

# HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee meeting on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

at the Council Offices, Valentine Road

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

1. Apologies received from BH and IS..
2. The minutes of the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were approved and signed. We want to have 4 pots of geraniums and it was agreed we should spend £250 on pots, compost and plants. The heritage trail booklet is in course of preparation. Slides will be taken to Heacham History Society and the films have been given to Stuart Bellis who will assess the quality of these. They might be able to be used on the interactive screen in the Heritage Centre. Triangle boards will be used in the summer to avoid cluttering. Le Strange graves have been tidied up, although a lot of moss still needs to be removed. A display was taken to the library on Saturday for Societies Day. There were 4 societies present.
3. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report – Outline planning consent has been given for development south of the commercial park but there seems to be no linkage concerning the building of a care home or housing with care. 60 homes are in the planning permission and it is against the site allocations document. The 15 affordable homes to be built on land south of Coach House, Cromer Road, Old Hunstanton, the Court has ordered the appeal be re-determined on the basis of an informal hearing. Insurers and assessors think distortion occurred to the town hall some years ago. Skate ramp might be better off re-located to an area next to Sealife. The website is being reconstructed. £200 has been allocated to Syrian Befriending. £500 allocated to support water refill scheme. (Take your own bottle into participating shops for a free refill). Heacham and District Community Car Scheme are looking to recruit drivers. AM and JB are both attending the Seaside Heritage meeting in Scarborough on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.
4. Treasurer's report – The bank balance for the Civic Society and Heritage Centre is £14,290.44.  
Membership – This month we have had 1 renewal and 1 new member, 8 individual members have not paid and 8 people have not renewed. We have 156 joint, individual and honorary members.
5. Website – We have had 45 hits this month. Neighbourhood Plan information has been updated.
6. Heritage Centre – It has been a slow start. It was thought we need not open until Easter and this will be looked into. EDP have been to visit and an article will either be in the paper or their magazine. Our lease runs out at the end of July. We can try opening one day during the week instead of a Friday next year. We do not know if there is a notice board on the coach park as we might like to advertise. Perhaps we can also give leaflets to the coach drivers.
7. Blossom Day – This is on 29<sup>th</sup> April from 12 noon to 4pm. It is the same day as the Heritage Day in Docking. John Smith, Tony Armstrong and Nigel of Dreamy Hollow will be attending this.
8. Unveiling of Henry le Strange statue – This will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm. HCS have been asked if we can give out leaflets dressed in Victorian

dress. It was suggested the local theatre company be approached. The Heritage Centre will stay open and bunting will be put up.

9. Civic Day – The Syrian families will be attending from Norwich. Stands from Hunstanton town council and community groups will be in the town hall. HCS has the town hall from 7pm and John Selby will be giving a talk on 50 Years of Conservation Areas. Wine and crisps will be served and the cost will be £1 per person.
10. Victorian Pavilion – This belongs to BCKLWN and it does not appear HCS are involved in any way.
11. Pier progress – Nothing to report at present.
12. Talks programme – AA has received all the information from MW and some of the lists are out of date. We can contact the East Anglian Film archive to show a black and white film at the AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Some organizations charge a lot of money for speakers which we cannot afford. Perhaps HCS could prepare about 20 minutes on the le Strange graves and we will approach Mr. Meakin.
13. Job Centre applicants – TA received an e-mail from Deb Hanson at the Job Centre asking if we could take on an applicant as it would be helpful to them to have something on their CV stating they have done some voluntary work. Sean Edwards has been given a chance. We have been asked if we would like to go on a list for other people to do voluntary work and it was agreed we would.
14. Esplanade Gardens Activities– Rosie Djurovic stated Battle of the Bands will take place at the bandstand on 17<sup>th</sup> April. Bug hunts will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April, Nordic walking on 24<sup>th</sup> April, Fit for 50's boot camps will start in May. RSPB will lead bird watching walks along the cliffs, informal art sessions will be held on the Green starting on 21<sup>st</sup> April and thereafter the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month. Starting in the summer will be story telling. A meeting will be held at the Golden Lion on 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3.30pm for the heritage gardens friends group. There is a problem at the railway bed with vandalism and litter. MB wondered if HCS could have a plaque The next In Bloom meeting is on 31<sup>st</sup> March. There are 4 places left on the events management training course. No progress has yet been made on the themed evening walks. At the moment, the gardens are a building site but they should be finished by 1<sup>st</sup> June.
15. The date of the next meetings will be Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 10am at the Heritage Centre.
16. AOB – The Coasthopper will stop at Heacham Manor again as from 2<sup>nd</sup> April and Lynx will start this on 20<sup>th</sup> May.