

Hunstanton Civic Society

Ordinary Committee Meeting Tuesday 14 January 2014 at 9.15 am Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road Council Offices

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), John Little (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Martin Chown, Norma Ham, Margaret Robinson, Ivy Scales, Ann Stevens

1. **Apologies.** Terry Ashworth.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 19 December and Matters Arising.** MB reminded members of the need to appeal at the Talk on 15 January for a volunteer to help on the Neighbourhood Plan.
3. **Secretary's Report incorporating report from Town Council Correspondence.** AM said that as **Domain Names** "Friends of Hunstanton" and "Friends of the Pier and Green" have not been used, we have not renewed the subscription. They could be reinstated if necessary. Because the **Charity Commission has different rules for annual incomes over £10,000**, it may be best to maintain the accounts of HCS and HCT separately. The HCT was not yet registered as a separate charity and this may not be allowed. NH enquired about the "**Water Bill update**". AM explained that this was a Bill currently going through Parliament about fluvial and tidal flooding.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Current a/c £1,715.50, deposit £7,397.64, total assets £9,113.14. JL enquired about fees for speakers. MC advised they were usually between £50-£80. For the talk on Wednesday 16 January MB would waive her fee, then donate it along with Gift Aid. Amanda Harrison would accept a cheque. TA, the new Membership Secretary, would obtain past records from Sue Boxell.
5. **Report from Hunstanton Heritage Centre Trust.** The Centre would re-open on 14 February. AM said that from April opening times could be extended. MC asked what would happen if Brian Holmes were to cease arranging the exhibits. AM said there was no-one to replace him but that he was still actively working on projects. AS said that Glebe School might like to visit the Centre. AM would contact them.
6. **Repairs to Pier Bed.** The recent tidal surge had done some damage to the "Pier Stump Garden" and we needed to find out the cost of repair. MB would be attending the "In Bloom" meeting this week and would bring up the subject. AM suggested we contribute £100 towards the refurbishment.
7. **Progress on Projects.**
 - a) **Talks Evenings from Autumn 2014 to Spring 2015.** MC had BH's Talks file. Three had been booked for next year. MB wondered what people thought about the subjects of the Talks. AM said BH had done a fantastic job. MC thought we needed to cover subjects on a national as well as local level.

He suggested one from Stagecoach, one on the "Stump" at Boston and another on "Beneath the Waves" for 2015. AM would contact John Tuck of Wells re a possible talk. IS suggested one from RAF Bircham Newton Heritage Centre, to include the British and German war graves at St Mary's Church, Gt Bircham.

b) Move Chapel Bank and three Clifftop Shelters. AM would contact Chris Bamfield to arrange a meeting including himself, MC and AS. MC knew someone with knowledge of moving shelters. AM said that he and JL would attend a meeting on 3 February at WNVCA re obtaining a grant from the HLF.

c) Input to Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Council could apply for a £7000 grant towards compiling the Plan, which was quite a powerful document. The Community could decide what areas/assets they wished to maintain and this must be adhered to by the Borough Council when considering planning developments. AM said there were some quite important areas in the town which should be preserved. We would have to meet with the TC. MC suggested that it was an ideal subject for Members to take part in and perhaps this could be discussed during the tea-break at a future meeting, with the aid of a flip-chart.

d) Updating and Reprinting Interpretation Boards, Plaques Leaflet. AM circulated artwork from Viv Young. He thought this was fine and the next step would be to consult BH who wanted to make some changes and then find a printer who could produce something better than the present boards. NH agreed to help on the project. MR had already volunteered. A meeting was arranged at AM's house on Monday 20 January.

e) Production of Oasis Way Leaflet. To be discussed with BH. Clive Wilkins-Jones of Norwich (on the list of speakers) could help also.

f) Ringstead Windmill Historical Associations. Leaflet in progress.

8. Roles of Committee Members.

Andrew MURRAY – Interim Secretary and Chair, Planning Policies and Liaison with Town Council, Civic Voice and other societies.

John M LITTLE – Treasurer.

Terry ASHWORTH – Membership Secretary, Heritage Centre Rota Co-ordinator, Interpretation Boards, Neighbourhood Plan.

Margi BLUNDEN – Heritage, In-Bloom Rep, Coach Trip Organiser, Neighbourhood Plan.

Martin CHOWN – Media and Publicity, Speakers, Shelters.

Norma HAM – Tea Co-ordinator, Interpretation Boards.

Margaret ROBINSON – Interpretation Boards, Heritage.

Ivy SCALES – Minutes Secretary, Heritage.

Ann STEVENS – Meet and Greet, Shelters.

9. Dates of Next Committee Meetings Tuesdays 11 Feb, 11 Mar, 8 April.

10. AOB. Coach Trips: MB suggested Tuesday 23 September, possibly to Bletchley Park. AM said a future trip might be to the Bishop's Palace and Gardens in Norwich.