

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

HDCS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date Tuesday 19th November 2019 at 10 am

Venue Heritage Centre, Hunstanton, PE36 6EG

Present

Anthony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Robert Clark (RC), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), John Maiden (JM), Andrew Murray (AM), Jerry Simmons (JS), Ann Stephens (AS).

Agenda Items

1) Welcome and Apologies.

JM, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Dave Harris (DH) and Margi Blunden (MB).

2) Minutes Secretary. JB volunteered to write up the minutes for this meeting.

3) Minutes of meeting held on 17th September 2019

The minutes were agreed by all present for signature by JM.

4) Matters to be raised not otherwise on the Agenda for 17th September 2019

Nil

5) Correspondence, Planning & Hunstanton Town Council Report (AM)

- a) Planning. Development at 29 Sandringham Road; the planning application has been amended to a single storey development with a different site for the garage. It is understood that Pam Lynn has raised her objection to the revised application. Trees in the Conservation Area must be assessed and protected where necessary.
- b) Development Proposals within Hunstanton. Some members of the HTC Committee attended the presentation of the proposals for development in Hunstanton arranged by BCKLWN in the Town Hall on 30th October. There was also a good attendance at the public consultation with BCKLWN in November at which an opportunity was provided to attendees to submit written feedback to all the proposals – see Agenda Items 18 & 19. An HTC Committee meeting to discuss the development proposals was to take place on 19th November 2019 at 5.30 pm. **AM will be attending.** Prior to the HDCS Committee meeting, AM had circulated to HDCS Committee members a draft response to BCKLWN taking into account the views of Committee members with whom he had spoken, responses from BCKLWN and Hemingway to queries at the recent consultations in the Town Hall, and requesting any comments and improvements to his draft before the evening meeting to be held by HTC on 19th November 2019. **See Agenda Items 18 & 19.**

6) Treasurer's Report (StK)

Donations by members of the public to the Heritage Centre have been lower since the previous HDCS Committee meeting in October, but were improved by a cheque for £100 from Hunstanton & District Rotary following their visit to the Heritage Centre on 30th October. There is currently a cash balance in HDCS combined accounts of £16,158.

StK advised that the annual accounts for the previous financial year have been audited and approved by David Boxall. An expenditure analysis of the new Heritage Centre refurbishments was circulated at the meeting to Committee members. Following HDCS Committee members unanimous approval, the accounts were signed by SK, Treasurer and JM as Chair. A recommendation that Neil Quincy be made an Honorary Member of this Society was also approved and arrangements will be set up to visit him. **Action JM/StK.**

7. Membership Report (ShK)

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The number of HDCS paid-up members has now increased to 179. Subscriptions in respect of five members are still awaited.

8. AGM in Town Hall Basement

Due to the General Election on the following day with the hall being used as a Polling Station, the HDCS AGM will be held in the Town Hall basement on 11th December 2019. Some Committee members will be required to guide attendees at the AGM to the steps to the basement, or to the Town Hall lift where appropriate. A Newsletter will be sent to all HDCS members, together with an invitation to attend the AGM, its arrangements, an agenda and the last financial year's accounts. **Action StK.**

Refreshments will be arranged by MB & AS.

9. Heritage Centre Lease

Still in process. It was agreed to decide whether it is necessary to change the legal status of HDCS at a later date. **Action: AM**

10. Heritage Centre – General Items

- **Formal Opening:** Alison Gifford & Paul Richards have agreed to formally open the new Heritage Centre. Harry Croad's son is also to be invited. If any Committee members wish to nominate other persons who should be invited to the opening, they should advise ShK by 1st December. A maximum number of 80 attendees is foreseen. A special HDCS Committee meeting will be arranged for 4th December at 10am at the Heritage Centre to specifically discuss formal opening arrangements and any last minute AGM arrangements. See Agenda Item 23.
- **Teachers Packs for use by Schools.** Heacham School will be approached to contribute help. ShK suggested that a map of Hunstanton showing location of toilets, Coach parking/drop-offs etc should be included. **Action: ShK/StK/JM.**
- **Children's Quiz.** **Action - ShK to prepare over the Winter period.**
- **Incentives for Heritage Centre Volunteers.** It was decided that volunteers were not seeking incentives other than what is already provided hence no further action required.
- **Festive Fun Day on 1st December 2019.** Festive lights have been purchased for the Heritage Centre, ready for switch-on at 4.30 pm on Festive Fun Day. **Action: Team**
- **End of Year Event for HDCS Volunteers.** The event will run from 6-8pm on Sunday 24th November 2019. Volunteers will be invited to bring a plate of food – drinks will be provided by HDCS. **Action: Team**
- **Car Parking.** Hughes have requested occasional use of one park space behind the Heritage Centre. In view of the continuing need for refurb vehicles, volunteers, and in due course the need for parking for the first floor apartment above the Heritage Centre, it was agreed not to allow third party vehicles to use the HDCS parking place(s). **Action: AM.**
- **Ladder Purchase** – It was agreed by Committee that HDCS should purchase a 10 rung, 9ft 5inch ladder which could be stored in the staff rest room. Cost £165. **Action: StK.**

11. Gardens/Hunstanton in Bloom & Greening Great Britain

In progress. Planting should commence as soon as containers are available. AM is in discussion with Chris Durham about planting a Robinia tree on the Northgate façade of the Centre, and/or climbing roses with trellis. **Action: MB/AS**

12. **Hunstanton Pier** – Draft plan will be available by early December. **Action: JB**

13. **King's Lynn/Hunstanton Rail Project** – nothing currently to report.

14. **HDCS Talks** – any proposals for 2020 to be made to AA. **Action: Team**

15. **HDCS Outings** – Options for 2020 will be published in January. New suggestions include Sculthorpe Heritage Centre and Norwich Walking Tour. **Action: JB**

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- 16. Historic Towns & Villages Trail** – Research continues on “Discover Hunstanton” for 6-106 age range. **Action StK.**
- 17. Twinning Sign on A149 north of Lighthouse Lane** – Awaiting consultation with our Local County Councillor. **Action: JM**
- 18. Town Centre (and High Street) and how to improve character and appearance** – AM had circulated a draft submission to BCKLWN concerning the Development Prospects for Hunstanton to all HDCS Committee members prior to this meeting. This Agenda item, together with Agenda Item 19 which follows are all bound up together with the new Development Proposals for Hunstanton, provided by BCKLWN at the Committee and Public Consultations in the last three weeks.
- There was much discussion around the table at the HDCS Committee about the issue involved focussing mainly on:
- Library Location
 - Bus Stops
 - Car Parking
 - Coach Parking
 - Toilets and Pedestrian Safety
 - New Hotels
 - High Street Regeneration
 - Building Hunstanton’s Economic Future
 - Housing Developments
 - Heritage Areas in Hunstanton
 - Objectives and Vision for Regeneration of the Town
 - Pier & Railway Projects
- As a result of this wide ranging and interesting discussion around the table, a number of additional points were noted by AM and added into his excellent draft document, which will be tabled at the Hunstanton Town Council General Purposes Committee. **Action: AM to provide feedback on the outcomes from HTC meeting as appropriate.**
- 19. Future use of Valentine Centre and former Primary School in Valentine Road** – see above.
- 20. Replacement of the bench at junction of Sandringham & Collingwood Road** – StK has got some quotations for a new bench. AM has a bench dedicated to Mercy Grey in his garden which he offers to HDCS as a possible replacement. Refurb of the existing bench could be considered – also some form of multi-dedication plaque could be considered. Additionally, the bench at the corner of Park Road and Sandringham Road is in bad condition and needs attention. The “Sandringham Road” sign outside the Services Club at the same junction is also badly bent, very faded and needs replacement. **Action: StK/JM/AM/JB**
- 21. Replacement Sign on the Victorian Pavilion.** After Committee discussion, it was decided the sign is no longer appropriate and should be removed permanently. **Action: StK/JM**
- 20. AOB.** None
- 21. Dates & venues for next HDCS Meetings.**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday 4th December 2019 HC Opening - Discussion	10am	Heritage Centre
Wednesday 11th December 2019 HDCS AGM	6.30pm	Town Hall
Tuesday 17th December 2019 HDCS Committee Meeting	10am	Heritage Centre

JFB 20th November 2019