

Hunstanton Civic Society

Minutes of Ordinary Executive Committee Meeting Thursday 20 October 2011 at 11.30 am, following meeting with Mr Chris Bamfield at 10.00 am in Large Meeting Room, Valentine Road

Present: John Maiden (Chairman), Andrew Murray (Honorary Treasurer), Anthony Gooch (Treasurer), Margi Blunden, Martin Chown, Sue Boxell, Brian Holmes, Margaret Robinson, Ivy Scales

1. **Apologies:** Norma Ham.
2. **Minutes** of Meetings held on 23 August 2011 and 20 September 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Secretary's Report.** As circulated and read out by AM.

Matters Arising:

Site Specific Allocations – The Town Council were supporting the development of the area East of the A149 and South of the existing Industrial Park as well as an area North of the Northfields Allotments. They were not recommending any development South of the Bennett's estate as it was important to preserve a green space between Hunstanton and Heacham as well as that between Old Hunstanton. The Council wish to investigate the possibility of developing a retirement village associated with affordable housing for the carers.

JM said that regeneration should not be confined to the holiday industry and that Hunstanton needed more residents to use the facilities. **Action:** AM would circulate the Town Council response so that HCS could say whether it agreed with that.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** On 30 September 2011 the current a/c balance was **£1,664.63** and the deposit a/c **£7286.48**. Presently we had 174 members. Appreciation was expressed for Sue and David Boxell having obtained a cheaper option than Witley's for producing membership renewal forms and the talks programme. The costs of speakers was discussed. JM would mention each forthcoming talk in his Lynn News column and SB said the talks could also be featured in Hunstanton Town and Around. AM said he would inform King's Lynn Civic Society and Dersingham Village Voice. AM proposed and JM seconded changing the talks evening to the **third Wednesday** of the month for the year 2012/13.
5. **Report from Civic Voice AGM, Sheffield, 13 October 2011.** AM had attended the meeting and gave a positive report, encouraging members to attend these national events.
6. **Report from Pier and Green Sub-Committee.** No meeting had been held but JM had asked John Dobson when Nick Daubney would be getting back to reinstating the Pier. He had agreed to enquire.
7. **Report from Heritage Sub-Committee Meeting of 10 October 2011. Mercy Gray Shelter, Chapel Bank.** Mr Ben Colson had not yet been approached with the suggestion of his taking over the shelter for Norfolk Green. **Statue of Henry Le Strange.** Mr Sean Hedges-Quinn had been chosen as the sculptor. A very versatile

artist living in Wattisham near Ipswich, he was responsible for Captain Mainwaring at Thetford and was keen to do something Victorian. His chosen material would be bronze, with a one-and-half size bust costing £15,000, a life-size standing figure £35,000. We would need to raise £3,000 for a display maquette to enable a decision. JM would write articles for Hunstanton Town and Around and the Lynn News to invite donations. We needed firstly a grant from the Heritage Fund, then £3,000 for the maquette. (The statue would be eligible for a grant of up to £50,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund). **Action:** JM and CB would put the project to the Town Council's General Purposes Committee, and if received favourably, HCS and the TC could hold an open meeting in the Town Hall to which SHQ would be invited to attend.

8. **Report from Steering Committee. AGM arrangements.** MC advised that NH and MR would help prepare vegetables for the buffet. Cost would be £5 per head for 50 people. This would need adjustment as SB reported that so far 63 positive replies had been received from members.

9. **HCS Representative for In Bloom Committee.** MC thought that this should be left until the AGM when new Committee members would be elected.

10. **Date of next meetings:** Tuesdays 15 November and 13 December 2011.

11. **Any other business.**

Surveyors have been working in and around old **garage** site. In the past there were proposals for that to be developed along with the bus station and library area. AM said that an ideal position for the **Library**, combined with a **Heritage Centre**, would be in the Infants' School. (AG mentioned a similar-looking school for sale in East Winch for £185,000, which could be considered a guide price.) We were still hoping to get the Infant School and possibly the Council Offices made listed buildings. SB reported that in the "Businesses for sale" section of the Lynn News for Friday 14 October there was a building sounding like the "**hangar**" for £60,000.