

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee meeting on Tuesday, 25th July 2017

at the Heritage Centre

Present: Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Maiden (JM), John Bridger (JB), Stephen Kent (SK), Sheila Kent (ShK), Robert Clark (RC), Tony Armstrong (AA), Andrew Murray (AM) (Acting Chairman), Ann Stevens (AS), Brian Holmes (BH), Margi Blunden (MB), Alethea Gillard (AG)

1. Apologies for absence received from TA, JS and IS.
2. Minutes of meeting held on 13th June 2017 and matters arising – the minutes were agreed and signed.
There were no matters arising.
3. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report – AM went to the 2nd appeal concerning land south of Coach House, Cromer Road, Old Hunstanton and the site visit. The Inspector decided that the appeal should be dismissed.
An area of land to the south of Old Hunstanton village has been put up as a possible development site in the recent call for sites..
Planning permission was granted last year for the replacement of a shack with a modern house at 99 South Beach Road but only on the basis it could only be occupied for 6 months of the year. The owners applied for this restriction to be removed but now that DM18 has been adopted, limited occupancy will be rigidly enforced.
No meeting has yet been arranged with the developers of Witley's print works.
Planning permission is being sought for a new terrace and verandah at Waterside and a 4 bedroom house adjacent to the Community Centre at 14 Avenue Road.
Rigil Kent has been co-opted onto the town council.
Tenders have gone out for repairs to the town hall frontage.
The new town council website is now operational and the new town notice board is awaiting planning permission.
Caddy liners will be phased out and it will be possible to place food waste into paper bags or newspaper. Borough Council is considering closure of the counter at Valentine Road. Town council, TIC or library staff could possibly take over some of the services.
Boundaries will be changed to reduce the number of Borough Councillors.
16 businesses in Hunstanton have signed up for the water refill scheme. There are round stickers in the windows.
4. Treasurer's report – The bank balance for the Civic Society and Heritage Centre is £14,778.18. It was suggested we move some of the money in the Heritage Centre account to the deposit account. Inquiries will be made regarding a better interest rate. £1,000 will be withdrawn for Solveig.
A water supply is needed at St. Edmund's Chapel garden and the signpost garden. We could approach the Lighthouse to see if they have an outside tap and we should contact Anglia Water to ask if they will help out a charity. AM will contact Ian Wallace and Derek Lloyd. Andrew Jamieson is involved with the twinning signs and the cost will now be £1500. Perhaps BCKLWN, town council and Norfolk County council can pay.
SK thanked AM for looking after things while he was away.
5. Membership – There were 186 paid up members at the end of May. One member joined in May has requested a receipt. Perhaps we should write a welcome letter which would incorporate a receipt. We now have 190 members.
6. Website – There have been 159 hits. SK feels the site could be improved.
7. Heritage Centre – John Smith and AA have had an interesting month. A person from Leicester has been recommended to come here as it is a brilliant heritage centre. Have

found donations are generally down and are lowest at weekends. One suggestion is that people pay £1 and are given a raffle ticket which entitles them to visit again for free. Various centres have received help from HLF but we have not asked for this as have not been in a position to request funding. The exhibition might stay open until 7th August.

8. Heritage Gardens and In Bloom – The contractors are now paying for any work being done as there was a penalty clause.

Anglia in Bloom judging took place on 6th July and AS and MB stood at each garden and the judges were very impressed by the number of gardens HCS care for. Britain in Bloom is on 7th August and AS and MB will do this again. No explanation has been received as to why the pier garden was ripped out. There has been a lack of communication between HCS and BCKLWN. Patrick Richardson has withdrawn from the In Bloom committee, as have the Brownies and Allotments. HCS will send a card to Patrick Richardson expressing our appreciation.

The interpretation boards have not been replaced by anything better. A response from Jason Richardson is that the interpretation boards are in storage in Heacham. New interpretation boards are being discussed. They are also aware of the colour scheme.

9. Representative to attend Safer Neighbourhood Action Team meetings- Both the Town Council and the Neighbourhood Action Team hold their meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. JB is willing to attend the next meeting on behalf of HCS. Meetings are held at the Way Centre behind the fire station or Dersingham.
10. Representative willing to be co-opted onto the Neighbourhood Plan working party – TA used to attend but we now need a replacement. JB said he will see how he gets on at the first meeting.
11. Name for McCarthy and Stone development at Swain’s site – RC thought of Mary Rhodes. JM suggested Ibberson Court as McCarthy and Stone are knocking down a house with Ibberson features. This was agreed.
12. Pier progress – SK has received notice from the Co-operative Society that the Community Benefit Company has been approved by the FCA. JB has spoken to Ray Harding who has agreed to meet and also Elizabeth Nockolds. JB will draft the letters to BCKLWN and the Town Council. We need a logo, website, business cards for the Benefit Company. A feasibility study is needed and if we can get a response from the HLF saying they will look at our application, we can apply to the Architect Heritage Fund for a grant.
13. Talks programme – There are 2 gaps in the programme for next year. Andrew Jamieson is prepared to give a talk as to how his father won the VC.
14. Railway steering group – The anniversary of the opening of the railway is 3rd October and a talk will, hopefully, be given during October.
15. Membership renewals – Letters will be updated and sent out soon. Chairman’s report and details of AGM will be needed.
16. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 29th August 2017 at 10am at the Heritage Centre.
17. AOB – It was mentioned we had not received minutes of the meetings of the Community Coastal Team. These should be posted on our website. Date for cleaning the Heritage Centre is 5th September.