

**Hunstanton Civic Society Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting,
Wednesday 17 May 2011 at Valentine Road**

Present: Martin Chown (Acting Chairman), Andrew Murray (Hon. Secretary), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Susan Boxell, Norma Ham, Margaret Robinson and Ivy Scales

1. **Apologies:** John Maiden.
2. **Minutes** of Meeting held on Wednesday 27 April were amended, approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Secretary's Report.** The report previously circulated was read out with further details provided by the Secretary.
MC congratulated the Secretary on his splendid work for the Report. Discussion ensued as to how the information in the Report could be made available to the Talks audience. Among other suggestions was the idea of producing a "Welcome Brochure" for the new season of talks commencing in September. This was agreed as an **idea for discussion**.

Library: This is having to reduce opening hours and it was decided to **ask the Talks audience tonight for volunteers to offer their time to help keep the Library open**.

Computer loop during Talks evenings to give rolling information: MB enquired as to whether we could get this started. MC replied that this was **a matter for the Steering Group**.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Distributed at the meeting, showing current a/c at £483.66 and deposit a/c at £7,260.68. MC thanked Brian Holmes for all his work at the Coal Shed Gallery exhibition, which almost broke even.

Gift Aid at temporary exhibitions. It was considered too time-consuming to complete the form at the exhibitions. AM advised changes were to be made for gift aid donations. MC proposed exploring the **idea of envelopes for giving**.

Town Notice Board. AG suggested this could be cheered up by solar lighting, but it is due for repainting in green and gold. HCS has not as yet been approached for a contribution to the cost.

Open Spaces Society. They are asking for further donations. The Society gave them £40 in March. AM said we should leave it for the moment and **wait until they ask again**.

5. **Report from Pier and Green Sub-Committee.** None available. The question was raised as to whether the **Pier** should come under the **Heritage Sub-Committee**. It was so decided.
6. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee.** Distributed at the meeting.

Map. A new map of the town was needed, especially at the bus station. AG suggested asking the Town Council who in turn could put it to the Chamber of Trade. **AM would talk it over with the Town Council** with the idea of one side of the map showing the businesses and the other the historic details. He would also mention the need for an interpretation board at the bus station.

Plaques Leaflet. AG had received five slips returned from the last Talks audience with suggestions for new plaques. Each sender would be thanked. AM took the returned slips. More blank ones would be available at the Talks evening tonight.

Legacies. MB's suggestion to **include this possibility in the website** was agreed. She would ask David Jones to arrange it.

Former Tote Sport/Diner. AM would **find out if it was in the Conservation Area.**

6a. What Social Activities Would Members Like? A possible **visit to Southwold Pier and Adnam's Brewery** was discussed for next year. AG advised the cost of a coach would be about £500. Before the visit we would try to arrange a **talk from the owner of Southwold Pier** and have a **showing of "Barnacle Bill"**, the film that featured Hunstanton Pier. This would hopefully create interest among the Talks audience members so we could have an idea of how many would like to make the trip to Southwold.

7. **Report from Steering Group.** None available.

8. **Participation in Dog Training and Charity Event at Smithdon on Sunday 29 May and Civic Day 25 June 2011.** We would have a stall at both events for which volunteers would be needed, plus the loan of a gazebo.

9. **Date of next meeting:** TBA.

Secretary's Report – HCS meeting 17 May 2011

Communications received –

Smithdon High School – invitation to demonstration of Enigma machine on 19 May 18.30

King's Lynn Civic Society AGM and talk on Eco homes 19 May 19.30

Cambridge PPF – publication 'Ring'

Civic Voice – welcome letter, 101 Civic Ideas booklet, links to NT and EH vouchers.

Hunstanton in Bloom - Horticultural Trail – BCKLWN

Esplanade Gardens and Green – management and conservation plan - BCKLWN

Open Spaces Society – threats to change system of Registration of Greens

Album of Photographs from 1930's given to the society

Folder of information relating to the installation of Plaques in 2006

Consultation on reduction of opening hours of Hunstanton Library

The owl is an Indian Eagle owl presumably escaped from captivity – it should not be interfered with.

WNVCA – introduction to computers and getting on-line, digital switchover help, ladies driving challenge

Environmental Law Foundation – guides to Citizens rights regarding planning applications light and environmental pollution

National Council for Voluntary Organisations

English Heritage – E –newsletter

Campaign to Protect Rural England – Members Guide 2011,
Countryside Voice Spring 2011
Active Norfolk – Fit Together – Summer programme 2011

Meetings

East of England Association of Civic and Amenity Societies – Ely – 7 May 2011
Seminar ‘Big Society & Localism’ see separate report
Civic Voice – Coastal Towns forum at Worthing- Saturday 19 June 2011

Town Council –

Annual Town Report has been published following Town meeting on 15 April
Elections- new Borough Councillors are Paul Beal, Richard Bird and Elizabeth Watson.
Six new town councillors have been elected, they are Cliff Allman, Nicholas Cole, Bob Davies, Kate Dunbar, James Johnson and Richard Webb.
Carol Bower is new Town Mayor with Elaine Clutton as her deputy.
The wedding week-end celebrations went off well. Some minor hitches meant that plans to use the Spinney had to be abandoned.
The beach has gained a Blue Flag award.
The Green and Gardens are being judged for a Green flag award.
The St. Edmund’s wolf is being re-carved and will be re-installed soon
Community Notice Board is to be re-painted at a cost of £ 230 – (at the last renovation the Civic Society met half the cost)
Contract for electrical work in the basement has been awarded.

Planning Applications

Conversion to Taxi office at 11 Westgate approved
Rear extension at 24 Homefields Road supported
Division of Pebblecroft, Park Road into 2 dwellings 11/00508/F
Marquee to sell garden equipment at Tesco erected during the Summer 11/00726

Civic Day – Saturday 25 June 2011 – (Hunstanton Carnival is on 26 June)

Guided walk around the town’s historic buildings – meet 2pm outside the Golden Lion Hotel.

Fossil or shell hunt on the beach – meet 4 pm North end of Promenade – to be confirmed

Talk on Tuesday 28th. June in Town Hall at 7.30 – Dr Richard Hoggett will speak about the Norfolk Coastal Heritage

Further details about all of the above will be available at or at the end of the meeting.