

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday 27 January 2016 at 10.00 am Large Meeting Room, Council Offices, Valentine Road, Hunstanton

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman), Stephen Kent (Treasurer), Anthony Armstrong, Terry Ashworth, David Jones (p/t), Margi Blunden, John Maiden, Ivy Scales, Ann Stevens, Mavis Windibank and Adrian Winnington

Prior to the Committee Meeting Sue Dickinson of the Borough Council presented the final illustration of proposed improvements to be made to The Green, Esplanade Gardens, War Memorial, paths, cliff-top wildflower plantings, putting green, shelters which constitute the second stage bid for an HLF grant. Committee Members were happy with all except the proposed gull wing design of the new shelters to replace the present 'butterfly' shelters. This was considered to be not in the style of the other shelters. A discussion ensued on possible designs with a "railway station" platform shelter with metal station-pillar type supports finding favour. MB produced a sketch of same.

1. Apologies: Alethea Gillard.

2. Minutes of Meeting held 17 December 2015 approved.

3. Production and Marketing of HCS Leaflets.

It was thought that the leaflets are not noticed. These had been priced at 50p and were not selling well. This was probably due to poor display. MB suggested opening the leaflets out and fixing them on a firm backing to attract attention, reducing price to 20p. MB, TA and IS would meet in the Heritage Centre at 10.30 on Friday 29 January to make a more eye-catching presentation for the leaflets. Possible further leaflets may be about the friendship between Henry le Strange and Butterfield; Rosalind Franklin, the dark lady of DNA; and Ringstead Parva

**4. Planning Applications and Developments/Town Council/
Correspondence**

- (a) Photographic record of the cliffs and beach. TA explained her proposed method of producing same, with photos on a roll for easy access.
- (b) Nomination of Hunstanton Model Shop for Design Award. Not yet made.
- (c) 70 homes and care home and land west of A-149 at Heacham: Access to be through School Road AM had sent a letter to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Civic Society.
- d) AM asked everyone to have a good look at the new outline applications for development east of the A149 16/00082 and 16/00084 and supply comments.
- e) Infant School: AM reported a "positive atmosphere" concerning ideas for future use. AW distributed a list of items from Mr Nigel Harvey, headteacher, for deposit in the Heritage Centre. MW warned that contents of lists for dates less than 75 years old might incur problems of freedom to display.
- f) AM had met with McCarthy & Stone re developing Eastlands House (Swain's building) and Tabor House into an assisted-living residence. (Eastland House was an Ibberson house).
- g) Hunstanton models shop has been nominated for a Mayor's design award

5. Treasurer's Report

SK presented the finances in a revised format combining the activity of the cash, current account and deposit accounts for both the main society and the Heritage Centre. £1500 had been withdrawn from the deposit account to meet the payment of £1550 for repairs to the roof of Mercy Gray shelter. The total assets stood at £11977.90

TA reported that membership was over 189.

6. Web-site matters

SK reported that it was running smoothly. Notice Board notices to be updated with new web-site address.

7 Heritage Centre

TA reported that Paris Print had done 10,000 new leaflets. AA reported that new displays would show what went on along the pier; the isolation hospital and the school in James Street.

8 Monthly Talks

MW would be grateful for suggestions about new speakers

AA and John Smith reported that 16 descendants of the Lovet Scouts who fought at Gallipoli were having a re-union at the Le Strange Hotel. A 4 course breakfast was to be served modelled on the menu from the sister ship to the Titanic that evacuated the soldiers to Malta.

9. Progress on projects

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – questionnaire being designed
- b) Pier working party – The document transferring ownership from HPC to CHS amusements in 2004 is probably invalid because the word 'supplementary' has been added without being dated or initialled. The lease has been breached because of late payments. A meeting is planned in Westminster with Sir Henry Bellingham and Mark Françoise, coastal communities minister.
- c) The replacement tiles did not match the colour of the others and are being returned to manufacturer.
- d) MB is arranging a coach trip to Wisbech on Wednesday 11 May to have guided tours around the Wisbech and Fenland Museum and the Octavia Hill Birthplace with lunch at the Rose & Crown Hotel. Cost £17 excludes lunch.
- e) The Town Council is planning to hold a twinning ceremony with the 67th USAF Special Operations Squadron
- f) Mr William Searle via the Chamber of Trade is co-ordinating raising money for a statue of Henry le Strange to be positioned on The Green
- g) Possible future uses of the Infant School as a base for District Nurses and Social Workers is being investigated.
- h) The Mercy Gray shelter roof has been repaired, the carpentry and re-glazing should be done soon. Interpretation boards are being designed.

10. Next meeting Wednesday 24 February 10.00 am at Valentine Road.