

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Committee meeting at 10.30 am on Monday, 5th September 2016
at the Heritage Centre

Present: Andrew Murray(AM), Terry Ashworth(TA), Ann Stevens(AS), Tony Armstrong(AA), Stephen Kent(StK), John Maiden(JM), Adrian Winnington(AW), Brian Holmes(BH), Sheila Kent(ShK), Mavis Windibank(MW), Margi Blunden(MB), Ivy Scales(IS), Bob Clark(BC), Alethea Gillard(AG)

1. **Apologies** - none received.
2. **Minutes** It was noted that 100 application forms have been printed at Glebe School and Norman Gill has paid for life membership. With these corrections, the minutes of the meeting on 2nd. August were approved and signed.
3. **Planning and Town Council Report** – The long awaited Inspector’s report on the **Site Allocations and Development Management Policies (SADMP)** was published on 22 August. Paragraphs 78-82 directly concern Hunstanton. His main modification MM32 clarifies the text for development of F2.3 – land south of commercial park so that it is developed as a comprehensive scheme comprising at least 60 housing with care units, approximately 50 general housing units and includes 20% affordable housing across the site with a care home. MM33 modifies the policy for development of F2.4 land north of Hunstanton Road, Heacham but as full planning permission has already been granted it may have no effect. MM12 corrects the northern boundary of the area of Coastal Flood Risk Hazard Zone to include almost all of South Beach Road. The Memorandum of Agreement between the Environment Agency and the Borough requiring all 7 conditions to be met before permission can be given for a replacement dwelling has now been incorporated into DM18. Six of those conditions are quite justifiable but the one limiting occupancy to between 1 April and 30 September in any year is likely to blight renewal of South Beach Road. DM13 now safeguards the former rail track from King’s Lynn to Hunstanton but our suggestions that the track bed from Heacham to Wells and that from Watlington to Wisbech did not find favour. AM will be attending an examination in public to be held in South Lynn concerning the Borough’s proposals for **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** commencing on 6 September. AM attended a meeting at which Ray Harding and Brian Long spoke in favour of devolution. The results of Anglia in Bloom should be announced on 6th. September. AM, TA and IS will attend the Smithdon High School celebration on 8th. September.
4. **Treasurer’s report** – Town Council require a security deposit of £50 for our use of the hall. Heritage Centre money has been coming in very well over the summer. A bill for £190 for painting outside will be settled. We will have a bill for about £25/£30 for the replacement female sockets for the lettering.
5. **Website** – We have had 57 hits over the last month.
6. **Heritage Centre** – Scarborough Museums Trust have set up a Seaside Heritage Network in order to promote seaside heritage and culture. They wish to locate custodians of seaside heritage to share knowledge and expertise. AM has registered our interest. Some of the contents of the library of Morningthorpe Manor are being

sold at auction and include maps of the coastline and relate to a storm surge on 21 December 1862. The guide price of the 6 rolled maps is £200/£300. They would give us a good idea of the changes in the coast line. Norfolk Records Office also want them. We will contact them as it would be difficult for us to store the maps in the right conditions. Peterborough School are visiting on 16th September at 11.15am. End of season party will take place on 2nd October at 6pm. At a cost of approx £300 an inter-active touch screen display can be produced with a touch screen and a raspberry pie at the back. It was agreed we would spend the money. Norfolk Records Office are holding a course next month on 'How to look after Archives.' MW will be attending. The lease on our current building is only up to the end of February 2017. If the property were registered as an Asset of Community Value, we would have 6 months in which to raise the finance. Wells Deli building is up for sale at £450,000 and we should get details.

7. **Britain in Bloom** – Nothing to report at the moment. The treatment of trees is appalling. They are not staked properly and there are planning applications for felling trees. Any trees felled should be replaced.

8. **Subscription renewal** – Renewal notices have been sent out and a welcome letter to new members has also been sent.

9. **Visit of Victorian Society** – This will take place on 1st October. 50 people are coming. Half will walk the Ibbersen trail while half will be at the Heritage Centre and there will be a swap. We will seek their opinion about the butterfly shelters.

10. Signage on approaches – Sally Bettinson, NCC Highways, says that there are too many words on the sign and it needs to be modified.

11. Representation on **Town Team** – JM said the Town Team has not met for 18 months. He recently received an e-mail asking for items for the agenda for a meeting on 8th September. JM will attend the meeting at 2pm at The Golden Lion.

12. Progress on projects

a. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Going slowly. We have received advice from Aecom about the housing needs assessment for the area. The next meeting is on 19th September at 5.45pm. There will be an open day on Saturday 12th November at the Community Centre from 10 am to 6 pm.

b. **Pier** working party – No progress.

c. **Tiles** in Spinney – The replacements will be made at the same time as those to go in the Esplanade Gardens

d. **Mercy Gray Shelter** – Carpentry, glazing and painting are finished.

Interpretation boards are still outstanding as AONB and NCC cannot agree on the line of the coastal path.

13. Pros and Cons of **Devolution** – The time for sending in thoughts has now expired.

14. The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 18th October at 10.30am at the Heritage Centre.

15. **AOB** IS asked AW about the possibility of a lido. No meeting with the Coastal Community team yet.