

Hunstanton Civic Society
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting,
Tuesday 15 March 2011

Present: John Maiden (Acting Chairman), Susan Boxell, Martin Chown, Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Norma Ham, Andrew Murray (Hon Secretary), Margaret Robinson, Ivy Scales

The meeting was opened by John Maiden who read the letter he had written to the Heritage Lottery Fund in support of the restoration of the painting of coat of arms at Old Hunstanton Church. Martin Chown then read the article that had been submitted to the Newsletter for March.

1. **Apologies:** Margi Blunden. (Apologies also from Margaret Robinson and Ivy Scales for meeting on 22 February 2011).
2. **Minutes** of meeting held on Tuesday 22 February were approved. These and the minutes for 19 January were signed.
3. **Secretary's Report.** The report previously circulated was read out by AM. **Matters arising:** MC welcomed AM's report, saying that items mentioned under "Town Council" were true Civic Society business. Concerning the railtrack beds, MR said that Tesco had given a section of railtrack to another railway company. **Camper vans:** HTC Footpaths and Lighting Working Party had proposed clearance of parked vehicles on roads twice yearly to permit mechanical sweeping; also a ban on campervans along Cliff Parade, where presently they are permitted between 8.00 am and 10.00 pm. Numbering up to 40, they are often parked overnight. The occupants did not visit the shops but ate their sandwiches in the vans before departing. MC suggested asking the HCS audience members at the meeting to be held that evening if we should do something about the camping vans nuisance. JM pointed out that as from October 2011 the BC would take over responsibility for street parking, we should leave it to them. Parking meters were a possibility after October. **Localism:** MC said it was clear that it was a very good idea but that we needed a more influential Town Council. JM said that at least 18 candidates were needed to fill 17 seats, otherwise it would not be a true election. We could only get Power of Well Being if at least 80% were elected. **Incinerator:** AM drew attention to the BC meeting to be held on this subject in the Town Hall KL at 18.30 on 17 March. Under **Correspondence**, AM advised that the recently received **Civic Voice Survey** by e-mail should be completed individually. **WNVCA:** They are shortly moving offices in KL and on 22 March will hold an informative session on the **Heritage Lottery Fund**. AM said someone should go. MC thought that even without attending we could e-mail them and see what was coming up. **Environmental Law Foundation:** AM drew attention to their

e-mail notification of a free public information event with local experts to be held on 24 March from 5.30 to 7.00 pm at the Globe Hotel, KL on the subject of “**Floods Around the Wash**”. AM was not able to attend.

4. **Treasurer’s Report.** This had previously been circulated, current assets being £8,115.61. MC enquired whether these funds could be used for projects. AG replied they could but probably only up to £5,000. On the subject of the expense of **insurance** for trustees, AM reported that Civic Voice could offer a “broad” policy under option No 4 at £245, this being superior to the present insurance from Bluefin. Put to the vote, agreement was unanimous for acceptance of the Civic Voice policy from Lockton, backed by Royal Sun Alliance.

5. **Report from Pier and Green Sub-Committee.** JM would like to achieve a memorial plaque to all who lost their lives in the 1953 floods and to the 67th Air-Sea Rescue Squadron of the USAF who rescued some of the survivors. This Squadron was based at Sculthorpe and intended to commemorate the disaster in 2012 and we could join in this event. Presently the airmen are engaged in Libya so cannot be contacted at the moment. As for the **Town Green**, the BC remains against registration. Strangely, the BC say they have no records about Kier Hounsome who at one stage was the monitoring officer for both the BC and county. JM would not “give up” and would submit an FOI request.

6. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee.** The report was read out by IS and would be circulated to all Committee Members.

7. **Steering Group:** MC proposed a joint meeting of the Heritage Sub-Committee and the Steering Group at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 5 April at Willow Tree Cottage.

8. **What Social Activities Would Members Like?** No list had yet been drawn up but it was decided to ask members at the talks evening tonight their view on the **incinerator**. MR mentioned a recent article concerning a lady whose historic house in another part of the country was to be demolished and who had it taken down and brought to Wells where it was reconstructed over a period of years, brick by brick. MR wondered if the lady concerned would give us a talk about her project. BH could be asked to arrange it.

9. **Date of next meeting.** Wednesday 20 April at 11.30 am, following meeting with Chris Bamfield at 10.00 am.

10. **AOB:** MC mentioned the Plaques, Heritage Trail leaflets, proposed tourist map of Hunstanton. These would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.