

**HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY**  
**Committee meeting on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**  
**at the Heritage Centre**

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

1. An e-mail has been received from TA's daughter stating she is getting better each day. AB agreed to chair the meeting today.
2. Both MB and AG have volunteered to be signatories on the bank account. It was agreed AB will be the third signatory.
3. Apologies for absence received from TA, MB and BH.
4. Minutes of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and matters arising – Life members were not included and the total members amounts to 186. The cost at Civic Day for the talk should read £1 members and £3 non-members. AS said she will need some help before the talk on 17<sup>th</sup> June. JB offered. Following the amendments, the minutes were agreed and signed.
5. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report – The linkage with a care home and housing with care is included in the 106 agreement on land next to the commercial park. There is an informal 2 day hearing regarding land south of Coach House, Cromer Road, Old Hunstanton starting on 6<sup>th</sup> June. HCS are able to speak at the meeting as we have objected to this. AM may do this. The land opposite Old Town Way has been purchased by Bennett Homes. The Town Council notice board needs to be replaced due to the expenditure of keeping the wood in good repair. A new board has been offered at a discount but we need it to be illuminated and some fancy work at the top. The company has agreed to this and the cost is approx. #1200. The insurers have failed to respond to correspondence regarding the damage to the town hall so we do not know if they will pay anything. 50/60 people attended the conference in Scarborough. AM paid £10 for a stand but most of the delegates listened to the talks and took no notice of the stands. The focus now is on well being, food and drink and heritage. Demographics are also changing.
6. Treasurer's report – The bank balance for the Civic Society and Heritage Centre is £13,392.62.
7. Membership – No new members or renewals. There is no justification for raising the subscription.
8. Website – We have had 48 hits this month.
9. Heritage Centre – SK has almost prepared the June rota and July needs doing. JB is prepared to accept the Centre donations. Re the quiz, it has been pointed out it is difficult for children to find the clues so perhaps mini statue stickers could be used. This was agreed.
10. Civic Day – There is an open day in the town hall for the Council and community groups from 10.30am until 4pm. Depending on volunteers, the Heritage Centre will, hopefully, open at 10.30am until 5pm. Opening on a Wednesday was again discussed and the volunteers will be approached.
11. Pier progress – National Pier Society will be happy to help us. JB will visit Bournemouth pier and they will help us construct a business plan. Withernsea town (near Grimsby) pier has been demolished and they have set up a company limited by guarantee to do a feasibility study. They are very keen to help us with

a feasibility study. Cleethorpes pier was pier of the year 2015 and they are now refurbishing their restaurant. The Pier Task Force has decided it is time for the application to register the Hunstanton Heritage Pier Community Trust (change of name from Hunstanton Pier Heritage Community Trust) which will cost £300. This was agreed. Draft letters were discussed regarding the approach to the Town Council and the Borough notifying them this Trust has been set up. The intended final copy will be circulated prior to sending. We should wait until the new company has been registered before sending the letters.

12. The date of the next meetings will be Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 10am at the Heritage Centre.
13. AOB – It appears the wall has been taken down in the tide garden on the Esplanade, Sample interpretation boards have not been supplied. SK will write a letter asking what is happening as BCKLWN have failed to supply details of work to be done by the contractors. MB and AS went to the signpost garden and need some holes dug. Plants and gravel have been taken away from the pier garden. At a meeting on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May it will be asked if these could be reinstated.