

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for 24 February 2009

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road, 11.00am

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

1. Apologies - none.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 20th. January 2009

These were agreed and signed by Martin Chown as a true record.

3. Matters arising – Copies of Constitution to be scanned and sent to Charities Commission and put on Web-site. (DJ, KL, VY)

4. Treasurer's report – Decrease in membership of 20. Little interest accruing on Deposit Account. Open spaces subscription gone up to £ 40 Gift aid now over £ 600. Likely to have £ 7500 balance at end of year.

5. Secretary's report – no correspondence received. E-mails sent to Civic Trust, Nelsons Solicitors and Nicola Leader.

6. Registration of the Green -

Need to press ahead and send the second version of the letter and organize a press release. (JM)

7. Formal link with Town council -

HCS has been offered a speaking role. To liaise with Lisa Powell, Clerk to Council and Mr. Richard Bird who is also a member of the Civic Society. (AM)

8. Reports of Sub-committees - Summary

8a.b. The Green 27 Jan. 09, and 17 February 2009

Present - John Maiden, Martin Chown, David Jones and Brian Holmes.

The Green – HCS has applied to the Borough Council for The Green to be registered with the County Council as a Town Green. The Green Committee has been given a date to meet with Henry Bellingham MP to seek support. The Green Committee has met with the Mayor Cllr Richard Bird and ordinary HCS members to discuss ways forward in the face of the CHS application to take the Borough Council to Judicial Review. This is a fast changing situation.

8c. Heritage 5 Feb 09

Present: John Maiden, Brian Holmes, John Smith, Sue Boxell, Margi Blunden

- 1. Interpretation Boards** - Chris Bamfield has been informed about the waterlogged state of the new interpretation boards. He said he would contact Steve of IRS again. Margi will keep in touch with Chris. (MB)
- 2. Storage Room** - There is an issue about storing artefacts in the storage room at Valentine Rd. as it is being used by other people as well as ourselves. Brian will contact Sheena to discuss better venue. (BH)
- 3. Buildings of Hunstanton booklet** - The project to publish a booklet explaining the history of the development of building design in Old Hunstanton and Hunstanton was discussed. It was felt to be a large undertaking but Brian has all the photos already and he is going to send all members of the heritage group a disc. (BH)
- 4. Sailing Club** - We decided to invite Commodore Stuart Moore to our next meeting to discuss the plans for the new sailing club.
- 5. St. Edmund** - We discussed what involvement HCS should have in the Edfest this year and it was decided to write a letter of support to Elaine Bird mentioning the ideas of the St Edmund's flag, the church service, church concert, and our backing of the geophysical survey around St. Edmund's chapel . John Smith will contact Elaine. He will also contact Reg Sharp secretary of the Bury Society to forge links. (JS)
- 6. Infant School** - This is to close in 2 years. It was felt we needed to bring this to the attention of the main committee and register our interest in the building as a heritage centre. If the committee agree a letter needs to go to Vanessa Trevelyan Head of Museum Services. (Agenda March)
- 7. Kiosks** - Regarding the proposal for 22 kiosks to be placed on the prom, it was decided to ask the main committee to vote on the recommendation that a letter be sent indicating that HCS supports the Town Council's recommendation to maintain status quo. (MC)

8d Heritage 17 Feb. 09

Commander Moore, Sailing Club and their architect gave a useful presentation about the proposals for redevelopment of the Sailing Club premises.

8e Planning - Meeting with John Selby 24 Feb.

Present: All members of the Committee

The Committee were very grateful to see a large number of historical photographs which were being donated by John Selby due to an office move. Many of these photos have significance. JS informed us that the shop front policy in Hunstanton was about to be implemented. Various possibly illegal signs were discussed, along with the Garage site and the application by the Borough to keep the kiosks on the Promenade all year. HCS is backing the Town Council in their move to keep the status quo – ie that the kiosks are seasonal. The Committee pressed again for the Conservation Area process to move forward. It does seem, however, that development will have to take account of being part of a “proposed new Conservation Area” until the legal area is designated.

9 Participation in EdFest09 – deferred until next meeting

10 Britain in Bloom 3-14 August. Hunstanton in Bloom July

Presentation by Canny Jones – a good number of interesting proposals from the Borough Council:

Boston Square – bird and bat boxes put up. Record of events and observations to be kept.

Crab apple trees to be planted.

Lincoln Square – anchor shaped bed.

Esplanade Gardens – hedge to be refurbished replaced where necessary.

Cenotaph - black & red poppy shaped beds.

Cliff Top shelters - beds on each side facing the road.

St. Edmunds chapel

Herb garden in Esplanade to be raised with rail sleepers.

Maize on Green. Carpet bedding in shape of compass in front of TIC.

Show garden from Sandringham Flower Show to go near Fair and Sea Life Centre.

Redgate hill (East side) – wild roses or hydrangeas to be planted.

Front garden competition – dates to be published.

College of West Anglia – to photograph work in progress.

Webcam on the Esplanade and calendar for website.

New bed near Lighthouse to display distances to points of interest. Town Council to sponsor to £ 2000

Hunstanton town clean up / litter pick March to May.

Dog bin at Smithdon end of Downs Road.

Ruts in Recreation ground to be filled and leveled.

11. Judicial Review – Hunstanton Pier Company v. BCKLWN

Paper review by High Court Judge likely to be held this coming week.

(JM)

12. AOB -

Jason Law, Borough Councilor and Cabinet Member, said he would only respond to HCS not to individuals concerning progress of enforcement actions.

(AM)

Meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

**DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 24th. March 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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