

## HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES 20 October 2008

### Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road, 11.00am

*Present: Roy Clark (Chair) David Jones (Vice-Chair) Ken Lawson (Treasurer), Martin Chown (Secretary), Canny Jones, Margi Blunden, Andrew Murray, John Maiden, Brian Holmes*

*In attendance: Sue Boxell*

#### **1. APOLOGIES** Gillian Lawson, Pat Maiden

#### **2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING MATTERS ARISING**

These were agreed and signed by Roy Clark as a true record.

#### **3. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Society has been kindly offered a teak bench dedicated to Mercy Grey, (see minutes 14.7.08). We have written to Mrs Durne to thank, the problem of transport remains. We also were asked by Ant Robinson whether the Society has a photograph of the lady who ran the Robot Weigh Doctor on the promenade.

#### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ken Lawson reported that the Society's funds stand at £10,885.65 of which £4,509.38 is earmarked for the Countryside Agency, leaving the Society's own funds at £6,376.27

#### **5. TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS**

A proposal from the Secretary that the officers of the Committee should rotate as far as possible was accepted. The following indicated their willingness to stand for the Committee 2008/9: Roy Clark, Andrew Murray, Ken Lawson, John Maiden, Brian Holmes, Margi Blunden, Sue Boxell, David Jones, Martin Chown.

#### **6. AGM COMMITTEE REPORT**

The sub committee for the AGM with Ken Lawson, Canny Jones, Martin Chown and David Jones agreed to meet prior to the next Executive Committee meeting.

#### **7. GROUP UPDATES**

##### **Heritage sub Committee:**

A provisional launch date for the boards was agreed as Tuesday 18 November 2008. The borough Council have said they will be installed by 14<sup>th</sup> November. The heritage sub committee agreed to meet to sort out the details of the launch, invitations and publicity.

##### **Planning:**

Roy Clark reported that the owner of the Garage Site opposite the Spinney had been fined £10,000 plus costs. There was some considerable discussion regarding health and safety issues now that the site was derelict. Roy said he would re-open his contact with the Health and Safety Executive in Colchester.

##### **Constitution:**

David Jones reported that there had been no reaction from the audience at the Talks evening with regard to any issues over the proposed new Constitution which is due to be adopted at the EGM prior to the AGM. He said that the document would remain available for anyone to look at or ask questions about at the Talks evenings. The new constitution is essential to replace the unworkable old document.

## **8. NEW GARDEN PROPOSAL**

Canny has been approached by a local resident who has asked whether the Civic Society would help create a small garden near the bus stop by the Lighthouse. This is to remember her mother who loved the view over to Skegness where she spent her honeymoon!

At the moment there is a concrete pad and 2 bollards which is not a pretty sight. Her idea is to have signpost (preferably in driftwood) with arms pointing to Skegness, Holland, Boston Stump etc – all with the mileage. Garden round it to be sand, shingle, rocks with seaside plants - grasses, sea holly etc.

She is willing to make a financial contribution. Our contribution would be designing and planting. The Committee welcomed the idea, which also has the backing of the Borough Council.

## **9. HCS MEETING WITH MP and COUNCIL LEADER**

The long awaited follow up meeting with Henry Bellingham MP and Nick Daubney along with certain BCKLWN officers has been arranged for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. This originated from an initial meeting last year at the Golden Lion. Since then, the protection of The Green and other issues attached to it have developed in their complexity. HCS would like to see an end to conflict with the Borough Council on these issues, and hope that negotiation with both the Member of Parliament and the Council will lead to a positive outcome for Hunstanton.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- \* Andrew Murray updated on his attendance at Civic Trust AGM, reporting useful contacts, including with King's Lynn Civic Society. Agenda item next meeting.
- \* Committee was happy for the Treasurer to present the accounts to the Examiner in preparation for the AGM.

Meeting closed at 11.45am.

**DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 24 November 2008, 10.00am VALENTINE ROAD with John Selby initially and Exec Cttee at 11am**

**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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