

Hunstanton Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 8 October 2013

At 9.15 am in Large Committee Room, Valentine Road, Hunstanton

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Sue Boxell, Martin Chown, Norma Ham and Ivy Scales

- **Apologies:** Ann Stevens.
- **Minutes of Meeting held on 18 September** would be re-presented at the next meeting on 12 November after minor corrections.
- **Secretary's Report and Matters Arising.**
- **Planning Applications and Developments.** The **McCarthy & Stone** plans for the garage site were not on the BC Planning Committee agenda for 9 October and may be presented on 4 November.
- **Town Council. Proposed development south of Bennett's estate.** Searles are very keen for the land to be approved for development. Access is the main issue. AM said this could be via their Holiday Park. HCS had been invited to a stakeholders' meeting on 9 October for a presentation by Hopkins Homes. AM was unable to attend, MC might possibly.
- NCC were proposing a **Clearway in Downs Road** from 7.30-8.30 am and 2.30-3.30 pm to alleviate problems of parents dropping off children outside Smithdon in an area where buses were turning. Unfortunately, the ClearWay was capable of being enforced throughout the year although only likely to be enforced on school days. The response to the Detailed Policies and Sites Plan has suggested a new road be made serving H2 and then along the east of the sports field, thus obviating the need to turn after delivering or picking up the children but this would be a long term solution. MC considered a clearway excessive and that the school should provide access

for the buses. AG was not in favour of a clearway and suggested that the school move the tennis courts away from the bus area.

- **Treasurer's Report.** AG reported £1,989.59 in the current account, £7,386.46 in the deposit account, making total assets £9,376.05, pending receipt of the formal bank statement.

- **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee.** On the subject of the next **Leaflet on the Ringstead Windmill**, MB said that she and MC had met on 9 October with Dagmar and Jochem Niemann, the German couple whose visit to Hunstanton last autumn had revealed the interesting history of the mill, especially during the years 1936/37. Jochen was writing a book on the famous philosopher Karl Popper, who had visited the mill in 1937. MC said he and MB were drawing threads together to produce the leaflet, which would include a contribution from Dagmar. Concerning the **Information Boards**, MB agreed to help up-date them. AM would contact Viv Young who had the original artwork.

- **Hunstanton Heritage Centre Trust.** AM said there were now fewer visitors, due to the end of the summer season. The Trust had paid £366 to Derek and Solveig Ward, being a half-share in the cost of solicitors preparing the Lease. The BC had paid for the sign lettering and their bill was awaited, though it was hoped that they would pay the VAT. MC enquired as to whether we could afford to keep the Centre open, to which AM replied that he thought we could but we had not yet received an electricity bill. We needed to plan for the long term future if and when the property might come up for sale.

- **Report from In Bloom.** SB said that the summer bedding had been taken up, including along the A149. The Committee had not held any recent meetings.

- **Forthcoming Events/Talks Evenings.** AM suggested that the next **excursion** could be to Forncett St Mary, a small village south of Norwich, where there was an exhibition of industrial steam engines collected by Dr Rowan Francis. On the subject of the **Talks Evenings**, MC said that more Committee members were needed to help with organising future speakers now that Brian Holmes would not be continuing to arrange them.

MC said we needed to start now for the programme commencing in October 2014. He suggested that at the next Talks evening on 16 October we try to get three members from the audience to agree to attend a special meeting to help get new ideas. AM would put out an appeal on that occasion. For the forthcoming **AGM on 11 December**, MC proposed a Focus Meeting. This was fixed for 7 November at the home of AM.

- **Date of next Committee Meeting, Tuesdays 12 November and 3 December.**