

Hunstanton Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday 11 September 2012 at 9.15 am in Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), Margi Blunden, Sue Boxell, Norma Ham, Ivy Scales

1. **Apologies:** John Maiden.

2. **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 14 August** were approved and signed.

3. **Secretary's Report** and matters arising.

"Pier" Building. Stade Developments had been instructed by a Section 224 letter to remove 9 panels advertising ice-cream and four simulated ice cream cones. They have since applied for retrospective planning permission (ref 12/01449). AM thought we should oppose their application because there is excessive advertisement that does not enhance the Conservation Area. He would discuss the subject with John Maiden to notify objection.

Tourist Information Centre. The Conservation Officer had approved the remodelling of the interior of this listed building.

Improvement of High Street zig-zag lighting. £10,000 granted to failed Portas Town bids could be used for this purpose. Borough Council are to carry out a safety test to ensure the lights were securely attached to the buildings.

Spinney. At a meeting of the HTC General Purposes Committee on 5 September all 14 members present voted in favour of a letter being sent to Alistair Beales (Portfolio Holder for Regeneration), asking for the trees to be saved and the grass area retained. The BC would be issuing a brief to six landscape architects for ideas on improvements to the High Street and the Spinney.

Vision of Hunstanton in the future. AM read out Richard Webb's ideas as he saw it.

HDFFA Christmas Tree Festival, 14-16 December. AM asked whether we should take part. Decision not yet taken on a would-be exhibit.

Smithdon Celebratory Evening, 13 September. JM and IS would attend.

Chapel Bank Shelter. A public meeting on its future would be held on 13 September in the Old Hunstanton Social Club. AM showed recent photos of the shelter, which was suffering attacks by vandals.

Sailing Club. Mick Ford, Commodore, advised the Regeneration Group on 5 September that because of a shortage of funding they were considering rebuilding in two phases. Phase One would re-build the ground floor, leaving a "shell" without access on the first floor until funds became available for its completion as Phase Two.

Battle of Britain Talk, Town Hall, 2.30 pm Thursday 13 September. SB would not be able to attend. MB and AM would record names and take payments for those attending.

Alteration to Speakers' Programme, October/November 2012. On 17 October Olive Edis, would give a talk on "Photographer of Fishermen and Kings". On 14 November there would be a talk on "Castle Rising and the Wash".

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Not available.

5. **Report from Green and Pier Sub-Committee.** Not available.

6. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee.** The "Town Tour" walk around Ibberson and other Arts and Crafts houses on Heritage Sunday 9 September had been successful and was

attended by 20 participants. MB was now able to work on the Leaflet, which could perhaps be expanded into a small booklet for the TIC.

7. **Arrangements for Railway Exhibition, Town Hall, 2-4 October.** BH had everything organized but would be unable to take charge. AM would establish a rota of members who could stand in for him. Helpers would also be needed for setting up on Monday 1st and packing up on Friday 5th.
8. **Report from In Bloom.** Two members of the TC In Bloom Committee would be present in St Ives at the announcement of the results of the competition.
9. **Dates of next Committee Meetings** – 9 or 10 October (depending on whether Chris Bamfield could attend) and 13 November.
10. **AOB.**