

Hunstanton & District Civic Society
Committee Meeting on Tuesday 20 January 2015 at Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray, Chairman, (AM) Tony Armstrong (AA), Margi Blunden (MB), Martin Chown (MC), John Little, Treasurer (JL), Ann Stevens (AS), Richard Webb, Secretary, (RW), Mavis Windibank (MW)

1 Apologies: Terry Ashworth (TA), Ivy Scales (IS)

2 The minutes of the meeting on 16 December were approved and signed.

- We have registered with Borough Council officers and others our concerns about using part of the central car park for storage of building materials by McCarthy & Stone. We will support any other town organisation that will coordinate further action.
- AM has not yet consulted with the town clerk but further information on screens has been collected by Stephen Kent. AM advised we need to consider back-projection and there may be some financial help from monies raised by the pantomime performances. (**Action: AM**)
- The website update is on-going. We are awaiting a bill from Vivitext Design Group for work done so far. MB will invite Stephen Kent to help with this work. (**Action: MB**)
- MB is to research possible replacements for the butterfly shelters on the Green. (**Action: MB**) RW will ask David Morton about the time scale, budget and whether our advice would be welcomed. (**Action: RW**)
- AM is to attend a third meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan working party. He is collecting useful information and has received advice from John Clements, a Borough officer. Where NPs are being prepared they are already proving valuable in influencing planning decisions.
- Coach travel for a London trip has proved to be inconvenient. We are now investigating a train journey to London on 15 July to visit All Saints, Margaret Street. We have a speaker, Geoff, who will not demand a fee. The venue can accommodate up to 30 visitors, has a screen but no projector. Nearby Church of St Alban the Martyr, Holborn, has a room, screen and projector. If we go ahead we would open the trip to members of U3A and others. MB will contact Kath Fryer to see if the Le Strange archives have more information on William Butterfield. (**Action: MB**)

3 The Secretary's report of correspondence has been circulated. AM has circulated a report of the planning decisions taken by HTC. It is hoped that the Conservation Officer will liaise with Hughes to reach an acceptable compromise for their sign,

4 The Treasurer's report is attached. Thanks were given to JL. We will review our finances before September and consider raising the membership fee. An alternative was suggested, leaving the membership fee unchanged but making a £1 charge for members each meeting.

5 Subscriptions: We pay £204 to Civic Voice, £57 to the Victorian Society and £25 to WNVCA. We pay £45 to the Open Spaces Society and we will look to reducing this subscription at the next renewal. JL will cancel the direct debit in the meantime. (**Action: JL**) We pay £80 to the CPRE and will look to reduce this subscription at the next renewal.

We will put the quarterly magazines from the Victorian Society in the Heritage Centre and make them available for loan to members. (**Action: AM**)

6 We noted a suggestion for a 100 Club to raise funds.

7 AM presented a draft response to the Borough Council's Site Allocations document. We will consider this and discuss it at the next meeting in order to make our response before the deadline of 23 February.

8 The Heritage Centre We noted that electricity costs £12 per month (an estimate only, paid by AM, to be reimbursed). There will be some re-arranging of the displays. Dave Baxter has some football memorabilia that he will pass on for consideration.

9 Projects

- The clerk to Old Hunstanton Parish Council has asked for a plan for removal of the shelter on Chapel Bank by the end of May. AA reported on the encouraging response from Best Western that he will follow up. MB suggested we record the process in order to create a display to demonstrate one way in which we are preserving our heritage. It could be used to help raise the profile of our society. It was thought that Chris Bamfield had offered to supply a new base and AM would confirm this. (**Action: AM**) There may be some help forthcoming from the developer of the affordable homes to be built near to the site. There might be some funds from a current application by the BCKL&WN for Parks for People. We will investigate the likelihood of bats roosting in the shelter. (**Action: RW**)
- Neighbourhood Plan – see matters arising above

10 TA will prepare a membership list that can be used to record attendance more efficiently at monthly meetings.

11 The next committee meeting will be on **Tuesday 17 February** 2015 at 10am in Valentine Road.

12 There was no other business.