

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for 7th. July 2009

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road, 11.15 am

Present: Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden, Susan Boxell, Brian Holmes, David Jones, Ken Lawson (Treasurer), John Maiden, Andrew Murray (Hon. Sec) John Smith. Cllr C Earnshaw

1. **Apologies.** Roy Clark. The Chair thanked Hunstanton Town Council Mayor, Cllr Earnshaw, for her attendance at this meeting, and also the two Borough Councillors Richard Searle and Jason Law for their regular contact.

2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd. June 2009** Held over to next meeting.

3. **Matters arising** – none

4. **Treasurer's report** – Financial report previously circulated. Funds satisfactory. Ken Lawson reported that if Borough Council buys the display boards for Oasis Cafe and HCS donates £500 this would represent good value for the Society and achieve our educational objective. The posters will be altered periodically and the Borough Council will print out new ones when required, again representing good value. Membership has increased to 268 and includes 2 honorary members and 13 life members,

5. **Secretary's report** –

Matters arising from Secretary's report presented on 2 June - none

Site Allocations & Policies Development Plan Document. Following the special meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2009 (attended by all the Committee and Mr. Alan King) a submission was sent by e-mail and post to the Borough Council. This has been acknowledged.

Hunstanton Town Council – Report on HCS activities made to Planning Sub-Committee on Wednesday 1st. July

Membership package received from **West Norfolk Voluntary & Community Action (WNVCA)** containing extensive Directory of Services and Organisations for West Norfolk and funding sources. Membership package received from **Campaign to Protect Rural England** containing membership card, catalogue of Houses & Gardens offering half price admission and a booklet on how to respond to Planning Applications.

Notification of **East Anglia Building Conservation Fair** at St. Nicholas' Chapel, King's Lynn on Saturday 19th. September 2009 10.00 to 17.00 admission free.

Acknowledgement of HCS letter to Chief Constable regarding **traffic and parking in Hunstanton**

Withdrawal of planning application to build a detached house in grounds of **Driftwood House**.

£1bn windfarm deal signed in Wells

Letter from Richard Bird regarding the possible development of land opposite Tesco for **Cycle**

Emporium – Item for Agenda in August.

Letter re re-routing of buses from Hunstanton Road, Heacham was not sent.

6. **Britain in Bloom** - Canny Jones' report presented. The rescued remnant of Hunstanton Pier has been sited as close to the original position as possible. The Council have put in some decorative planting, and a plaque to commemorate the pier is to be installed on Tuesday morning 14th July at 11am. John Maiden volunteered some copy for a press release.

7 **Liaison with other Groups** –

Report on meeting at Bury St. Edmund's – Andrew Murray and John Smith attended on 20 June. In the morning talks were given by Mr Greg Lutton, Regional Director of English Heritage (includes Hunstanton area) about ways in which the new can blend with the old. Barry Shaw, Director of Essex Design Initiative applied this to Essex and there was a talk about how to engage younger people. In the afternoon there was a tour of the new shopping complex incorporating an armadillo like store. The Committee thanked Andrew, John and Brian for their commitment to going out of their way to engage with other groups and raise the profile of Hunstanton outside the immediate area.

8 **Participation in Hunstanton Carnival 28 June** Our stall on The Green sold a few guides and at least one membership. The Stall in Town Hall, run by John Smith alongside the Craft Fair was rather quiet, but people were very interested in HCS rolling picture presentations that provided the backdrop to the event.

9 Report from Green & Pier sub-committee -

Registration of Green - John Maiden's application has been properly made. Legal notices now on The Green attached to litter bins. John Maiden confirms that the owner of the Kit Kat site is still interested in a site swap to promote a development that includes provision for social and affordable homes.

Judicial Review application by CHS – no further progress.

Regeneration – Sea Change bid and issue of Hunstanton CS representation - Item held over.

Report on Hunstanton visit to Brightlingsea (Essex)– Brian Homes gave a report on his visit to see how regeneration finance and expertise had been managed there. A team of three people had been recruited to raise money on a fixed 3 year contract because their Council did not have in-house expertise. If the objectives were not met, the consultants jobs were at risk. This contrasts to the way in which Kings Lynn Council have employed consultants who are paid for their work but do not have on going responsibility.

10 Report from Heritage sub-committee

John Smith is carrying on with the campaign to restore name of Hunstanton to Hunstanton St Edmund. People are now becoming familiar with this campaign. There will be an exhibition of Hunstanton St Edmund china on 21st. August in Church Hall. Sheena Carmen (Borough Council) has got children from Redgate Junior School to do floral interpretation of the wolf and St. Edmund's head.

The boundary issue between Hunstanton and Old Hunstanton is also an issue, and the campaigners feel that Old Hunstanton's civic and ecclesiastical boundaries should become contiguous. It was noted that Old Hunstanton has been called Hunstanton North.

Railway exhibition - September 23rd. to 4th. October at Coal Shed. Deputy Mayor Peter Mallam is to be asked to open at 11.00 am. HCS members to act as stewards.

Interpretation Boards – in an attempt to correct the defects on the newly installed boards, a non scratch version was chosen as the replacement. This should have a life of 10 years, considered appropriate, especially if we want to change the images used.

11 Is Participle appropriate for Hunstanton - this is an idea that includes enabling older people to assist other older people with household and other tasks – committee resolved to follow up as a possible subject of a talk. Discussion about www.participle.net/projects led to concern about the HCS website – www.hunstanton-civic-society.org - item for Agenda in August

12 AOB – none However, an issue arose from the carnival about the bikers and charges by the Council for their use of The Green. Cllr Jason Law has undertaken to provide statistics about income and usage for HCS and report back.

Date/time of next meeting 11th. August 2009 11.00 after meeting with Mr. J Selby at 10.00

The meeting closed at 12.30

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 11 August 2009, 10.00am 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 Andrew Murray 01485 532376