

Hunstanton Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 7 May 2012 at 9.15 am In Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Norma Ham, John Maiden, Ivy Scales

1. **Apologies.** Sue Boxell.
2. **Minutes of Meetings held on Tuesday 13 March and Tuesday 10 April** were approved and signed.
3. **Secretary's Report.** As circulated.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** We have 149 annually-paying members and 30 life members. Current a/c balance was £1,057.39, deposit a/c £7,315.68, making total assets £8,373.07. AG proposed that the Focus Group appoint an auditor for the accounts. Suggestions were for Kingsley Pearce, Kathryn Gigg or Fergus McLellan.
5. **Green and Pier Sub-Committee.** JM announced that the Heritage Lottery Fund had declined a grant for a new pier, since they focus on restoration. He said that there were other sources of funding, one being money from Crown estates that is being allocated to coastal communities. The 10th. anniversary of the birth of the Hangar falls on Friday 18 May when the previous building burnt down and gave rise to the founding of the Civic Society. Concerning The **Green**, we were faced with the intransigent attitude of the BC in only nominating the portion of The Green that is considered to be jointly managed as opposed to the areas of The Green as defined in the conveyance of 1955.
6. **Heritage Sub-Committee.** MB and IS had been shown the main Ibberson houses by a local lady who was writing a book on the subject. They would be producing an illustrated leaflet for the September Heritage Days focusing on the architect's best examples, complete with map and possibly including advertisements. With a run of between 1,000-10,000 copies, the leaflet could continue to be available in future from the TIC in Hunstanton and King's Lynn. Hamon le Strange would be mentioned in it and JM offered to write to the HLF for funding. The Society would also contribute towards production costs.
7. **Focus Group.** There is a need to establish the current ownership of the old **railway track** beds from Hunstanton to King's Lynn and from Heacham to Wells. This might connect with the Norfolk Orbital route in the future. As owners, BC could put the **Princess Theatre** into a Trust that would attract grants and gift aid benefits. Due Diligence should have been used to ensure that the Majestic were capable of running it; a default bond should have been held and there should have been no reward for failure.
8. **Arrangements for forthcoming events: Civic Day**, 23 June - JM would lead a **walk around town**. **Carnival**, 24 June- we would have a **stall on the Green**, possibly using Ken Lawson's gazebo. (Here visitors could be asked what they liked/disliked about living in Hunstanton for the Civic Pride survey). **Anniversary of death of Henry Styleman le Strange, 27 July** -The Town Hall and speakers have been booked; Michael Meakin le Strange would unveil one of the three **pictures of his ancestor Henry**. **Fossil Hunt, 1 August** – AM has hammers and goggles. **Railway Exhibition**, 2-4 October. BH did not feel able to lead this but it was hoped he would be there to help.
9. **Dates of next meetings Tuesdays 19 June and 10 July.**