

Hunstanton Civic Society
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting,
Wednesday 20 July 2011 at Valentine Road

Present: John Maiden (Chairman), Andrew Murray (Honorary Secretary), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Susan Boxell, Martin Chown, Norma Ham, Margaret Robinson, Ivy Scales and Kate Dunbar (Town Councillor)

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Minutes** of Meeting held on 21 June 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising. Due to clashing with the choir practice, a discussion was held about the possibility of changing the day of the **Talks** evening. It was agreed that it would be the third Tuesday (as now) or Wednesday of the month but no decision was made. AM said that the Committee recognized the great debt it owed to **Brian Holmes**.

3. **Secretary's Report.** As previously circulated.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** There was a net **current account** balance of **£604.15**, with **£7,864.83** in the **deposit** account. MC proposed that we should cover the cost of a **poster** to be put on the wall of the **Coal Shed Gallery** by BH. JM suggested that Chris Bamfield could obtain a contribution from the Borough Council. On the subject of the proposed one-day-a-week **minibus** service, AM reported that 30 people had expressed interest, some preferring two days a week. The fare would be £1; the route not yet decided. Account would need to be taken of the location of those who were interested in the service. Leaflets might need to be put through doors. He thought that perhaps the Society could underwrite £125 towards the cost of a three-month trial period. MC was not sure about using trustees' money and felt that if we did then the Society should have some return such as the HCS logo on the bus. Kate Dunbar suggested showing "Town Council" also. MC proposed asking BH to design a suitable logo with names of sponsors for either the side or back of the "Hunstanton Town MiniBus". AM said that all arrangements for the service were the responsibility of West Norfolk Community Transport.
5. **Report from Green and Pier Sub-Committee.** JM said that he had been advised to submit a "pre-application" form in his appeal for funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund. He would argue that it would be a "restoration" of the Pier, helping residents to understand their heritage. AM pointed out that although it had been a very nice pier, we should not insist on making it the same as before. JM replied that we might have to use evidence of putting

something back that was there before, adding that Hunstanton pier had once been described as the “most elegant pier on the east coast”.

6. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee.** MB gave a summary of the report as previously distributed.
7. **Report from Steering Committee.** MC suggested that AM approach the Town Council for participation of businesses in the new **map of Hunstanton**. AM said that another meeting was needed first.
8. **Arrangements for Events.**
 - (a) **Fossil Hunt 1 August.** MB would be away but would buy 10 more hammers for which AM agreed to take charge. Kate Dunbar suggested some could be offered for sale. AM read out the notice in the Newsletter advising participants to bring their own hammers and goggles. NH said that sometimes the Newsletter was received late – JM would mention the Hunt in his Turnstone column. Two hundred people had turned up for last year’s event.
 - (b) **Heritage Open Days 8-11 September.** AM enquired about the buildings to be visited and said that they should be put on the programme for next year.
9. **Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 23 August 2011. Apologies from MB, MC and NH.
10. **Any other business.** SB said that it was too much HCS to have a Committee Meeting in the morning and an HCS Talk in the evening. AM said that on the 23 August there would not be discussions with Borough Council representatives and that it would be a Committee Meeting only.

Secretary’s Report – HCS meeting 20 July 2011

Communications –

Hunstanton in Bloom – Minutes 17 June

Gaywood Valley Project – SURF – sustainable urban fringes.

New walks around Grimston, Royden, Pott Row & Congham.

Open Spaces Society – invitation to AGM

East of England Civic and Amenity Societies Newsletter - June

WNVCA –

National Council for Voluntary Organisations

English Heritage –

Victorian Society –

Norfolk County Council –

Civic Voice – |Reminder about free day passes to National Trust and English Heritage properties, membership of NCVO, Lockton insurance and access to Urban Design web site.

Charity Commission – updated records concerning trustees and finances
Borough Council have made available the leases of the Recreation Ground, Pitch and Putt and the Cliff Top Car park areas

Town Council –

A letter has been sent to other parish and town councils in Norfolk requesting that they submit letters to NCC opposing the proposed building of **an Incinerator** at Saddlebow. The Farmers campaign has engaged a firm of solicitors in Cambridge. I have been in touch with the Environmental Law Foundation in case we may need to have separate advice.

NCC is proposing to close the A149 next February to reconstruct the refuge crossing to the recreation ground. Discussions are taking place about replacing the refuge with a pelican crossing.

AM is constructing a letter in response to the report on the funding options to pay for coastal defences from South Hunstanton to Wolferton Creek. The **Wash East Coastal Management Review** meets in September

Town Minibus – There has been quite a good response to the questionnaire in the Hunstanton Newsletter. The £1 per journey charge seems to be acceptable. It may be up and running in August.

Meetings and Events:-

18 June – Coastal Town Forum in Worthing

20 June – Transport for Norfolk – Elderly persons forum at Austin Fields

23 June – Borough Council Liaison

25 June – Town walk with John Maiden

26 June - Carnival stall on The Green

28 June - NALC meeting in Norwich Football Club

28 June - Wolf trail dedication service

28 June – Norfolk’s Coastal Heritage – Dr Richard Hoggett

12 July - Anglia in Bloom judging

14 July - North Norfolk AONB at Overstrand

21 July – CPRE – Film archive show at Town Hall

27 July - NALC – Summer picnic and sustainability event, Thorpe St Andrew

1 August- Fossil hunt with Sonia Reveley

8 Aug – Britain in Bloom Judging

14 Aug – Allotments Open Day

Fossil Hunt – Sonia Reveley from Natural England is to lead a fossil hunt on the beach with the help of the Civic Society on either Monday 1st August at 11 am (High Tide 7am)

Planning Applications

Division of Pebblecroft into 2 properties permitted