

Hunstanton Civic Society
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting,
11.30 am, Wednesday 19 January 2011

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

1. **Apologies:** Margi Blunden.

2. **Minutes** of Meeting held on Tuesday 14 December were read out as they had not been previously circulated. They were signed by the Chairman as a correct record once initials AC were altered to AG. **Matters arising:** -
Item 5. AG as Treasurer rather than SB, as Membership Secretary will contact members who have not paid correct subscriptions. *Item 7.* National Piers Society - Mr Colin Morris is no longer responsible for piers and harbours. JM will contact them. *Item 8.* JM will telephone the contact number re empty shops and any possibility the Society can utilize the window without charge for awareness purposes.

3. **Secretary's Report.**

- **Town Council:** Mr Nigel Woonton of the Environment Agency and Mr Peter Jermay of the Borough Council had given a presentation and requested advice as to how to involve local people in discussions about the **management of Hunstanton Cliffs**. The Shoreline Management 2 policy is for no active intervention until such time as the B1161 is under threat, which is predicted to be in about 2055. They are proposing to review that policy and to use lasers to determine where and by how much erosion is occurring and discuss ways in which the erosion rate may be reduced.
- The Borough Council are going to survey the state of the **Promenade**

The Town Council are coordinating a major programme of events for the weekend of the Royal Wedding. HCS may use Coal Shed Gallery for an exhibition of the King's Lynn to Hunstanton railway and its Royal connections. Meeting this evening in Town Hall to discuss ideas.
- **RAG:** Seagate Road have formed a residents association.
- **Planning applications:** The Town Council are opposing the current plans for development on the former **Kit Kat** site on the grounds of its height.
- **Green Shutters:** Site has been sold possibly to the gentleman who applied for the retrospective planning permission.
- **48 Bernard Crescent:** There is an application for a dwelling to be squeezed behind an existing residence. The proposal would take about 300 sq metres from a total plot of 900 sq metres. HCS objection would be on grounds of over-development. AM to write to Borough Planning stating that it would set an unacceptable precedent.
- **Gateway House:** Proposal to modify existing house and build new house in the garden on the west side with 5 bedrooms and swimming pool.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Adjustments made to the previously-circulated report making the total current assets now £8,163.81. The amended report will be circulated. AG, MC & AM now authorized to sign cheques.
5. **Possible lease of Coal Shed Gallery:** Mr Chris Bamfield (BCKLWN) has offered to have a "blue sky" discussion with the Steering Committee about this item and others that may be of interest to both parties. Date to be arranged.
Store at Valentine Road: The lease having expired, AM to write to Borough Council proposing rent of £1 per year as we have so little to store.
6. **Active at 60 Fund, Jubilee Fund:** Items deferred – for discussion in the Steering group
7. **Report from Pier and Green Sub-Committee:** JM – to push for a Green Flag award for the Esplanade Gardens **and** the whole of The Lower Green. Regarding the Pier, JM to meet with David Atkinson of Centrica (British Gas etc) on 26 January. (*Since re-scheduled to 31 January*) to offer a presentation about the history of the pier and to explore any possibilities of future co-operation with Centrica in view of the large number of wind turbines yet to be installed.
8. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee:** Not available. Cost of leaflets was discussed – Heritage Trails sells at 50p, Plaques leaflet is free. MB to step down from running the committee, JM agreed to chair and SB to co-ordinate.
9. **Formation of New Steering Committee:** AM, MR, MC, AG (+ NH if it meets in evenings). First meeting 7.00 pm Tuesday 8 February at Willow Tree Cottage.
Membership and Talks evenings: MR, NH and SB
Heritage: JM, IS, MB and SB (co-ordinator) MC proposed that we are all involved in Heritage. We need to recruit individual members from the Talks audience to help as projects are identified
Planning: Issues to be dealt with within Executive Committee
10. **Proposal for New Sailing Club Clubhouse:** Architect willing to discuss design with us. Commodore Moore could also explain to us his thinking behind the proposal.
11. **What Social Activities Would Members Like?:** For further discussion. For the Talks evenings SB suggested tea and coffee be served during an interval rather than at the end.
12. AOB - **Section106:** Clive Bond of the Borough Council to be invited to talk to us. ?
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Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15 February at 10.00 am.