

Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 8 January 2013

at 9.15 am in Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road, Hunstanton

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Valerie Everitt, Norma Ham, Ivy Scales & Ann Stevens

Apologies: Sue Boxall & Penelope Pinder.

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2012 were approved and signed after adding Valerie Everitt under “Apologies”.

Secretary’s Report and Matters Arising.

- **Shopping Visitors.** AG suggested that if a “land coach” could be provided to transport visitors back to their arrival coaches then purchases from the retail outlets could be left until they were ready to leave. This would avoid them having to carry shopping around all day.

- **Spinney.** The appointed Landscape Architects would be paid even if their proposals were not adopted.

- **High Street.** AS asked whether any funds were to be allocated towards improving shop fronts. AM replied this might be possible. AS wondered if anything could be done to lower pavement borders to avoid people tripping over. VE enquired as to why a fair number of shops were closed, thus giving a bad impression.

Treasurer’s Report. Current a/c £2,272.07, deposit a/c £7,349.54, total assets £9,621.61. **Catering for the AGM** of 12 December cost £212.60. This was considered satisfactory at £3 per head. MB asked that since we had funds of some £9,000+, could some of this be used perhaps for relocation and restoration of the **Mercy Gray Shelter**? AM informed the meeting that it had recently been vandalized again, this time causing severe damage to one of the side benches. AG suggested producing a report with a breakdown of costs to

make a feature of it at a future meeting of members. AM thought it might qualify for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. VE handed over to AG £3.36, representing donations for the **HCS Christmas Tree** in the Town Hall.

Report from Heritage Sub-Committee. MB showed a copy of the **Arts and Crafts Houses Leaflet**, now ready for printers. A quote would be obtained from Witleys and Paris Print. Possible print run of 500 copies. It was agreed that it should be sold at 30p. NH asked if we could promote the Leaflet. Martin Chown had suggested producing a notice featuring people who had influenced Hunstanton to be placed alongside the Leaflet on display in the TIC. MB was concerned at the poor state of the **HCS Information Boards**, particularly one at the Oasis. AM said replacements might be needed and should be discussed with Chris Bamfield. AG enquired about the **HCS Reis Leming Interpretation Board**, yet to be produced. The new Reis Leming Way sign had also been recently vandalized.

Report from Green & Pier Sub-Committee. None. Following John Maiden's resignation from the Executive Committee, the G & P Sub-Committee had been effectively disbanded.

Report from In-Bloom Committee. None, Sue Boxell being absent due to sickness.

Arrangements to Commemorate the Great Flood of 31 January 1953. A memorial service would be held at the Flood Memorial at 2.00 pm on Thursday 31 January, followed by a Church Service in St Edmunds at 2.30 then a talk and display of photographs in the Princess Theatre during the afternoon and evening.

Plans for the Year Ahead. Peterborough Civic Society has recently published a fine book about the buildings in the city and surrounding villages. AM thought that it would be good to produce something similar perhaps in conjunction with King's Lynn Civic Society. A proposal for a coach trip to visit the William Morris Gallery in London was a good one and worked well alongside the work done in connection with **H G Ibberson/and the Arts & Crafts movement**. MB and IS would investigate this. AS proposed a **Garden Party** to raise funds for relocation and restoration of the Mercy Gray Shelter. VE suggested borrowing money to restore the shelter and holding **two** parties,

one before and one after restoration. After discussion as to who had the most suitable garden, that of AM was chosen. Guests could arrive at the Cliff Top Car Park via the land train which is within five minutes walk. Sunday 2 June was suggested, being the 60th anniversary of the Coronation. MB and IS would be investigating the possibility of a **trip to the William Morris Museum** in Walthamstow, preferably by coach.

Date of next Committee Meeting Wednesday 13 February.