

Hunstanton and District Civic Society Meeting Minutes

DATE Tuesday May 15th 2018

VENUE 2, Clarence Road, Hunstanton

PRESENT Tony Armstrong (AA) Terry Ashworth (TA) Margi Blunden (MB) John Bridger (JB) Robert Clark (RC) Sheila Kent (ShK) Stephen Kent (StK) John Maiden (JM) Andrew Murray (AM) Judy Simmons (JS) Ann Stevens (AS)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Following a photo call to launch the Hunstanton Guide Book, the meeting opened at 10.22 with apologies from Alethea Gillard and Amanda Bosworth.

2. Minutes of meeting held on April 17th

The minutes were signed by MB who chaired the meeting. No matters arising.

3. Minutes of extraordinary meeting held on April 25th

The minutes were signed by MB.

4. Matters arising- not otherwise on agenda

There were no matters arising.

5. Heritage Centre (HC)- options, rota, new displays, featured villages, schools (TA) (AM)
At present the featured village is Snettisham. Dersingham will take over from the middle of June, followed by Holme, after which AA will arrange for Docking to have a display, which will be part of the lead-up to the World War 1 centenary commemorations.

TA said the rota was not a problem despite some people leaving.

There is a school visit on May 23rd- a class of year 2 children who are investigating changes to our seaside towns.

JM will contact the schools whose villages are displayed in the HC, and invite them to visit.

There was a discussion about the options for the future of the Heritage Centre.

6. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report (AM)

Miramar B&B- the application seeks to retain the UVPC windows that have destroyed the symmetry of the pair of Ibberson semi-detached properties. Planning permission is needed because it is a commercial building. If it were a private residence, it would not be necessary unless an Article 4 directive is invoked.

South Hunstanton Regeneration- Hemingway Design has been appointed to lead the project.

Town council surgeries are to be held on the last Monday of the month, in conjunction with indoor boot sales.

AB is trying to coordinate all the Christmas events into one big Festival.

JM will write to BCKLWN with suggestions about the Christmas lights in Hunstanton.

AM asked for suggestions of interesting buildings for the Heritage Open Days- September 13th-16th 2018.

Civic Voice would like an East Anglian input.

A Civic Voice Forum is to concentrate on the value of conservation areas.

JM said the town twinning signs were out of date, although the old signs are to remain.

7. Treasurer's Report and GDPR update (StK)

There will be an Employers Liability Certificate displayed in the HC.

StK has claimed successfully for small donations under the Gift Aid Scheme.

Donations are slightly lower than this time last year.

Money has been paid out for the new guide books, HC leaflets and window cleaning.

8. Membership Report and Renewals (ShK)

There has been 1 new member. The membership application form will be changed to incorporate the new data protection laws.

9. Report on Progress with Pier Project (JB)

JB is doing a lot of background work at present. He is looking at 8 piers around the country, in similar resorts to Hunstanton and trying to establish how much money they make. JB will contact the Chamber of Commerce, and talk to the town shopkeepers, asking how they feel about the proposed rebuilding of the pier.

10. Railway Project update (AM)

Negotiations are still going on, and the possibility of a railway carriage alongside the Coal Shed Gallery is being researched.

11. Talks Programme (AA)

AA wondered whether a Talk on the Holocaust would be well received- the committee felt it would be. ShK suggested inviting the schools for an afternoon Talk on this subject, on the same day as the Civic Society Talk. Compilation of talks program for 2018/19 is progressing.

12. Website Matters (StK)

There have been 55 hits in the past month.

13. Hunstanton Guide Leaflet (StK)

The new Guide Book has been launched and will be on sale in the HC and the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) at a cost of £2.50. Many many thanks were extended to ShK and StK for the massive amount of work they did.

14. Interpretation Boards, Esplanade Gardens, Britain in Bloom (AM) (MB) (AS)
AM has sent Jason Richards some suggestions, which he has forwarded to the company in Rochester.

The roof on the butterfly shelters is being replaced as it was 2 different colours.

MB has some more volunteers to help with the Gardens.

StK pointed out that the grass around the town was getting long; MB said it is mown 12 times a year.

15. Visits- Norwich Society, CITB, Frimstone, Wisbech (JB)

The visit to Elgoods in Wisbech has been postponed until September.

The visit to the Norwich Society will take place on June 6th.

JB is hoping to arrange the Frimstone visit in June.

A visit to CITB is being planned.

16. Plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 (AA)

AA said these were progressing well.

17. Date and Venue of next meeting

The next meeting will take place at the HC on Tuesday, June 19th at 10 am.

18.AOB

JM said that on June 7th, there will be a leaving ceremony at Mildenhall for Monty DeCarlo, and invited people to go along.

The meeting closed at 12.15. Much appreciation and many thanks were extended to ShK and StK for hosting it.