

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 11.00 am

Venue Heritage Centre, 15 The Green, Hunstanton

Present

Tony Armstrong AA, Terry Ashworth TA, Robert Clark RC, Alethea Gillard AG, Brian Holmes BH, Sheila Kent ShK, Stephen Kent StK John Maiden JM, Andrew Murray AM and Ann Stevens AS.

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Margi Blunden MB, Amanda Bosworth AB, John Bridger JB and Judy Simmons JS

2. Minutes of meetings held on 18 September and 3 October and 3. Matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting of 18 September were agreed and signed. No minutes had been prepared for the meeting on 3 October. That meeting was held to discuss the various options available for the re-location of the Heritage Centre. Approval was given for a bid to be submitted for the purchase of the former Nat West Bank building.

There were no matters arising that were not otherwise on the Agenda.

4. Correspondence, Planning & Town Council Report (AM)

Report circulated prior to meeting by AM. Permission had been granted for the redevelopment of the Witley Press site. A vacancy on the Town Council maybe filled by co-option on Friday 19th. AM will be attending the annual convention and AGM of Civic Voice in Birmingham on 19th and 20th.

5. Treasurer's Report (StK)

StK distributed this Report in full prior to the committee meeting. As many annual subscriptions had been received there is now £1883 in the Civic Society current account and £5017 in the savings account. There is £12799 in the Heritage Centre account. Sales of the new Guide Book have brought in over £300 and the Mary Rhodes books £296

6. Membership Report (ShK)

Membership stands at 187. There have been 7 resignations, 24 are yet to pay and 15 have paid at previous rates.

7. Heritage Centre – What needs to be done to the former Nat West Bank building

AM had circulated a discussion document prior to the meeting detailing the essential and desirable expenditures that should be made by the landlord and those that should be made by the Heritage Centre. It was thought that the strong room door should be kept as a feature. A CCTV system was needed, as there were multiple rooms. The disabled toilet would be marked private but accessible if needed by visitors. We should seek advice on the most appropriate floor covering material once the floor has been made good and possibly leveled with a screed. There was concern that the possible re-building of the Social Club at Old Hunstanton with HLF money would be a threat. Father John should be asked if volunteers might use the church car park.

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8. Heritage Centre - How to raise finance

HCS will need to raise money or obtain grants for the necessary alterations and renovations to the ground floor.

9. Heritage Centre Rota, new displays, featured villages, schools (TA)

A thank you event for the volunteers is planned for Sunday 4 November from 18.00 to 20.00 and Solveig is to be invited. An important post card album normally on the table in the Heritage Centre has gone missing. A Heritage Centre has opened on weekdays 10.00 to 2.00 at North Walsham. A new leaflet for the Heritage Centre will be prepared once signage on the Bank has been installed and photographed. Based on the experience of Heacham, a teacher's pack should be prepared. An HHC logo and badges for children were needed.

10. Liaison with Mrs. Moat at Smithdon High School.

This teacher is involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and might encourage students to undertake voluntary work. It was thought that MB would make contact with her.

11. 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1 (AA)

AB was at a ceremony in King's Lynn today. It was agreed that HCS should lay a wreath. Maria and Eddie Rix are unable to make a wreath because RBL have a monopoly.

12. Report on Pier Project (JB)

StK showed the logo that had been designed by Kate Dunbar, which incorporates the ideas of the winners of the logo competition.

13. Rail Campaign (AM)

AM reported that on his visit to Edinburgh, he had been able to park free of charge at Tweedbank station and travel into the city on the Borders railway. The engineering challenges of re-building the line were enormous with some 137 bridges. It cost about £10m per mile.

14. Talks Programme (AA)

AA will meet Eva Clarke tomorrow. She may stay the night with StK and ShK.

15. Interpretation Boards (AM)

No progress to report

16. HCS Visits (JB)

JB has had no responses from Frimstone or CICB

17 Date & Venue of next meeting

Tuesday 20th November 2018 at the Heritage Centre or if cold at 2 Clarence Road

18. AOB - none