

Hunstanton Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 11 June at 0915 am

In Large Committee Room, Valentine Road, Hunstanton

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Sue Boxell, Martin Chown, Ann Stevens, Ivy Scales

- **Apologies:** Margi Blunden, Valerie Everitt, Norma Ham, Penelope Pinder.
- **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May and Matters Arising.** AG pointed out that the £1,000 allocated for start-up of the future Heritage Centre should have been recorded in the minutes as having been proposed by himself and seconded by MC. SB had abstained, AM also, due to a “conflict of interest”. Concerning AM’s statement that “if a year later they asked for £600 more it would be reasonable”, SB said this was ambiguous. The minutes would be duly amended and re-presented for approval at the next Committee meeting.
- **Secretary’s Report and Matters Arising.** Concerning captions for the historical photographic tiles to be sited at the lower end of the Spinney, the Committee accepted the suggestion of “Henry and Hamon – Visionaries” as appropriate. Regarding the extensive proposed alterations to Dormy Cottage in Sea Lane, AM believed they would spoil the view. Unfortunately the house was neither “listed” nor in the Conservation Area.
- **Treasurer’s Report.** The cost of the large photographs produced by Brian Holmes currently on display in the future Heritage Centre was £115.20. This would be deducted from the £1,000 start-up allocation. Current a/c was £1,556.10, deposit a/c £7,376.85, total assets £8,932.95. Re membership, David Boxell had compiled a list showing the various numbers and categories. This had been seen by AG. AM had a few questions for David.
- **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee – including Green & Pier, QEII Fields Challenge.** In the absence of Margi Blunden, IS reported that research

was continuing on the “Old Windmill” project, though hampered by the lack of any “leads”. A reply was awaited from a request to the Mill owners to meet representatives of HCS.

- **Report from Hunstanton Heritage Centre Trust.** Solveig Ward’s solicitors had not yet produced the report she had requested. The cost had been stated as £700. SW said HHCT would not have to pay for at least a year. She had been told that the Trust did not wish to accept this idea. AM had applied to open a bank account at Nationwide. AG said that visitors to the HHCT were using the railings as a barrier to view the window displays. The railings had been installed after an accident involving a scooter last year. AG believed this had been the fault of the driver.

- **Report from In Bloom.** SB reported that Judging Day would be Friday 12 July. The Head Gardener had given advice on garden maintenance. The St Edmund Chapel Ruin Garden and the Wolf Garden had been prepared for planting on 31 May. On inspecting the Sinpost Bed near the Lighthouse, SB had noticed that one of the bollards had been damaged. Regarding the Coal Shed Gallery Garden, the Surf shop had been told they must not put up any banner on the wall.

- **Forthcoming Events – Civic Day 22 June, Fossil Hunt, Heritage Open Day Sept, Visit to William Morris Gallery.** IS had been unable to make contact with a geologist friend but HCS would still like to hold the annual **Fossil Hunt** AM would ask Norman Whye, a geologist in Hunstanton, if he would be willing to help. For **Civic Day**, John Maiden would lead another town Walk. For the trip to the **William Morris Museum** in Walthamstow, AM suggested that MC could try to put an article on the subject in the next issue of “Town & Around”.

- **New Talks Organizer.** An appeal for a volunteer would be made to Members at the next HCS Talks evening in October.

- **Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the USAF 67th Special Operations Squadron** and their association with Hunstanton. AM passed around a book of photographs on the subject entitled “A Day to Remember”. Copies were £50 each. AM thought that besides HCS, copies should also be held by the Town Council, the TIC, the Library and Colonel Rodrigues, (as a gift). It

was also suggested that the book should also have a narrative and include photographs of the actual floods and rescue attempts in 1953.

- **Representation on the Conservation Areas Advisory Board.** John Maiden was invited to attend only for matters affecting Hunstanton. MC was his deputy. JM was to point out that HCS covers not only Hunstanton but also surrounding villages. AM thought that JM should continue his representation, even though he was not a member of the Executive Committee. MC said it should be a Committee Member. He should be the representative of HCS, with JM as his deputy. Meetings were quarterly at the Council Offices in King's Lynn.

- **Date of next Committee Meeting 10 July.** Chris Bamfield would be attending. An e-mail received from him stated that he did not know who owned the land where it was proposed to locate the Chapel Bank Shelter. Searches would continue in the Land Registry records. MC said we should be ready with a list of items for discussion with CB, who preferred this approach. Subjects to include would be a large lump of carstone to denote the Neolithic Site, the Spinney, the McCarthy & Stone proposed care home on the site of the old garage (application for planning not yet received by the TC), and gardens. A Focus Meeting was proposed to produce ideas for the CB Discussion List. A date was set for **Monday 5 July at 7.00 pm at AM's house.**