

## HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for 2 June 2009

### Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road, 11.30am

Present:, Susan Boxell, Roy Clark, Brian Holmes, David Jones, Ken Lawson (Treasurer), John Maiden, John Smith

**1. Apologies.** Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden, Andrew Murray ( Hon. Sec) David Jones was elected to take the Chair and John Maiden to take the minutes.

**2. Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup>. May 2009**

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**3. Matters arising – None**

**4. Treasurer's report** The Treasurer submitted a report and it was agreed that he should proceed with the acquisition of boards to be located inside the Oasis on which to display Civic Society information relating to Hunstanton, past and present.

A donation of £100 to the Civic Trust and affiliation to the CPRE and WNVCA were also approved.

**5. Secretary's report** A copy of the Secretary's report was circulated and appended to these minutes. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to First Bus expressing concern at the withdrawal of a service along Hunstanton Road, Heacham.

**6. Britain in Bloom** Concern was expressed about the proposal to paint the 'toast rack' railings in the green and gold colour scheme used elsewhere throughout Hunstanton. It was suggested that because these 'modern' railings look out of place, it might be better to replace them.

**7 Participation in Hunstanton Carnival 28 June**

It was agreed to show the Society's programme on the screen behind the HCS stall in the Town Hall

**8 Liaison with other Groups – Deferred**

**9 Report from Green & Pier sub-committee -  
Registration of Green**

John Maiden announced that Norfolk County Council would be placing notices in the press and on the seven separate parcels of land comprising The Green, which he has asked to be registered as a Town Green in order to protect these important areas of open space in accordance with the Covenant imposed on the local authority by the Le Strange Estate on 20<sup>th</sup>. July 1955, for the benefit of local inhabitants and visitors. John said he intended to host a public meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July this year at which a PowerPoint presentation would explain why it was important for as many people as possible to write to NCC in support of the application for registration.

**Judicial Review**

John Maiden gave an update on the application by Mr Henry Moreton's Hunstanton Pier Company for a Judicial Review of the Borough Council's decision not to relieve his 'Pier Company' of the responsibility to make and maintain a Pier at Hunstanton. John said his own application to join the proceedings as an 'interested party', would be considered when the case went before a Judge sitting in the High Court.

**Regeneration**

Reservations were expressed about the proposed regeneration of the North Promenade. Some members suggested that if the Society supported changes to the day chalets and the siting of 'viewing platforms' it might be construed as approval of the proposed additions to the Pier Entertainment Centre on The Green.

It was agreed that Brian Holmes and Andrew Murray would visit Brightlingsea on a fact-finding mission organised by Richard Bird in his capacity as Chair of the Hunstanton Joint Partnership, which brings together members of HCS and the Chamber of Trade.

**Commemoration of the Pier Fire 10<sup>th</sup>. June 1939**

John Maiden announced that an email had been sent to a number of ‘decision makers’ at the Borough Council, inviting them to a presentation in The Golden Lion to commemorate the fire on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1939, which signalled the beginning of the end for Hunstanton Pier. John said he was not optimistic about the response of officials based in Lynn, because the Chief Executive and the Legal Services manager has ‘flatly refused’ similar invitations, even when they had come from Henry Bellingham MP.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. July 9.30 to coincide with meetings with Conservation Officer and Ward Councilors