

## Hunstanton Civic Society

### Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting,

Tuesday 10 January at 9.15 am

In Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Anthony Gooch, (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Sue Boxell, Norma Ham, Brian Holmes, John Maiden and p/t Kate Dunbar.

1. Apologies – Ivy Scales
2. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 December 2011 were approved and signed with the amendment that in the Treasurer's report the figure of £9,072.05 refers to total assets.
3. Secretary's Report  
The proposed take over of the running of the **Tourist Information Centre** provoked a lively discussion. There was concern that (a) volunteers might replace some part-time staff (b) The town council would not be given a free hand in developing the services and promoting local businesses, (c) There would be financial risks that might lead to the need to increase the precept. JM thought that it merited a local referendum although it was a complex subject.  
Arising from the **Mary Portas** review of High Streets, the proposals, that parking charges in the Valentine Road and Central car parks should be free or for only a nominal charge for 2 hours and that the time limit for on-street parking should be increased from 45 to 90 minutes, were welcomed.  
It was noted that the planning application for Honeysuckle cottage had been approved subject to satisfactory surface finishes.  
The request from the LDF team for details of the facilities and services in Hunstanton seemed to involve a lot of work but was probably needed for the production of a local plan.
4. Treasurer's Report  
Expenses for the AGM were £ 360.77 and income £ 149. The current account now stands at £ 1,745.57 with a further £ 7,286.48 in the deposit account.
5. **Pier.** John Maiden reported that Carol Bower as Mayor had agreed to host the meeting with the VIPs from the Heritage Lottery Fund in the Town Hall. He had circulated copy of the application form that had been completed in haste and submitted a bare 2 minutes before the deadline. He would produce a handout and he and Brian Holmes were working on a presentation for 31<sup>st</sup> January.
6. **Heritage** AM reported that the ivy had been removed from around the Chapel Bank shelter and that the damage to the roofing shingles was more than previously estimated. The letter to Ben Colson had still not been sent.  
AM reported that Civic Voice were going to be involved with the organization of Heritage Open Days in September and he thought that local property owners should be asked whether they might be willing to participate and permit the public to see their buildings free of charge for one or more of the 4 days.  
Margi agreed to host a Heritage sub-committee meeting on 16 January at 10.00 (MB, JM, SB, ?IS & KD)  
KD reported that a fruiting hedge was to be planted in the community field on 17 Jan and the orchard on 10 and 11 Feb.
7. Focus Group – AM offered to host a meeting on 23 Jan at 7pm. (AM, AG, NH, ?MC)

8. The proposal that committee meetings should normally be held on the Tuesday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month meeting of the HTC committees was accepted. The date of the next meeting is to be 7 February. Other dates are 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, 12 June, 10 July, 7 August, 11 September, 9 October and 13 November. As the AGM is planned for 12 December, the meeting of the new committee will be the following Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>.
9. A.O.B SB reported that she would be attending a meeting of In-Bloom on 18 Jan. BH pointed out that agreement had been reached that the 'Wash of Dreams' bed by the Coal Shed Gallery would be changed to one with a railway theme. The raised bed outside the TIC would commemorate the arrival of the railway in 1862 and perhaps the death of Henry le Strange in the same year.