

Hunstanton Civic Society
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting,
Tuesday 21 June 2011 at Valentine Road

Present: John Maiden (Chairman), Andrew Murray (Honorary Secretary), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Susan Boxell, Carol Bower, Martin Chown, Elaine Clutton, Norma Ham, Margaret Robinson and Ivy Scales

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Minutes** of Meeting held on Wednesday were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Secretary's Report** · The report previously circulated was read out, drawing attention to an amendment under the Town Council heading concerning maintenance of the sea walls between South Hunstanton and Wolferton Creek. The last sentence should read "HTC is preparing a response to the recommendation." AM passed around various brochures and a new map of Hunstanton was discussed in which the numbering system needed adjustment.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** The current balance was **£482.44** in the current account and **£7,718.12** in the deposit account.
 - AG advised that soon we needed to send out renewal notices to members and it was decided that SB, AG and AM would get together to produce the renewal forms. AG mentioned difficulties in checking the forms against the accounts and Gift Aid donations.
 - AM observed that our membership numbers seemed less than we thought we had. It was decided to invite everyone to fill in a new form and "re-join". NH said that we should find out if former members were still alive. It was decided to start with finding out who had not renewed and then ask other members if they knew anything about them.
 - CCLA required new signatures from appropriate people. They were believed to be the Chairman, MC, DJ and KL. JM asked whether we should wait until the AGM but AG needed to identify them sooner.

- 5. Report from Green and Pier Sub-Committee.** JM said that this Society had been very successful in obtaining Lottery money for the Plaques and the Heritage Trails leaflets, etc. He asked whether Committee would agree for himself and AM to set up an initial meeting with the Heritage Lottery Fund in order to find out what they required for a funding application. He would point out how responsible the Society had been in dealing with the previous grant mentioned above. MC thought we needed “cross-fertilization” with the Town Council so as not to appear to be going it alone. We needed wide support and should approach the Town Council, the Borough Council and other appropriate associations to get their support. CB suggested that JM initially approach the Heritage Lottery Fund, reporting back to everyone who needed to be informed, before informing the Town Council.
- JM mentioned John Gilbraith, Licensing Officer and the Gambling Act of 2005 and went on to explain the proposed changes to the Pier Building in regard to their application to install two adult gaming machines. (The Gambling Act was less onerous than the Licensing Act.) Concerns were expressed that an ATM was to be sited too close to the proposed new machines. JM gave the Committee his own vision of how he believed the layout of the Pier Building should be. EC asked that he give her his design and she would get a version prepared for use in discussions.

6. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee.** MB advised that the form for leaving legacies was almost ready to be put on the website.
7. **Report from Steering Committee.** MC suggested that one way of cementing relationships in the town would be to have a map for them and for the visitors: heritage on one side and on the other something put together by businesses. It could be effected by the Town Council, Tourist Information Office, Chamber of Trade, etc., ready for the 2012 Anniversary of the Railway. A copy should be put on Interpretation Boards at the bus station and car parks. AM said that we didn't want to reinvent the wheel as HUB had produced a small map of the town some years ago, with the reverse side showing the coast and lighthouse. EC said this was very good but too small. AM said that the Steering Committee should take the idea to the Town Council and the Chamber of Trade. EC advised that the TC had no money. MC believed that we needed the help of all who would benefit. AM suggested asking surrounding villages as to what they would like. JM offered to approach them if AM would supply him with written information.

8. **Arrangements for Events.**

- (a) **Civic Day Historic Buildings Walk 25 June.** This would be led by JM and include anecdotes about his childhood in Hunstanton.
- (b) **Gazebo on the Green for Carnival 26 June.** AG and MC were loaning gazebos. These would be set up at 0800 and open to the public at 1000. A team of helpers had been organized. Sited near the HCS gazebo would be the King's Lynn Model Railway Society. A minibus from West Norfolk Community Transport would be alongside and a questionnaire to find out what people would like from a town service in the hours between its two daily schoolruns.
- (c) **Talk on Norfolk's Coastal Heritage by Dr Richard Hoggett** on 28 June. There would be a charge for members of £2 and visitors £3, including refreshments.

- (d) **Talks Programme for Autumn 2011 and Spring 2012.** As usual Mr Brian Holmes had produced a varied and interesting programme for 2011/2012. Due to clashing with the choir practice evening, we needed to consider changing the day but that needed to be done one year ahead.
- (e) **Heritage Open Days – (8-11 September).** Suggested buildings were the Town Hall, the Lighthouse, the Infant School, and the Valentine Road Council Offices. The matter would be discussed further at the next Heritage Committee.
9. **Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 20 July 2011** at 1000 with Chris Bamfield and Tom Thompson.
10. **Any other Business.** It was agreed that 15 new sets of goggles and hammers be purchased for the **Fossil Hunt** on 1st August. Concerning the current **Mary Portas** campaign, MC suggested Committee Members should type in on the on-line form provided their ideas of improvements for Hunstanton.

Secretary's Report – HCS meeting 21 June 2011

Communications received –

Hunstanton in Bloom - Horticultural Trail – BCKLWN

Open Spaces Society – threats to change system of Registration of Greens

WNVCA – introduction to computers and getting on-line, digital switchover help, ladies driving challenge

National Council for Voluntary Organisations –Red Tape Task Force report, '[Unshackling Good Neighbours](#)', which considers how to cut red tape for small charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises.

English Heritage – E –newsletter

Heritage Today magazine – May 2011

Victorian Society – Magazine July 2011 no 37 and booklet

“Studies in Victorian Architecture & Design –

Vol3 – Churches 1870-1914”

Norfolk County Council – Your Norfolk June 2011 Issue 33 – Road closures for street parties cut from £450 to £36
Civic Voice – e-newsletter number 6 – June 2011
Hunstanton in Bloom minutes 13 May.
Anglia in Bloom judging is on 12 July, Britain in Bloom on 8 August.
CPRE Film Show £5 Thursday 21 July in Town Hall

Town Council –

Following the election, the Town Council has now appointed members to its 5 sub-committees and 15 working parties and its representatives on 7 other bodies.

It is hoped that Smithdon will be involved with setting up a Town Youth Council.

Town Councillors will be holding surgeries from 10.00 to 11.00 on the first Monday of the month in the High Street in fine weather otherwise in the Library

A high level of burglaries has been reported in Hunstanton and Heacham.

Norfolk County Council are discussing ways to redress the problems of the mini roundabout on Southend Road.

HTC are to request replacement of the refuge on the A149 with a pelican crossing.

The Borough's Core Strategy Document has been declared to be sound by the Planning Inspectorate but the suggestion of developing the land to the East of the Redgate Hill has been deleted.

Consultations on Site Specific allocations should now proceed.

The report of the Pathfinder group on flood defences has proposed a levy on residents either in 3 or 5 parishes or the whole Borough to fund maintenance of the sea walls between South Hunstanton and Wolferton Creek. HTC is preparing a response to the recommendation.

The Hunstanton Library hours will probably be reduced by closing at 1 pm on Saturdays and having a late night on Wednesday instead of Friday

Wash East Coastal Management Review

This is a joint project with the EA following on from the Wash SMP to develop a sustainable long term plan for management of the eastern shore of the Wash from the northern end of the

Hunstanton Cliffs down to the Ingol River outfall at Wolferton Creek. It looks at 3 sections: Unit A (Hunstanton Cliffs), Unit B (Hunstanton Town), Unit C (South Hunstanton to Wolferton Creek). Scoping work has been completed. The EA will appoint a consultant this Summer and seek approval to start in the Autumn. The main study is expected to start by December 2011 and run through into 2013.

Meetings

Civic Voice – Coastal Towns forum at Worthing- Saturday 19 June 2011

Planning Applications

Division of Pebblecroft, Park Road into 2 dwellings 11/00508/F – supported provided access from highway and lighting into kitchen are satisfactory

Removal of hedge and building a 1.9m high wall around garden- 2 Astley Crescent

Marquee to sell garden equipment at Tesco erected during the Summer 11/00726

Retention of the Flood siren and its concrete post has been requested as it is part of our heritage.

Civic Day – Saturday 25 June 2011

Guided walk with John Maiden around the town's historic buildings – meet 2pm outside the Golden Lion Hotel.

Hunstanton Carnival – Sunday 26 June HCS to have stall on The Green with gazebo

Talk on Tuesday 28th. June in Town Hall at 7.30 – Dr Richard Hoggett will speak about the Norfolk Coastal Heritage

Fossil Hunt – Sonia Reveley from Natural England is prepared to lead a fossil hunt on the beach with the help of the Civic Society on either Monday 1st, Monday 22nd pm, Friday 26th or Monday 29th August. (High Tides 7am, MD, 5.30 pm, 7.40 pm)

Town Minibus – discussions are being held with West Norfolk Community Transport and a trial service may start in August.