

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee meeting on Tuesday 19th June 2018

Held 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), 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 John Bridger (JB), Stephen Kent (SK), Sheila Kent (ShK) and Judy Simmons (JS).
2. Minutes of meeting held on 15th May 2018 were agreed and signed by MB.
3. Matters arising not otherwise on agenda – None.
4. Heritage Centre – possibility of remaining at 15 the Green. Mrs. Solveig Ward is expecting offers in excess of £800k for the sale of the immaculate property, although she has been advised she could get more if it was sold in 2 parts. Due to the cost, it does not appear we will be able to remain at 15 The Green.
5. Heritage Centre – Alternative venues. Cornerstone has been viewed but it is in quite a poor condition. The sale price is £260k but would need at least £50k to bring it up to an acceptable standard. Scoop and Save and Living Waters are up for sale. NatWest Bank closes on 20th June and details will be sent to us when it is marketed. The purchase of a building such as Cornerstone has huge possibilities for the town and perhaps local businesses might be interested in contributing towards a community project. A second viewing has been arranged for 19th June. The infant school is part of one public estate and the Town hall basement is another possibility.
An application to the HLF for £600k to buy 15 the Green is unlikely to be granted.
6. Heritage Centre – Rota, new displays, featured villages, schools.
The July rota has been prepared.
Dersingham schools will be advised by JM that their village is featured in July.
7. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report.
Consultation is now available on the Norfolk Strategic Plan.
Congratulations to Amanda Bosworth on becoming Town Mayor.
Letters are to be sent to M and Co regarding the disrepair to shop front; to Sally Bettinson requesting the schedule of road repairs; to BCKLWN to ask the owner of the Kit Kat to tidy up site and repair hazardous paving between Kit Kat and prom and to NCC to look at safety improvements at Park Road/Sandringham Road, Church Street/Austin Street, Valentine Road/Homefields Road and King's Lynn Road/Sandringham Road junctions; also consider adding Princess Drive and Collingwood Road to the gritting route.
On Sunday, 1st July there will be a concert and dedication of memorial to Lovat Scouts by the Bishop of Lynn from 2pm to 5pm. The consultation on Norwich west link is half way through.
8. Report on progress with pier project. JB went to the AGM of the National Pier Society and had a discussion with the chairman. He said that other sailing clubs do not have a problem with being near to piers. The sailing club do not approve of the proposal to build a pier, although the sailing club was in existence when the pier was there.

9. Railway project update. There is a new King's Lynn area transport study being done. It is hoped the railway project ideas can be built into this. NCC have to date discounted the possibility of a park and ride scheme in King's Lynn.

10. Talks programme. There will be a talk on the holocaust education trust. Any suggestions for speakers will be welcome.

11. Interpretation boards, Esplanade gardens, Britain in Bloom.

AM has sent Jason details to be put on the board by the statue on The Green. As little progress has been made with the contracted company in Rochester in the last 2 years, hopefully, the design will be brought in house.

There is a tea party on Thursday for the Adopt a bedders. 3 new signs for St. Edmund's railway garden and signpost garden stating these beds are being maintained by HCS. Judging day for Britain in Bloom is 31st July.

12. Visits – Norwich Society, ITB, Frimstone, Wisbech.

The visit to Norwich Society was very successful. Awaiting responses from Frimstone and CITB.

13. Plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

There have been 2 meetings and another meeting will be held next week.

14. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 24th July 2018 at 10am at The Heritage Centre. An additional meeting will be held on 26th June re Cornerstone at 11am following a return visit.