

# HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee meeting on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
at the Heritage Centre

Present: Andrew Murray(AM), Terry Ashworth(TA), Ann Stevens(AS), Tony Armstrong(AA), Stephen Kent(SK), John Maiden(JM), Adrian Winnington(AW), David Jones(DJ), Alethea Gillard(AG)

1. Apologies received from Margi Blunden(MW), Mavis Windibank(MW) and Ivy Scales(IS)
2. The minutes of the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April were approved and signed. There were no matters arising. Congratulations were extended to AW who has been elected as Deputy Mayor.
3. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report – There has been an official objection to the development of the land south of the commercial park in Hunstanton. Broadland Housing claim it is not deliverable and are concerned Pigeon will build the market houses and then run out of money and not build the care home. Natural England have drawn attention to the fact that Smithdon High School is a grade 2\* listed building nearby and it could also affect the ruins of St. Andrew's chapel at Barrett Ringstead and conditions might be attached if planning permission is given. A planning application has been received from McCarthy and Stone for a 55 place extra care development at the Swains site in Westgate. HCS will support the development.
4. Treasurer's report – There were reports re the Heritage Centre, Civic Society and the ring fenced funds. It was felt it is not a good idea to increase the subscription. Up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, the TIC have sold various items of HCS amounting to £32. We cannot have a direct debit mandate with Barclays Bank as we do not have 400 transactions per year.
5. Website – This has been updated re outings, talks and minutes. There is a new page for the twinning. The website has had 912 hits during the year.
6. Heritage Centre – Bishop Ellis School, Leicester are visiting on 12<sup>th</sup> July. There will be an exhibition Monday to Friday during July manned by John Smith and Tony Armstrong. DVDs of Hunstanton postcards to sell at £12.
7. Britain in Bloom - New shingle has been ordered for the railway garden and some plants have been bought. Euphorbias and Hostas have been removed.
8. Talks – All talks have been booked for the 2016 /2017 season.
9. Outing to Wisbech – This was a very successful trip.
10. Twinning Ceremony – This went off very well. The 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the 67<sup>th</sup> USAF Squadron is next year. Perhaps we can arrange an outing to Mildenhall.
11. Neighbourhood Plan – 470 questionnaires have been returned, half from Smithdon. There will be an open day at the Community Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> June to display the results. Display boards and photographs will show what the town was like 100 years ago. Refreshments will be provided.
12. Progress on projects
  - a. Pier – Mr. Mark Francoise, Minister for Coastal Communities, to be invited to Hunstanton to see the town, the Heritage Centre and meet the Town Council and

Coastal Communities Team.

- b. Tiles in Spinney - No further progress. Speak to Brian.
  - c. Mercy Gray shelter – Painting is nearly finished. Glass is ready to be inserted and the guttering erected.
  - d. Railway bed – already discussed.
13. Vestments and Flower display at St. Edmund's Church – We have been asked for a donation and JM will contact Maria Rix to make a flower arrangement to cost up to £50.
14. The date of the next meeting will be 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 10.30am at the Heritage Centre.
15. AOB – should be notified to Secretary prior to meeting.