

Hunstanton & District Civic Society
Committee Meeting on Monday 22 June in the Heritage Centre

Present: Andrew Murray, Chairman (AM), Tony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), John Little, Treasurer (JL), Ann Stevens (AS), Richard Webb, Secretary (RW), Mavis Windibank (MW), Adrian Winnington, HTC representative (AW)

Also present: David Jones (DJ), John Maiden (JM)

1 Apologies: Martin Chown (MC), Stephen Kent (SK), Ivy Scales (IS)

2 The minutes of the meeting on 19 May were approved and signed.
The button badges have arrived and are in the Heritage Centre for use as prizes.

3 Appointments: The committee congratulated Andrew on being elected Mayor of Hunstanton. Nevertheless they unanimously asked him to stay on as Chairman of the Civic Society. If town councillors feel this would create a conflict of interests for him (rather than, from time to time, a conflict of opinion) they should be invited to elaborate on that view.

The secretary is leaving Hunstanton soon and so has tendered his resignation. There was no-one on the committee who felt able to fill this role but it is **essential a replacement is found before the next meeting**. TA will approach Mary Mackie but we are all asked to consider other members who might be approached to fill the vacancy.

4 The Secretary's report of correspondence received has been circulated. AM had a letter (from the Lynn News) about the closure of the Smithdon High School swimming pool. HTC have established a working party to consider the local provision of swimming pools. He reported on the latest Chamber of Trade meeting which included items on the carnival, possible late night shopping hours in the winter, a proposed award for businesses, and a town map. Copies of the current *My Local Guide* are available from the travel shop in the High Street. AM had a copy of an article from the Lynn News about a local D-Day hero and a copy of the Greater Ringstead newsletter. He has replied to questions from the Inspector who will examine the LDF in July, at which Andrew will be participating. The only recent planning issues have involved the proposed paving of the lane adjacent to Fat Birds (for use as a car wash) and the naming of the lane between the Copper Kettle and the Fair Trade shop on the High Street. Old Bakery Lane has been suggested. He has responded to a notification of a request to fell a large tree on the roadside by Valentine Road flats. The result of the appeal will be known in July.

5 The Treasurer's report is attached. There were no questions but we were pleased to note that membership is up this year. There is a £349 Gift Aid rebate to be included.

6 Website matters We have received an invoice from Vivitext Design for hosting the website over the previous seven years and for design work on the interpretation boards last year. It was a matter of general regret that this had not

been dealt with annually. We decided to pay the outstanding invoices (£588 and £360) but AM and JL will arrange to meet with Vivien Young to negotiate a final figure. In the meantime we agreed for JL to arrange a transfer £500 from the CCLA account into our current account to help with meeting this cost.

(Action: JL)

In response to an email from SK we confirmed our request for a *latest news* page on the website which might also include information on when the site was last updated. It was acknowledged that we all share responsibility for keeping SK informed of items that come under this heading. **(Action: SK)**

7 LDF response This was dealt with under item 4.

8 Heritage Trust Attendance is going well but donations continue to fall below expectations. There are on-going discussions about renewing displays. We were pleased to endorse MW's suggestion to incorporate *Recent Donations* boards (in the space either side of the main windows) to display items that haven't yet found room on a main display and to encourage further donations. We noted some recent additions including the Toby Jugs made from Hunstanton clay by Kate Dunbar.

We agreed to integrate the Heritage Trust with Hunstanton and District Civic Society, sharing trustees and avoiding duplication of costs such as insurance.

9 McCarthy and Stone development We considered names suitable for this development and decided to pass on ***St Edmund Court***, ***Spinney Court*** and ***Hamon Court*** as suggestions that M&S might consider.

10 Social Evening JM showed proofs of the pictures we are due to present to Mark Service (as thanks for renewing our bond with the USAAF 67th Special Operation Squadron) and Neil Quincey (on his 90th Birthday). TA and AS had the arrangements for the refreshments in hand.

11 Projects

- The BCKL&WN are in the process of registering the land where the shelter is due to go. There are no problems with planning permission or underground utilities. AM sent a memo to Old Hunstanton Parish Council to keep them informed of our progress.
- There are some new HTC councillors on the Neighbourhood Plan working party but they have yet to meet.
- The trip is going ahead, but there are still places.
- Complications with the arrangements have meant that the VE Day commemoration floral display is no longer required.

12 The next committee meeting will be on **Monday 20 July** at **10.00am** in the Heritage Centre.