

Hunstanton & District Civic Society
Committee Meeting on Tuesday 19 May in the Heritage Centre

Present: Andrew Murray, Chairman (AM), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Martin Chown (MC), Stephen Kent (SK), John Little, Treasurer (JL), Ivy Scales (IS), Ann Stevens (AS), Richard Webb, Secretary (RW), Mavis Windibank (MW)

Also present: John Maiden (JM)

1 Apologies:, Tony Armstrong (AA)

2 The minutes of the meeting on 21 April were approved and signed.

Website SK has put a 'hit counter' onto the website. It was suggested he add U3A as a 'hot link'. He had scanned the 'Northrepps' documents and copied them onto discs (passed to AM, MW and IS).

RW has ordered 200 button badges and it was agreed to meet the £40 cost.

3 The Secretary's report of correspondence has been circulated.

We noted those of our members who have been elected onto Hunstanton Town Council: Richard Bird, Andrew Murray, Kate Dunbar, Christine Earnshaw, David Jones, Adrian Winnington, Steve Tong

As there had been no committee meetings this month there was nothing to report from the HTC. There have been no planning applications that require our attention.

4 The Treasurer's report is attached.

It was proposed by MC that, from the September meeting, we would make a charge of £1 per meeting per member (to include refreshments) as an alternative to increasing the annual membership fee. The charge to visitors would remain £3 per meeting. This proposal was agreed by the committee and will be put to the members attending the meeting on 20 May.

5 There is to be a special award from the Anglia-in-Bloom judges for displays commemorating the 70th anniversary of VE Day. The judging date is Wednesday 1 July. We will look to contribute to Hunstanton's efforts by:

- A planter with a vegetable display (to suit 1945) in front of the Heritage Centre – with Derek's and Solveig's permission, (**Action: AM**); Chris Bamfield will be asked to help source some plants, (**Action: MB**), Harry Croad will be asked for advice on making a planter, (**Action: AM**)
- Two water butts (one each side), preferably in green and gold, to water the planter, (**Action:**), with Derek's and Solveig's permission, (**Action: AM**)
- A display of some Hunstanton VE Day photographs, if they can be found. We will see if John Smith has any. (**Action: TA**) and we will ask people at the meeting on 20 May if they have any we might borrow.

6 Carnival Day is Sunday 28 June. AM will be in a tent promoting interest and involvement in the Neighbourhood Plan. This could be sited in front of the Heritage Centre with Derek's and Solveig's permission, (**Action: AM**).

7 Town Notice Board It was felt that this is becoming a bit tired and not a good advertisement for all the excellent activities that our town offers. The frame needs re-varnishing and the inside needs fitting with replacement sundeala board for ease of use. It may be possible to re-arrange the displays to make them easier for visitors to read the information. Perhaps the policy of what notices go where and when needs re-visiting. The Town Clerk (and the Facilities Manager) will be consulted, (**Action: AM**).

8 Heritage Trust Attendance and donations are going well. There have been two successful school visits and another one planned for 8 June. The quiz is popular with our younger visitors. There will be a cleaning day followed by a Trust meeting on 1 June, 10am. There is £4,200 in the Heritage Trust account and this could be used to pay for a planter and water butts.

9 JM reminded us of Mark Service's involvement in this year's commemoration of the 1953 floods and the involvement of the Americans. We agreed to fund (up to £100) a framed collage of photographs from the Freedom of Hunstanton celebration for presentation to Mark Service, possibly at a wine-and-cheese evening in the Heritage Centre on 27 June, with Derek's and Solveig's permission, (**Action: AM**).

10 Projects

- AM is to meet with Dave Morton on the proposed site for the re-location of the Chapel Bank shelter and it remains possible that the Borough Council will agree to install a base for it. We agreed that it might be more practical to replicate the shelter (using as much original material as possible) rather than try to move it in one piece.
- TA is still walking the streets and recording the street furniture to put on the definitive map. As above, AM will try to raise the profile of the Neighbourhood Plan at the Carnival, as he has been doing with his articles in Town & Around. It is hoped more members of the newly elected HTC might wish to become involved.
- The number of people signed up for the Butterfield visit remains disappointing. We will try to encourage more to join at the meeting on 20 May but, if fewer than 30 are signed up by the end of the month, MB will have to cancel the trip.

11 The next committee meeting will be on **Monday 22 June at 10.00am** in the Heritage Centre.

12 AOB

- MC has arranged 5 of the 8 talks for the next season. He would like an assistant and/or a successor to be recruited.
- Kate Dunbar has made some Toby Jugs from Hunstanton clay. We agreed to buy one and display it in the Heritage Centre, with an explanation of its provenance.
- AS needs more help with providing refreshments. We discussed the timing of the refreshment break but with no clear conclusion.
- We agreed to pay £46.83 for two hanging baskets for the outside of the Heritage Centre (from the Borough Council), with Derek's and Solveig's permission, (**Action: AM**). This was part of a report by AM of the recent Chamber of Trade meeting which also reported that the glass brick presented to Hunstanton by the Britain in Bloom competition is to be mounted outside the Princess Theatre set in four oak sleepers. It will have a solar panel and a light to illuminate it in the evenings. In addition, there are to be some loading bays put in the High Street, a coach drop off point outside the Princess Theatre, eight new finger posts are on order and will be installed soon after the replacement flood gates have been put in. He was also informed that the Infant School will not now close until after the October Half Term.