

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting

10.00 am Tuesday 20 October 2015 in Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray (AM), Chairman, John Little (JL), Treasurer, Anthony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), David Jones (DJ), Ivy Scales (IS), Ann Stevens (AS), Mavis Windibank (MW)

1. **Apologies:** Martin Chown, Alethea Gillard, Stephen Kent, Adrian Winnington.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 24 September and Matters Arising.** Minutes of the 24 September meeting would be circulated shortly.
3. **Correspondence and Town Council Report.**

(a) **HCS position on development around the town.**

F2.2: Development of land east of the A149 opposite Old Town Way.- support but consider access from Chapel Bank and improving the junction of Chapel Bank with A149

F2.3: Development of land south of industrial estate for housing with care, and a residential home for elderly people – support but concerned that site is not large enough to have affordable housing for the carers. Access from roundabout would be preferable.

F2.4: Land south of Manorfields – oppose because less sustainable and inappropriate access from roundabout on A149

F2.5: Employment aspect of F2.3.

TA had attended an exhibition by Developers Pigeon at the Community Centre concerning F2.2 and F2.3. Her impressions were favourable.

(b) **HCS thoughts on Renovation of The Green and Esplanade Gardens and who will represent those views on Saturday 24 October.** The butterfly shelters need replacing and other structures are in need of repair. AM had met with the landscape architects, Wynne Williams on 15 October but there was a further fact finding consultation at the Golden Lion on 24 October.

(c) **Suggestions for the location of a large secondhand bus shelter.** The shelter was too large for Princess Drive. A suggested location was the Recreation Ground.

(d) **What should £100k from McCarthy & Stone be used for.** Christmas lights in Spinney, funding youth worker, bringing Citizens Advice Bureau back to town, new play equipment, outdoor exercise equipment, road gritting, speed control, other ideas. Richard Bird had

pointed out that Christmas lights required maintenance and insurance and AM thought the Spinney had enough light already; MB suggested some of the £100k should be used for the Community; AM stated that there was a desire to start a youth but we needed to fund a youth worker; re playgrounds, AM mentioned that the very good one at the Recreation Ground was in need of maintenance. An adventure playground/ outdoor exercise area could be built (as in Wells, Dersingham and Sandringham) near the Community Centre; the new Junior School was not on the road gritting, route, there was no pathway from Bennett's Estate to Tesco. It was agreed to support playground equipment.

(e) Nomination of Tony Gooch's shop, Hunstanton Models, for West Norfolk Mayor's Design Awards. Suggested by Brian Holmes and supported.

(f) Other items.

The tree outside Valentine Court was to be taken down and replaced by another mature tree of a slower growing variety.

Residents of Heacham had concerns about the access to a proposed development off Cheney Hill because it was close to the Junior School West Norfolk Time Credits Project has been set up so that in exchange for say, an hour or more voluntary work, one could obtain credit, e.g., for a swimming pool entry, etc.

AM had met with Chris Bamfield re the repositioning of the Chapel Bank Shelter

AM had made contact with two ladies who were opening a Heritage Centre in the former fire station in Downham Market.

AM showed Brian Holmes's revised version of the Spinney tile portraying Henry le Strange's vision for the town. TA suggested that BH should unveil it.

The Infant School, owned by NCC, was shortly to close. The NCC had need of accommodation in that area. **AM to contact Mr Harvey, headmaster, with a view to seeing inside and taking photos.**

A new Christmas Tree was needed for the Heritage Centre. Tony Armstrong would check to see if he had one. **AM to meet with Derek and Solveig Ward.**

TA said the Heritage Centre needed a big clean before the annual party for helpers.

MW suggested telling local schools about the Heritage Centre. A donation could be mentioned. **T Armstrong to get in touch with the Education Department.**

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Balances were £1,144.12 current a/c and £7423.65 deposit a/c, total assets £8567.77. We will pay for 'Silver' membership of Community Action Norfolk, costing £50 annually.

5. **Website matters.** Stephen Kent being absent, no report was made.

6. **Heritage Centre.** Peterborough School had visited on 24 September, received by TA and John Maiden. Hunstanton Cubs visited on 12 October, received by MW, AS and TA. Takings for the month of October were £233, Bank balance stood at £5,700.
7. **Progress on Projects.**
 - (a) **Relocation of Chapel Bank Shelter.** Apart from a few details the move was almost ready to go ahead.
 - (b) **Neighbourhood Plan.** The questionnaires were to be sent out to all addresses in Hunstanton.
 - (c) **Pier Working Party.** John Maiden was writing to various people. Volunteers to join the Working Party were MB, IS, TA, AA
 - (d) **Outings.** Suggestions were for Downham Market Fire Station and Wisbech.
8. **Arrangements for AGM on Wednesday 9 December at 6.30 pm.** Supplies to be obtained from Lidl and /or Aldi. Someone was needed to replace MC for preparations.
9. **Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday 25 November at Valentine Road.
10. **AOB.** MW asked what had to be done to replace a missing Plaque in Heacham. IS passed round an article in Coast magazine on the revival of seaside Lidos, in relation to a recent suggestion for a rock pool to retain sea-water in Hunstanton when the tide was out.