

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 10.00 am

Venue 2 Clarence Road, Hunstanton, PE36 6EG

Present

Tony Armstrong AA, Terry Ashworth TA, Amanda Bosworth AB, John Bridger JB, Robert Clark RC, Sheila Kent ShK, Stephen Kent StK, John Maiden JM, Andrew Murray AM, Ann Stevens AS.

Agenda Items

1. **Welcome and Apologies.** JM, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies were received from David Harris (DH), Margi Blunden (MB) & Jeremy Simmons (JS).
2. **Minutes Secretary.** JB volunteered to write up the minutes for this meeting.
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 15th January 2019.** The Minutes were agreed and signed by JM.
4. **Matters arising.** There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on January 15th 2019.
5. **Correspondence, planning & Hunstanton Town Council Report**
The following issues were noted and discussed.
 - a) Witley Press – still pending decision. Unclear if a reasonable Section 106 offer has yet been tabled by Witley Press
 - b) Change of use of No 15 The Green from a Heritage Centre to a take-away restaurant has been approved in spite of detailed objections by Vertex Architecture;
 - c) Sheepfield development – ongoing concerns at consultations about approach and access;
 - d) HTC are advertising for an Assistant for Jan Roomes and for a Caretaker;
 - e) Community Coffee mornings at the Community Centre were restarted by HTC on 23rd January – good attendance. Next coffee morning is on Saturday 23rd February, 10am to 12 noon;
 - f) Christmas Festival 2019. Preparatory meetings have been held and planning begun by the relevant Sub-committees.
 - g) Cycleway Project – a total of 450 persons attended the public consultations in the various locations. 54 persons attended the consultation in Hunstanton Library. Andrew Jamieson has confirmation that the Cycleway will be alongside the rail track bed and will therefore not impede the use of the rail track bed for restitution of a railway service;
 - h) Civic Voice – a recommendation that Civic Societies should be statutory consultees and part of the planning process is being considered;
 - i) Ipswich Seminar on 29th March. **Action: Committee Members to Advise AM if they wish to attend.**
 - j) Visit to Ely Cathedral. **Action: 16 HCS members so far wish to attend. StK to remind attendees at the HCS talk on 20th February of the invitation to join the visit.**
 - k) Hunstanton War Memorial – JM has letter conforming the Memorial's listing.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** There is £21,000 in the HCS account. Acorn Removals cost £420.
Actions: JM, as HCS Chair, should be signatory to the main HCS account. JS should be signatory on both HCS and Heritage Centre accounts.

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- 7. Membership Report.** There has been one renewal of membership and four new members have joined HCS in the month preceding the 19th February meeting. Membership feedback has included:
- Request for a halfway break in HCS talks for refreshments. This was discussed in committee and the overall view was not to change current procedure given that talks are usually 40 minutes or so. Also kitchen clear-up is much easier, and quicker, at the end of the evening. **Action: Report decision to tomorrow's meeting.**
 - Request to switch off the lights at the front of the hall to facilitate visibility of slides or films or other materials shown by speakers. This was seen by Committee to be a sensible request. **Action: comply with request**
 - The consensus amongst Heritage Centre volunteers about the proposal for more 'regimented' time tabling for volunteering has not, in general, found favour. This is probably due to the difficulties many volunteers face in longer term forward planning. **Action: SK to mention this at the talk tomorrow.**
- 8. HCS Representatives on Wash East Coast Strategy Group & Coastal Community Team (CCT) and Communications Officer for HCS.**
- Actions:**
- AM will continue as HCS Representative on CCT, and be the focus for Civic Voice activity with support from Committee Members as required;*
 - JM will be HCS Communications Focus, with support from Committee Members as needed;*
 - JB will continue to represent Hunstanton at the King's Lynn Advisory Group (KLAG) meetings;*
 - Martin Chown will continue as the Hunstanton representative on the Conservation Advisory Panel (CAP).*
- 9. Bank Heritage Centre & Refurbishment.**
- Now that HCS has moved into the former Bank building, the primary focus is on getting basic facilities such as utilities and security up and running, and managing immediate repairs to the interior. HCS volunteers assisted by specialists such as electricians, plasterers where required will be used. HCS insurance policy has been transferred to the Bank building.
- Action: JS will continue to manage the Refurb Working Group (RWG). StK to approach locally known plastering expert.**
- 10. Gardens, Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Grey Britain.**
- New plants are needed for some of the gardens supported by HCS. A bequest of £205 is available to HCS at Thaxters in Dersingham which can be used for Hunstanton in Bloom.
- Action: MB in due course.**
- 11. Purchase of new book on Mercedes Gleitze**
- A copy of this newly published book is required by HCS. It is available on Amazon for £16.99 but JM may be able to arrange a copy free of charge.
- Action: JM to see if he can arrange a copy of the book.**

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12. Interpretation Boards & Discussions with Roger Partridge

Discussions between JM and Roger Partridge continue in a positive manner.

Action: JM to keep HCS informed on progress

13. Liaison with Mrs Moat at Smithdon.

Deferred for the time being due to MB's indisposition.

No action for the time being.

14. Talks Programme

The following programme of talks is being arranged by AA:

- John Selby is no longer available having retired and moved away;
- John Cushing (Thursford). After discussion, it was agreed by Committee that AA should arrange a talk by John Cushing for a fee of £150;
- Amanda Knight – Plastic Ocean;
- Eva Clarke – Holocaust;
- David Reeve – Sandringham Flower Show;
- Peter Gunn – Airfields;
- Rob Spray – query on topic.

15. HCS Outings & Visits

The following programme is being arranged for 2019 by StK and JB:

- Ely Cathedral (StK) – 27th March
- Langham Dome & Wells Maltings (JB) - April
- RAF Coningsby (JB) - May
- CITB (JB) - June
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16. AOB – None

17. a) Date & venue of next HCS Committee meeting.

Tuesday 19th March at 10am. Venue - to be advised nearer the time.

b) Date & venue of next RWG Meeting (Refurbishment Working Group)

Monday 25th February at 2.30pm. Venue - the Bank building.
