

Hunstanton & District Civic Society
Committee Meeting on Tuesday 17 March at Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray, Chairman (AM), Tony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Ann Stevens (AS), Richard Webb, Secretary (RW), Mavis Windibank (MW)

Visitors: David Jones (DJ), Stephen Kent (SK)

1 Apologies: Margi Blunden (MB), Martin Chown (MC), John Little, Treasurer (JL), Ivy Scales (IS)

2 Website We discussed re-launching the website and considered the mock-up presented by SK (drawn up following a meeting with DJ and RW). We were very happy with this and invited SK to carry on and complete the work. We will all read through it carefully and draw attention to any modifications needed, via the secretary please. We agreed to pay for the registration of a new domain name, www.hunstantoncivicsociety.org.uk which we will publicise. The old website will be wound down and visitors redirected to the new site. **(Action: SK, DJ & RW)** DJ is content with this new arrangement and SK will take over as 'Web Master'. The committee thanked DJ for his work over many years and SK for taking on this responsibility.

3 The minutes of the meeting on 17 February were approved and signed.

- AM has talked to the Clerk about a screen for the Town Hall. It would seem that the Princess Theatre have plans to show films and, if that is the case, we would only need a screen that was suitable for our meetings. AM will consult with Brian Hallard and with DJ to discover whether we need to update our screen and/or projector. **(Action: AM)**

4 The Secretary's report of correspondence has been circulated. AM (as Town Councillor) reported on an extraordinary proposal that was passed by a majority at HTC and was designed to prevent 'bullying by email'. It states that councillors may not criticise other councillors or publicly to disagree with policies or decisions passed by the HTC. He also reported that the Borough Council planning committee had turned down the proposal to build a bungalow in the garden space next to 29 Sandringham Road. The Borough Council are proposing to spend £80,000 on upgrading the public toilets in Old Hunstanton and those at the Cliff Top car park. Collingwood Road will not be part of the gritted route despite its importance as an access to the primary school. AM also reported on an interesting meeting he had attended about transport services in Norfolk and reported on the new group, Community Action Norfolk, an amalgamation of WNVCA and NRSN.

RW reported on the Town Team meeting which was held on 13 March. A decision was taken to restart the free WiFi on the Green for the coming year. RW abstained from the vote as he was uncomfortable with the lack of written financial details. There is not to be another meeting until the end of the year.

5 The Treasurer's report is attached. There were no questions in the Treasurer's absence.

6 The Heritage Centre There are plans to introduce more things to attract children and a questionnaire was proposed. We are pleased to note developing links with Heacham Historical Society which plans to have an archive room when the parish council moves to its new premises in the Old Dairy. We considered Mr Ruston's emails about St Ives and the way they raised funds to buy and renovate the Corn Exchange, which we might emulate in order to buy the Heritage Centre. AM is to meet with Solveig and Derek to sign a new 12 month lease and as they have no plans for changing our current arrangement we do not need to consider ways to buy the Heritage Centre for the foreseeable future. AM will thank Mr Ruston for his comments. (**Action: AM**)

7 Projects

- The clerk to Old Hunstanton Parish Council has resigned (we do not know if that will have any effect on the ultimatum we were given for moving the Chapel Bank shelter). AM will attend the next meeting to plead for more time. (**Action: AM**) Moving the shelter forms part of the NL bid by the BCKL&WN. Plans for the exhibition at Le Strange Arms are progressing, it may be in June.
- The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan group is later today. The BC has funds earmarked for helping with NP which we may be able to use. There are tentative plans for a public meeting later in the summer.
- There is only a small number of people signed up as yet for the Butterfield outing. AM will mention it at tomorrow night's meeting and it has been advertised with the KL Arts and Science group and LKCS.

8 The next committee meeting will be on **Tuesday 21 April at 10.00am** in the Heritage Centre.

9 RW mentioned tentative plans were mentioned at the Town Team meeting to produce a Town Trail leaflet. We might be interested to hear more. RW mentioned that an opening might be left (for pedestrian use) when the fence round the Community Field alongside Sandringham Road is replaced.