

## HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee meeting on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
at Hunstanton Heritage Centre, 15 The Green.

Present: Tony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Robert Clark (RC), Alethea Gillard (AG), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (SK), John Maiden (JM), Andrew Murray (AM) and Ann Stevens (AS).

Margi Blunden (MB) agreed to act as Chairman for the meeting

1. Apologies for absence received from Judy Simmons (JS) and John Bridger (JB).
2. Minutes of meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were agreed and signed by MB. There were no matters arising.
3. Matters arising not otherwise on agenda – None.
4. Heritage Centre – alternative venues. The sale brochure for 15 The Green should be available later today. AM thinks 800k is optimistic. Cornerstone is still worth consideration. We are still waiting to hear when the keys to the bank will be available so a viewing can be arranged. JM thinks the bank would be a very prestigious building. The pizza place on Southend Road is on the market for 275k and the flat has sitting tenants.
5. Heritage Centre – how to raise finance. JM stated we could approach Barclays Bank and Nationwide who might buy NatWest Bank and allow us to use it, allowing us time to raise the money so they could be repaid. AM has been making contact with Barclays, NatWest / RBS, the Norfolk Museums Service, HLF and Chris Bamfield. Charity Bank could lend us 210k but this would cost £12,600 in interest per year. HTC could obtain a low cost loan from the Public Works Loan Board by applying via the National Association of Local Councils.
6. Heritage Centre – Rota, new displays, featured villages, schools. The flowers look really lovely outside. Sometimes there are problems with locking the outside door. All instructions need to be followed. Every new volunteer is given a list of instructions. JM has not succeeded in obtaining new car park passes. School visits are working very well. Holme will be putting up their display next week.
7. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report.  
Revised proposals have been submitted for the Witley press building in Church Street but the number of car parking spaces is below the recommendation and there is no provision for affordable housing. The A149 will be closed for 2 weeks in October opposite Old Town Way for a pedestrian crossing to be installed, diversion via the B1161. Changes to the speed limits along the A149 are still under consideration.  
4 pier stumps have been installed in the Time and Tide garden.  
An on line portal should be open soon so that views can be fed into Wayne Hemingway's regeneration proposals.  
We need to list buildings with local significance to form a Local List.  
The Town Council is to coordinate festivities at Christmas time under the title 'A Victorian Christmas' and will run from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. The town lights will be reconsidered. A town crier is to be appointed. The Mayor's Civic Service, on Sunday 9 September, will be followed by a blessing on the Green.  
HCS members need to be informed regarding any trips. It was suggested we e-mail our members monthly so everyone is aware of forthcoming events. It was pointed out not every member has a computer. Britain in Bloom judging is on 31<sup>st</sup> July.
8. Treasurer's report. HMRC overpaid gift aid and this has now been refunded. The Hunstanton Guide books are selling well. We have £16,883.82 in the bank. 108 hits on the website in the last 2 months.
9. Membership report. 3 new members joined in May. When renewals are sent out in August, hopefully everything will be ready to be included, i.e., details of talks, reports, etc.

10. Conservation areas advisory board. Report from MC to be circulated.
11. Report on progress with pier project. The business plan is being prepared. A further 500 signatures have been added to the petition. The winner of the popular logo competition will be announced soon.
12. Railway project update. There is to be a meeting this evening. Members of the Rail Campaign hope to become involved in the King's Lynn Area Transport Study.
13. Talks programme. 2 more talks need to be booked for 2018/2019. Brian Howling will be asked to give a talk about drainage of the Fens and salt making. A short talk but no quiz is to be arranged for the AGM in December.
14. Interpretation boards, Esplanade gardens, Britain in Bloom. AS asked if she and MB can have badges to wear during the In Bloom judging. As the firm in Rochester who were engaged to design and install the interpretation boards is not making progress, Jason Richardson is trying to arrange for the contract to be broken.
15. Visits. The CICB are not arranging visits at present. JB has not been able to make contact with Frimstone. A visit to Elgood's Brewery in Wisbech is planned for either 4<sup>th</sup>. or 5<sup>th</sup>. September.
16. Plans to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWI. AA said that a meeting is to be held on 28 August at 19.30 in Council Chamber.
17. Annual report – AM said that he thought that the constitution should be changed to limit the number of years that the society's officers can serve. Also perhaps, we should become a limited liability charity.
18. Next meeting on Tuesday 21 August at 10.00 in the Heritage Centre.
19. AOB – none.