

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY
Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 25th November 2015 at 10.00am
at the Council Offices, Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray(AM), Tony Armstrong(AA), Terry Ashworth(TA), Ann Stevens(AS), Martin Chown(MC), Adrian Winnington(AW), John Little(JL), Margi Blunden(MB), Mavis Windibank(MW), Ivy Scales(IS), David Jones(DJ), Alethea Gillard(AG)

1. Apologies from Stephen Kent(SK) and John Maiden.

2. AM apologised because the minutes for 24th September and 20th October were only circulated very late on 24th November. The minutes of the meetings held on 24th September and 20th October 2015 were agreed. TA had tried to contact local authorities for a list of schools as she would like to advise them about the Heritage Centre but there is no such thing as a list. Amendment to point 3d on minutes of 20th October, AW advised there is a path from Windsor Rise to Oasis Way and Tesco. Work has started on the tree in Valentine Road and the road will have to be closed at some point. An invitation was sent to David Morton to attend this meeting but he is away and will make an effort to come to a future meeting.

3. 3. Correspondence and Town Council Report

a) The hearings in public of the Site allocations and development management policies have now ended. The Inspector, David Hogger will present his report to the Borough. Hopkins Homes have been granted planning permission for 166 homes on Butterfield Meadows.

b) Following the consultations regarding the Green and Esplanade Gardens, landscape architects, Wynne Williams will be available for discussion at the Christmas Cracker event on 29th November.

c) AM has received an e-mail from Peter Jermany, LDF and water management officer at BC in King's Lynn with recommendations for monitoring the cliffs. TA agreed to take photographs from fixed points

on a monthly basis. AM will speak to James Dunbar.

e) We need to contact Mary Rhodes to see if she would like the book 'The Hunstanton Story' reprinted. AM will ring Mrs. Rhodes. It is possible the Civic Society will sponsor the reprinting. TA will inquire if Witley Press have any copies and AA will also ask John Smith he has any.

f) AW stated planning has been agreed with Hopkins Homes with various conditions. £450,000 should be contributed towards the addition to Redgate school, libraries and maintenance for drainage.

g) The exhibition at LeStrange Hotel regarding the Gray family was very successful.

h) We do not know the future of the infants school. There appears to be a covenant restricting its use to education. Another possible use is for NCC or BC services.

4. Treasurer's report – Annual statement of accounts has been scrutinised and agreed. There was a loss last year of £87.25

5. There are no longer any hyphens in the website address. SK will notify organisations with links to the site of the change.

6. Heritage Centre – the party was very good. The centre is re-opening on 19th February 2016. There will be a team meeting next week. Permission was asked to spend approx. £800 on new display boards. This was agreed. There are 4 new volunteers. It was pointed out the opening times on the leaflets is rather confusing and, after considerable discussion, it was agreed this would be re-worded as follows: "Open mid February to mid March 12 noon to 3pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday". The sentence "Admission Free. Donations welcomed having no public funding" would be deleted. Some people have said they had donated various items to the Heritage Centre, including the original key to the Golden Lion hotel. This should be in the hotel.

7. Projects -

- a) Chapel Bank - The concrete base has now been laid and the shelter should be moved within the next 10 days.
- b) Neighbourhood Plan is progressing slowly.
- c) Pier – John Maiden has applied for it to be listed as an Asset of Community Value but the Council said there was insufficient information. AM has put together a reply.
- d) Replacement tiles for the Spinney have been produced but they are unsatisfactory and will be returned to the manufacturers.
- e) Outings – suggested Downham Market to their Heritage Centre or Wisbech to go to Octavia Hill museum and Elgood's brewery in May.

8. The talk at the AGM on 9th December will be “Policing Sandringham”. MC and MB will attend to the food and wine. Nomination forms have been received from MW, TA, AS, IS and MB as committee members. Treasurer will be SK. MC will be resigning from to committee. Apologies for non attendance at the AGM were received from MC and AG. AM will be in touch with Brian for a running order.

9. The date of the next meeting will be 17th December at 2.30pm at the Council Offices in Valentine Road.