

## HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee Meeting on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in the Heritage Centre

Present: Andrew Murray(AM), Tony Armstrong(AA), Terry Ashworth(TA), Ann Stevens(AS), Martin Chown(MC), Stephen Kent(SK), Adrian Winnington(AW), John Little(JL), John Maiden(JM), David Jones(DJ), Alethea Gillard(AG)

1. Apologies from Ivy Scales(IS) and Margi Blunden(MB).
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were approved and signed with an amendment to point 3 The Spinney as follows: “The illustration for Henry Le Strange’s vision for the sea bathing resort was cropped omitting the Green and the railway”. The Civic Society has agreed to fund the replacement of the tile. AM has a meeting with Chris Banfield.
3. Correspondence – The owners of the land adjacent to 29 Sandringham Road have put in an appeal to build a 1 ½ storey chalet bungalow. The cedar tree has a TPO on it and is in the middle of the plot. Trees at the rear of the plot have been drastically chopped.  
Hopkins Homes have submitted slightly amended plans for the Searles site to include a roundabout on the A149. This will be discussed at the general purpose committee on 15<sup>th</sup> October.  
Rock armour comes from quarries in Norway and is less than perfect for making statues. The cost is that of transport.  
Hunstanton achieved a gold award in Anglia In Bloom competition.  
McCarthy & Stone are paying the Borough £100k for use of the Central Car Park. £15,000m could be used to put new lights in The Spinney. The current lights do not work and they have been disconnected. The Civic Society and the town council should be consulted on how money should be spent. Various suggestions were made – the Pier, Westgate junction to be re-aligned, de-clutter, zebra crossings and drop kerbs in the High Street, road safety on Oasis Way and reduce the erosion of the cliffs.  
WW2 pillbox – this is by Waterworks Road and is very overgrown.  
Infants School – there is a restrictive covenant by the Le Strange Estate. Initial intention was to convert it into flats but now it might be converted into offices.

AM, as Mayor, attended the Smithdon celebratory evening.

4. Treasurer's report – the additional insurance for combining the Civic Society and Heritage Centre has been paid.

5. Nothing to report. The wrong website address is still on the calendar card.

6. Heritage Centre – donations can be gift aided. We will charge entry into the planned exhibition. It was agreed 2 kettles should be bought.

7. Projects - Chapel Bank - The Sustainable Development Fund of the AONB has offered £3,500 subject to a few conditions which we should be able to meet but there is a shortfall. There is no confirmation the Borough owns the land or that it is registered with the Land Authority or agreement they will continue to maintain it. The shelter is not listed.

Neighbourhood Plan is progressing. AM is going to Langham on Saturday to see the progress they have made. Also going to the Norfolk Association of Local Councils conference which includes a session on neighbourhood plans.

Pier – the formation of a working party has been approved but as yet there are no terms of reference. An application is to be made for it to be an Asset of Community. We need 2 or 3 volunteers from the Civic Society. TA volunteered. MC thought the whole of the committee should be involved. TA proposed this.

8. The date of the next meeting will be 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10 am.

9. AOB - Wisbech is a possible outing for the Society.  
The AGM is on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.