

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for 14 April 2009

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road, 11.30am

Present: Susan Boxell, Roy Clark, Brian Holmes, David Jones, Ken Lawson (Treasurer), John Maiden, Andrew Murray (Hon. Sec), and John Smith.

1. Apologies Martin Chown, & Margi Blunden.

In Martin's absence, David Jones took the Chair.

2. Constitution – The Charities Commission have requested some minor alterations be made to the new constitution, these can be done at the next AGM. In the meantime we have to revert back to the previous constitution.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 24 March 2009

These were agreed and signed by David Jones as a true record.

4. Matters arising – The Civic Society will be represented at the Civic Service on 19th. April 2009 at St. Edmund's church 4 pm.

5. Treasurer's report – Interpretation Boards still faulty, letter to go to Chris Bamfield. Publicity Launch on hold. Heritage money not to be passed on until satisfactory.

261 members (279 last year) Finances satisfactory, on course for £7500 balance.

6. Secretary's report – Busy time producing response to Core Strategy Document but developing links with the Civic Trust and King's Lynn Civic Society. New more modest Cycle route proposals available for inspection at the TIC.

7. Griff Rhys Jones – Civic Trust Appeal Agreed to donate £100

8. Britain in Bloom Presented by Canny Jones. It is proposed to create a Garden around Community Centre and plant 100 trees to celebrate Centenary of Girl Guides next year. Plan discussed.

Large banner 'Britain in Bloom' to be put up in the town. Across the entrance to Esplanade Gardens from the Green is favoured but it needs a site visit. (JM & CJ)

9. Infant School Possibility of it becoming a Heritage Centre. No plans for expansion of Redgate School in next 3, 5 or possibly 7 years. Infant school governing bodies may merge but premises will not become vacant soon. County Library might be able to use it in future.

10. Hunstanton Carnival Sunday 28 June

A stall site on the Green has been requested but if weather is poor we would like to use Town Hall if available. (AM)

11. Core Strategy Submission for BCKLWN. Secretary was congratulated and thanked for his work.

12. Liaison with Town Council and Borough Councillors

AM and DJ met with Cllr. Jason Law on 7th. April at home of Ann Nichols.

A more formal arrangement is needed to monitor planning applications. A letter is to be sent to Geoff Hall, Planning Dept. requesting copy of applications. Planning sub-committee at present JM, RC, MC. It was suggested that AM should also attend. Sub-committee was willing to meet every day. (AM)

Approach Town Council to have a formal liaison.

Letter to 3 Ward councillors to ask for date on which they could meet with us, possibly 12 May. (AM)

13. Green & Pier sub-committee -

Registration of the Green – JM has to submit another statutory declaration in support of his application. Meeting this afternoon with Mr. Meakin to confirm details and map and hopefully support application. Mr. Justice Nicol has refused permission for a Judicial Review; the claimant's dispute essentially concerns their private law rights. A judicial review is not appropriate.

We understand that Hunstanton Pier Co. Ltd. Now amended to Cornshire Ltd. And Stade Developments (Hastings) Ltd have renewed their application for a judicial review in which case the request of Mr. Maiden to become an interested party will be considered.

It was agreed that the Civic Society should re-imburse the £75 fee that was actually paid by Mr Croad JM has contacted Audit Commission and Serious Fraud Office about the matter.

Regeneration meeting with Henry Bellingham and councillors on 16 April JM, KL, AM, DJ to attend. JM and MC will attend presentations about South/ Central promenade from 4 developers on 20th. April

14. Heritage sub-committee

Mr. John Selby reported that fencing should be erected around the former garage site within next week or two and similar fencing was planned around Kit-Kat site. A draft Conservation Area Character Statement had been produced and would be out for consultation soon until 29th. May. There are four additions to the proposed area and it should include the wave wall and promenade.

Proposal to revert to name of Hunstanton St. Edmund, Town Council voted for a 6 month delay.

Next meeting of the St. Edmund's committee is on 15th. April 10.30am.

15. Summer Outing

Plan for day at North Norfolk Railway would entail, coach, train ticket & meal might cost £ 34 pp
Too late to sell tickets for this Summer.

16. Programme for 2009/10

Brian has filled the next season's talks programme starting October 2009 through to May 2010

Possible special meeting for talk by Wing Commander Ken Wallis

17. AOB none

18. Date/time of next meeting Tuesday 12th. May 2009 11.30 am Valentine Road - to follow planned meeting with our 3 Borough Councillors at 10.30

Meeting closed at 13.05 pm.

**DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 12th. May 2009, 11.30am VALENTINE ROAD -
IF ANY CIVIC SOCIETY MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING AS AN OBSERVER, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY. YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME
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