

Hunstanton Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 16 October 2012 at 9.15 am in Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Tony Gooch (Treasurer), Sue Boxell (Membership Secretary) John Maiden and guests, Penny Pinder, Valerie Everitt

- 1. Apologies:** Margi Blunden, Norma Ham and Ivy Scales
- 2. Report from Green and Pier Sub-Committee.** This item was moved up the agenda to permit John Maiden to leave at 9.45 to attend a meeting concerning the parade of American soldiers and the naming of Reis Leming Way planned for Saturday 10 September. KL Signs were preparing the sign which would have the crests of the Air Rescue Squadron at one end and the crest of the Special Operations unit at the other.
John Maiden reported that he has now obtained the Land Registry numbers for all parts of The Green and that he is applying to the Queen Elizabeth II Fields in Trust for them to be protected. He has been invited to a meeting of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee on Thursday to discuss a proposed development at Heacham.
- 3. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 11 September** were approved and signed
- 4. Secretary's Report** and matters arising.
"Pier" Building. HCS has lodged an objection to the application for retrospective planning permission for the ice cream signs and this may come before the planning committee on 5 Nov.
Spinney. Alistair Beales (Portfolio Holder for Regeneration) has written an assurance that he is conscious of the need for trees and green grass. I have been invited to be on the interview panel for the appointment of landscape architects on 6 Nov. Tony Gooch said that he was surprised that the other proposals for regeneration –an East-West land train; improvement of the High Street; a voucher system to favour coach companies; car parking permits for local residents to park for 2 hour in central car parks and promotion of 'The Sunset Coast' and 'Shop Hunstanton' had not been taken up.
HDFFA Christmas Tree Festival, 14-16 December. Our guests, Penny and Valerie indicated that they wished to be active members of the Civic Society and would decorate an artificial tree for the competition. Tony might be able to help with a train in keeping with the 150th anniversary. I would inform Lisa.
Marston's Brewery Restaurant – If as submitted the development is to employ 50 fte of which 15 would be full time, the total annual wage bill would be of the order of £400k unless most of the part timers were given "0" hour contracts and were then employed as and when required. As some jobs may be lost in the town, it may not be so much of a net gain. It was wondered whether the incorrect position of the track bed was due to incompetence, mal-administration or deception.
- 5. Treasurer's Report.** Tony Gooch apologised for his absence from the last meeting. He presented accounts that showed the total assets at the year-end, September 30, to be £ 8638 He also presented accounts that showed the railway exhibition broke even due the generosity of Richard Brown who donated commemorative mugs, cards and bookmarks and to the Town Council for agreeing to reduce the cost of hire for the hall. The coach trip to Southwold was profitable and enjoyable. Membership renewals seemed to be on target. It was agreed unanimously that Mr Brian Holmes should be made an Honorary member in recognition of the immense amount of work he had done to make the railway exhibition such a success as well as organising the talks evenings.

6. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee** - not available
7. **Report from In Bloom.** Plans are in hand to repeat the planting of wild flowers and more trees.
8. **Arrangements for the AGM** – Tony suggested that a meeting of the Steering Committee was needed. He would consider doing the catering in house as last year.
9. **Topics for discussion with Mr Bamfield** – AM had spoken to CB about him coming to a committee meeting. CB wished to know what topics would need to be covered. It was thought that his input on the re-positioning of the Chapel Bank Shelter; the erection of a sign on Oasis Way to indicate that neo-lithic remains had been found there; the possibility of a residents parking permit to entitle them to 2 hours in the central car parks and the creation of a footpath / cycleway along or near to the former rail track would be useful.
10. **Dates of next Committee Meetings** –13 November then 5 December
11. **AOB.** none