

Hunstanton & District Civic Society
Committee meeting on Wednesday 19 November 2014 at Valentine Road
followed meeting with Mr Chris Bamfield

Present: Andrew Murray (Chair and Interim Secretary), John Little (Treasurer), Terry Ashworth, Margi Blunden, Martin Chown, Norma Ham and Ann Stevens.

1. Apologies: Margaret Robinson and Ivy Scales.
2. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 7 October approved and signed.
3. Secretary's Report

Planning Applications and Developments

13/00850/FM McCarthy & Stone at old garage site– Permission granted on appeal.

13/01279/FM Hastoe Housing near Corner House Old Hunstanton, granted on appeal

14/01022/FM Hopkins Homes -revised access via roundabout on A149 and Hunstanton Rd
Heacham becoming a spur off the estate road.

14/ 01550/F - proposal to build a bungalow on land adjacent to 29 Sandringham Road. I would recommend that we should OBJECT to this development on the following grounds 1. the land was and should still be the garden of the large house at no 29 that now contains 7 flats. The current residents of the flats consider that they should have a right to use that land. 2. the land is subject to a restrictive covenant contained in a conveyance dated 17 October 1966 “not to erect any dwelling house or bungalow or building of any kind or description whatsoever.... 3. The land is within the Conservation Area and the character statement indicates that the substantial gardens with important trees and front walls are important features. 4. The Conservation Areas Advisory Committee does not consider that development on the site would be appropriate. 5. Whist the design and access statement suggests the removal of one tree the arboricultural report indicates that 5 out of the 14 trees will be felled. 6. That report admits that the footprint of the building does slightly intrude into the root protection area of the Cedar Tree on which there is a tree preservation order. 7. If the fencing is erected as indicated to protect Construction Exclusion Zone there will only be a 3m gap for access. 8. The footprint of the bungalow is too big for the site and appears to be in excess of the 170 m² when compared to the size of plot of 730 m², and this does not include the area covered by the double carport.

14/01551/CM Extension of Redgate School to provide 2 additional classrooms and ancillary accommodation. I have not been able to view the plans on the internet but Lisa has hard copies. I did see plans at the school a few months ago which seemed to be good. Access during construction is to be from Oasis Way. It could be helpful if this access was made into a small lay-by to permit parents to drop off and collect children.

14/01555/F & 14/01556/A Tesco wish to build a pod on the front of their building to provide dry cleaning, key cutting, shoe and watch repair facilities. When I spoke to Mr David Parkin, he said that one of the grounds for objection could be that the development was likely to be harmful to the small businesses in the town centre.

14/01408/CU - Change of use of 1A Commercial Park to become a martial arts centre.

Town Council etc.

There has been no post event meeting of the Freedom of the Town working party.

Fields in Trust – aims to safeguard in perpetuity our war memorial parks, playing fields and other green spaces in memory of those who lost their lives in WW1.

Parks for People can award grants from £100k to £5m to renovate historic parks and cemeteries. An assessment has been done of the Green and Esplanade Gardens in order to put in a bid to replace the butterfly shelters and possibly re-site the Mercy Gray shelter.

Britain in Bloom -best small coastal town – celebration at Spinney at 11.00 on 6 Dec.

Shops to open late for 3 Fridays in December.

WiFi system based at Waterside has been switched off at end of September.

Correspondence

NCC – Puffin pedestrian crossing

CPRE – state of footpaths

WNVCA – Stop press -

Rural Services Network – Affordable homes, Field to fork, local produce important.

£23m allocated for Neighbourhood planning. Rural transport

Civic Voice – Issues 34, 35, 36 & Manifesto 'Localism for Real'

NVCO – Bulletin

Living Streets – walking to school

National Heritage Training Group – new help desk for those engaged in repair of old buildings.

Archaeology-uk.com >3000 iron age sites

Arien Designs -

Meeting & Events

21 Nov – 11.00 WN Community Transport AGM

24 Nov- 13.30 WNVCA funding instruction at HTH

28 Nov -19.00 Coastal Surge Event in Blakeney Village Hall–

6 Dec – 11.00 Hunstanton in Bloom celebration, Spinney

Where have I been -

Civic Voice AGM in Canterbury 24, 25 October.

Planting water plants in sewerage settlement beds in River Mun 28 October

Survey of The Green and Esplanade Gardens for Parks for People 29 October

Meeting about Coastal Footpath Hunstanton to King's Lynn 30 October

EACAS, Peterborough – Local listing of buildings 2 November

WNVCA AGM & Conference 4 November

WECMP final meeting Le Strange 5 November

Dementia Home at Gorleston 6 November

Community Orchard AGM 13 November

Henry Bellingham surgery 15 November

Training day, Forncett Industrial Steam Museum 16 November

Hunstanton Regeneration Group in King's Lynn 17 November

4. Treasurer's Report. Current account £ 1848.79, CCLA 7423.65 Total 9272.44

JS reported that there had been a loss of £ 776 because of reduced membership, no profit from trip, no railway exhibit. Membership had dropped from 173 to 147 (16 have not yet renewed) He asked why we should be paying a total of £ 480 to other organisations and were we getting any benefits from this. Action- subs to other organisations to be agenda item.

5. Heritage Centre – AM reported that it was working well and the finances were healthy. TA has organised a group of helpers to lighten the load for Brian Holmes. The get-together of the volunteers at the Centre on Thursday 9 October was a great success. Cheque for £150 needs to offset printing costs of windmill leaflet.

6. Web-site – MC to update narrative and liaise with David Jones and in turn Viv Young.

7. AGM arrangements – AS and MB to arrange catering upto £200. Wine from HHC to be used.

Angie needs to be asked if there will be a charge for use of glasses. 73 members may attend.

7. Progress on Projects – Chapel Bank -Possible sources of funding to be pursued. TA to be part of Neighbourhood Planning Team which will meet on 2 December

8. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 16 December at Valentine Road.

9. AOB. MB suggested social trip to All Saints Church, Margaret Street, London which is regarded as an outstanding work of architect, William Butterfield.