit, possibly in June.
Visits to Frimstone Quarry could be held in May when the weather is drier and Norfolk House, Norwich possibly in April.
JB will try and arrange a trip to Ellgood's Brewery, perhaps in September.
3. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report –
 - Bennett Homes have won their appeal to have 4 entrances to their development opposite Old Town Way. A149 will have a 30 mph speed limit. As the consultation is still open, AM will write to NCC Highways regarding the 30 mph speed limit.
 - Witley Press development in Church Street has been refused. A lengthy report from Right of Light Consulting in Rayleigh, Essex was produced which stated there were breaches to the BRE 25 degree test..
 - HTC is pressing BCKLWN to agree to transfer the freehold of the Community Centre to them to enable them to invest in developing the grounds.
 - Increased parking charges will come into effect on 1st April. HTC will contest the 60% increase in residents permit parking.
 - Local event organisers are being invited to a meeting in the Council Chamber on Monday 19 March to discuss working together on an annual programme of events.
 - A Love West Norfolk Day is being held at the Town Hall on March 27th.
 - A bus shelter is being erected in Princess Drive.
 - A possible nomination for the Mayor's community award was discussed.
 - JM will draft a letter regarding the Borough's preference for the skate ramp to be erected on the Promenade. By-laws state the area must not be obstructed and prohibit skateboarding.
 - £100,000 has been allocated towards a feasibility study to develop the south prom and form a marine lake. BCKLWN have invited tenders for this. HCS should have a say and we will write and ask for our involvement.
 - An open meeting will be held on 22nd February regarding the Sheepfield development. The aim is to try and find people who are in need of an affordable home. Residents of Alexandra Road do not want the road made up and an e-mail has been received from Linda Walton asking HCS to get involved in keeping the road un-adopted.
On 27th February there is a drop in event at the Town Hall about coastal management.
 - AM has submitted a request for the cenotaph to be listed but the on line link is not easy. The alterations to Miramar house in Boston Square is being considered by the enforcement team.

- A further meeting with Jason Richardson re the interpretation boards to be arranged.
 - There is no news regarding the bus service following Stagecoach pulling out in April. The A149 will be closed at Thornham from 5th to 28th March.
 - HCS do not think there is any benefit advertising on the back page of the TIC events booklet for £30 for one month. Give as you Live proposal is the discs in Tesco.
4. Treasurer's report – The bank balance for the Civic Society and Heritage Centre is £15,374.77. David Reeve's expenses for the talk was £6 and he suggested we make a donation to the RNLI. £40 agreed. Potential expenditure – 10 plastic boards, replacement ice age pictures.
 5. Membership – Nobody has yet renewed. Membership cost of U3A has been checked and they charge £13 a year which includes membership of their national organization and members pay £1 per meeting, of which they hold 11 during the year whereas we hold 8. Heacham History Group is the same price as us.
 6. Talks programme – We have been offered talks on dementia, Sandringham Secrets, Lords, Ladies, lovers and lies at £50 each. The talk on 21st February will cost £70.
 7. Website matters – 41 hits were received this month.
 8. Heritage Centre – TA thanked everyone for getting the centre ready, especially SK and ShK. She has been in touch with Paul Searle but has not heard further. The ticket office was a great success. Heacham wish to know how much space they will be allowed. Perhaps we ought to consider not opening until Easter next year. Re-decoration of the outside of the centre is going ahead. The plants will need watering during spring and summer and we will find out if Chris Durham can organise this. We have a picture of the cliffs in 1865 from Michael Meakin on loan
 9. Hunstanton Guide Leaflet – Another 4 pages has been added so it now 28 pages.
 10. Plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 – Adrian Winnington is organizing this. There will be a concert in aid of the British Legion at the trenches at Dreamy Hollow, Bircham Newton that the Lovat Scouts dug in 1915.
 10. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 20th March 2018 at 10am at 2 Clarence Road, Hunstanton.
 11. AB – JB reported not a lot has happened re the pier. Bournemouth, Brighton and Eastbourne piers have been visited. A meeting has been held with the Honorary Secretary of the National Pier Society and she has pledged to help us. We have to think about the feasibility study issue. The pier stumps will be moved to the time and tide garden before the start of the planting season. Another meeting re the railway project is on 23rd February. A cycle way will probably need to be incorporated as well.
- ShK and SK were thanked for their hospitality.