

Hunstanton & District Civic Society

Committee meeting on 7 October 2014 at 9.15 at Heritage Centre

Present: Andrew Murray (Chair and Interim Secretary), John Little (Treasurer), Terry Ashworth, Margi Blunden, Norma Ham, Margaret Robinson and Ivy Scales.

1. Apologies: Martin Chown and Ann Stevens.

2. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9 September approved and signed.

3. Secretary's Report:

13/00850 The result of the appeal by McCarthy & Stone to develop the old garage site is awaited.

14/01022 Hopkins homes proposal to develop land south of Hunstanton may go to the planning committee in November. A public meeting held on 29 September at Smithdon School was attended by about 80 people. 65 signed a petition against the development, 1 person signed in favour.

£44.34 was donated to offset the £50 cost of hiring the hall.

14/01340 BT proposes to remove 33 payphones in the borough including 1 at Lighthouse Close.

AM was concerned because mobile signals are weak in that area.

14/00029/TPO appeal. The crown of the pine tree may be thinned by 20%

The ceremony and parade to award the Freedom of the Town to the USAF 67th Special Operations Squadron and members of Reis Leming's family took place on Saturday 4 October just before the rain arrived.

The Town gained a Gold award in Anglia in Bloom. The result of Britain in Bloom is awaited.

The Town council is to have a working party examine the Special Expenses and has formed an Urgent Matters committee. In 2015, its committee meetings will move to the 2nd Wednesday of the month with the Full Council meetings on the Friday of the week after.

Work is due to start on the Puffin crossing on the A149 in late February or early March.

AM has heard from David Russell, Norfolk Property Services, indicating that current thinking is that the buildings of the Infant School will be retained.

AM will be attending the AGM of Civic Voice in Canterbury on October 24 & 25. There is to be a Local List event in Peterborough on 1 November.

On Thursday 6 November there is to be a talk in the Library "Norfolk's Lost Landscapes"

4. Treasurer's Report. Current account £ 865.88, Deposit a/c £ 7415.39, total assets £ 8281.27

5. Heritage Centre – AM reported that it was working well and the finances were healthy. TA wondered if we could lighten the load for Brian Holmes by having a group of helpers. A get - together is planned of the volunteers at the Centre on Thursday 9 October from 6-8 pm.

6. Web-site – David Jones is in process of revising it. Vivian has not submitted an invoice for her work on the interpretation boards.

7. Progress on Projects – AM reported that there has been less litter around the Chapel Bank shelter. There has been no progress on developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

8. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 19 November commencing with a discussion with Chris Bamfield.

9. AOB. The AGM is on Wednesday 10 December. Tony Gooch organised an excellent buffet last year. MB and AS would do it this year.

MB, AS and IS would meet on 23 October to organise the making of Victorian Christmas Tree decorations for the Heritage Centre.