

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee Meeting on Monday, 20th July 2015 in the Heritage Centre

Present: Andrew Murray(AM), Tony Armstrong(AA), Terry Ashworth(TA), Margi Blunden(MB), Martin Chown(MC), Richard Webb(RW), Stephen Kent(SK), Adrian Winnington(AW), Alethea Gillard(AG)

1. Apologies from Ann Stevens (AS), John Little (JL) and Ivy Scales (IS)
2. Ali Gillard was introduced and welcomed to the committee.
The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2015 were approved and signed. A meeting is still pending with Vivitext.
3. A successful legal challenge has been lodged re the proposed building of 15 affordable homes on the A149 at Old Hunstanton and these will not now be built.
Anglia in Bloom judging for the front gardens took place on 8th July and seemed positive.
In response to the proposed closure of the pool at Smithdon High School, HTC has formed a working party to investigate the facilities available in the area to teach swimming.
Hunstanton infant school is not a listed building. It is closing in November. We should write to NPS to find out what is happening to the school. It is in a conservation area. (Action AG)
McCarthy & Stone are paying BCKL&WN compensation of £100,000 for the use of part of the car park to facilitate construction of the retirement home. Some funds might be available to spend in Hunstanton.
The residents at Valentine Court want a Monterey cypress tree chopped down as it is very big. We support the tree officer it should be trimmed. Appeal hearing is 12th August.
Coasthopper service from Hunstanton to Wells is viable during the summer but not during winter. Stagecoach have said they can afford to run a 2 hourly service in winter but there might be other operators in the area who can improve on this.
Family fossil hunt is on 2nd August run by Jamie Jordan. £15 adult, £10 child. Our involvement is to be on the beach giving support. Margi Blunden stated she is not happy our logo is on the poster as it looks as though we are charging for the fossil hunt.
10th August is the first SNAP meeting at the Way Christian Centre at 7pm.
16th August is the Kite Festival at Smithdon.
McCarthy and Stone have chosen the name Hamon Court. Charlotte Court was suggested by Councillor Paul Beal.
4. Treasurer's report was handed round. No questions. Membership application form has been agreed and we should omit the part about allergy.
5. Stephen Kent(SK) has not received any news for inclusion on the website.
6. The Inspector has adjourned indefinitely the LDF hearings because the BC did not convince him that there were adequate mitigation measures to meet the EU habitats directive.
7. Heritage Centre - Cost of social evening £97. More volunteers needed. Donation money is down. Approx. £18 for the weekend 18th/19th July. Volunteers should get together regarding the best way to request donations from visitors. A phone is needed for emergency purposes. MB is willing to donate an old mobile. We should investigate the possibility of a landline.

John Maiden is chairman of Heritage Trustees and we should invite him back on the committee. Insurance policies combined at an increased premium.

8. Projects - AM has applied to the AONB sustainability fund for financial support to move the Chapel Bank shelter. Although it is not in the AONB, the new position near the lighthouse would be near the Coasthopper bus stop and an interpretation board could promote the AONB and explain the significant role the Gray family had in the town.

No meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan since the election. Scheduled for 28th July. Maybe a survey or photos of the town as a project.

Butterfield outing went very well, although 9 people dropped out at the last minute. This has resulted in Geoff Brandwood thinking he could bring a trip here from the Victorian Society.

9. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 18th August at 10am.

10. AOB - Maybe we can increase membership instead of charging £1 per person per meeting.

New finger posts have gone up and some are pointing the wrong way.

VJ day on 15th August at the Cenotaph.

MB thanked Richard Webb for his services.