

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MEETING MINUTES

Date Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 10.00 am

Venue Heritage Centre, 15 The Green, Hunstanton

Present

Tony Armstrong AA, Terry Ashworth TA, Margi Blunden MB, Alethea Gillard AG, Sheila Kent ShK, Stephen Kent StK, Andrew Murray AM and Ann Stevens AS.

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Amanda Bosworth AB, John Bridger JB, Robert Clark RC, John Maiden JM, and Judy Simmons JS

2. Minutes of meetings held on 16 October and 3. Matters arising.

MB agreed to take the chair. The minutes of the meeting of 16 October were agreed and signed. MB said she would not be able to contact Mrs Moat at Smithdon during the next 3 weeks. AA was thanked for all the hard work he had put in to make the remembrance event so special. A card was signed to send thanks to Maria Rix for all the floral decorations that she had done.

4. Correspondence, Planning & Town Council Report (AM)

AM circulated a report prior to meeting but also added that there had been a recent thorough business needs survey that suggested that there was a need for office space in the town. English Heritage had just published a report on the value of heritage to the economy. AM circulated information from the Civic Voice Convention and the thatching training day.

5. Treasurer's Report (StK)

StK reported that David Boxell had done a thorough speedy audit of the accounts for 2017/18, these and his monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting. On two Wednesdays, the donations to the Heritage Centre were only £1 but on Sunday 21 October £51.60 was donated. The total assets were £20,182.77 StK said that HCS needed to raise money to purchase the former Nat West Bank.

6. Membership Report (ShK)

Membership stands at 188. Two descendants of Charles Gray now living in Canada have become life members and paid £250. 10 members have not yet paid and 9 have not paid the new rate.

7. Heritage Centre – What needs to be done to the former Nat West Bank building

AM reported that he had met with Pam Lynn, Conservation Officer to discuss possible alterations to the exterior of the building. He anticipated the drone survey to take place on Sunday morning.

8. Heritage Centre - How to raise finance

StK has contacted Community Action Norfolk to seek advice on which grant funding bodies should be approached to fund renovation and alterations. AM will contact Norfolk Museums service.

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9. Heritage Centre Rota, new displays, featured villages, schools (TA)

It was agreed that we should continue to promote the heritage of surrounding villages. The topics mentioned for displays were :- shipwrecks, Searle's, history of heritage centre, recovery and convalescent homes, police service, fire brigade, lifeboats, the sea /floods, environment.

10. Liaison with Mrs. Moat at Smithdon High School.

MB to make arrangements to meet her in 3 weeks time.

11. Talks Programme (AA)

AA said that everything was in hand.

12. Arrangements for AGM on 12 December at 6.30

AM would ask Brain Holmes if he would be able to do the usual slide presentation. MB and AS to do catering. Nomination forms for committee membership circulated.

13 Date & Venue of next meeting

Tuesday 18 December 2018 at 2 Clarence Road

18. AOB – Maria Rix had laid the wreath on behalf of the Civic Society. The exhibition in the Town Hall and other events had been much appreciated.