

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee meeting on Tuesday, 21st November 2017

at 2 Clarence Road, Hunstanton

Present: Terry Ashworth (TA), Tony Armstrong (AA), John Bridger (JB), Margi Blunden (MB), Robert Clark (RC), Alethea Gillard (AG), Stephen Kent (SK), Sheila Kent (ShK), John Maiden (JM), Andrew Murray (AM - Acting Chairman), Ivy Scales (IS) Judy Simmons (JS) and Ann Stevens (AS).

Margi Blunden(MB) agreed to act as Chairman for the meeting

1. Apologies for absence received from Amanda Bosworth(AB), Brian Holmes(BH) and John Bridger(JB).
2. Minutes of meeting held on 24th October 2017 were agreed and signed.
Matters arising – A person was seen at Swain’s building site photographing what is left of the Ibberson house. In future, we should state what it is and why we have or have not objected. Plans of intended building at Westgate were handed round.
It had been agreed we would spend £370 on display boards but the actual bill was £400 as we have bought 2 sets of 3 stands and more concertina boards.
The Norwich Society should also be involved with the outing to the Norfolk Club.
3. Correspondence, Planning and Town Council Report -
Bennett Homes have appealed against the decision of BCKLWN not to allow 3 extra access points off the A149. We have until 13th December to make further comments and it was decided we will lodge further objections.
BCKLWN are proposing to develop the remainder of the sheep field with 29 affordable houses and to bring Alexander Road up to adoptable standards. They plan community engagement with local people and potential residents. Objections have been raised by residents of Alexander Road.
There are concerns regarding a retrospective planning application for replacement of a shed fronting St. Edmund’s Avenue almost opposite the Premiere shop. The roof is too high and shiny and it is in a conservation area.
Miramar Guest House in Boston Square has had new windows fitted which destroy the symmetry of the pair of semi detached Ibberson houses. An e-mail has been sent to the Conservation Officer and it is being investigated.
The co-option of 2 councillors to replace Richard Bird and David Jones has been postponed. The precept for 2018/19 will stay the same at £135,000.
Stagecoach has been taken off school bus routes due to lack of trained staff.
Andrew Jamieson, NCC Councillor, would like to have details of the lack of mobile phone coverage to put forward to NCC. This is important to those living in flood areas as warnings are given by mobile phone.
The 65th anniversary of the 67th USAF SOS went off extremely well.
Heritage Open Days will be taking place over 2 weekends next year. We will see if we can get access to the lighthouse and Hunstanton Hall again. Other suggestions of opening buildings were the mill at Ringstead, Fox Brewery in Heacham and the churches in Hunstanton.
We should try to contact English Heritage to get some buildings listed, i.e., Infant school, War memorial, Waterside Café and the Council offices in Valentine Road.
4. Treasurer’s report – The bank balance for the Civic Society and Heritage Centre is £15,364.18. Accounts have been audited and will be presented at the AGM.
SK has received a bill for the anniversary cake for £85 which will be bought out of the twinning fund and also an e-mail from HTC increasing the hire of the hall from £15 to £20 an hour as from 1st April 2018. A bill for window cleaning has been received.

- A vote of thanks was given to SK for dealing with the accounts
5. Membership – We have had 1 renewal since the last meeting and 1 new member.
All reminders have been sent out.
 6. Talks programme – There are no problems.
 7. Website matters – 56 hits were received last month.
The Neighbourhood Plan will be added to the website.
 8. Heritage Centre – We need to contact North Norfolk Guide to let them know we will be open on Wednesdays next year. A team meeting was held on 16th November.
A lighthouse display will be done. The painting will be placed above the touch screen.
“Village of the Month” – each village will have a chance to advertise. There will also be a display about Searle’s and the floods. The Ice Age display will be updated. AA will look into the cost of materials for building a mini tool shed as a railway booking office on which the petition forms can be put. The history of Fleming’s garage was postponed.
The Heritage Centre leaflet will need to be changed as we will be opening on a Wednesday.
 9. Proposed leaflet about conservation area – There are 48 conservation areas in West Norfolk, 21 of which are within our area of benefit.
 10. Review of Heritage Trail leaflet - The town hall have provided an A4 leaflet as an example.
Quite a lot of amendments need to be made and there will be a meeting on 4th December.
 11. Esplanade gardens – We are still waiting for Jason Richardson to come back to us.
There is a possibility we may still have the original boards.
 12. Pier progress – The website has been launched. There have been 94 reactions to the Facebook page – 70 likes, 1 love, 17 comments and 8 shares. 546 post clicks. We have been accepted as a charity. We are still awaiting a date from BCKLWN to give a presentation.
 13. Report from railway project meeting – It may cost £155 million for the King’s Lynn Hunstanton rail link. An appraisal is needed. Some of the original track could be used. The next step is to open the debate to the public at a meeting on 2nd December at the Heritage Centre. We need a banner to advertise this.
 14. Arrangements for AGM – AM has the nomination forms. Everyone on the committee should have a specific role. MB and AS will arrange the catering.
 15. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 19th December 2017 at 2 Clarence Road,
 16. AOB – On 30th November there will be a garden work party at St. Edmund’s Chapel.
The Heritage Centre will be manned from 12 noon to 4pm on 2nd December for the launch of the railway project.