

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for Thursday 17th. December 2009

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road at 11.30 am

Present: Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden, Susan Boxell, Tony Gooch, Jilly Hall, Brian Holmes, David Jones, Ken Lawson (Treasurer), John Maiden, Andrew Murray (Hon. Sec), Margaret Robinson and Cllr. John Smith.

1. **Apologies** - Carol Bower, Roy Clark and Miss Ivy Scales.
2. **Welcome to New Committee**

Extra appointment to the committee – AM proposed and seconded by DJ that Mrs. Carol Bower be appointed. Approved unanimously.
Copies of the New Constitution have been sent to trustees by e-mail and guidance from the Charities Commission will be sent by DJ.
Mr. Tony Gooch apologised for his absence from the AGM
3. **Minutes** of Meeting held on 17 November 2009 signed by Chairman as a true record.
4. **Matters arising** - none
5. **Report from SGM & AGM** –

The circulation of the questionnaire has been a success. It gives definite guidance to the committee for action to be taken during the coming year. An analysis will be projected at next meeting on 5 January 2010. KL, MC, BH will prepare the analysis.
DJ observed that the Area of Benefit has reverted to the original list of villages. It was agreed that letters should be sent to Parish Clerks of the named villages for their information. Letters should also be sent to the Planning Department & Conservation Area Group advising them of our Area of Benefit.
6. **Treasurer's Report** - Report previously circulated.
7. **Secretary's Report** –

23 Christmas Cards sent out on behalf of Committee to various people to enhance the visibility of the Society. BH was congratulated on the design and production.
No reply has been received from Jack Daniels regarding the ban on distribution of free printed matter in the Town centre & seafront.
Town circular mini-bus service – 4 residents went on the first trial run on 16 December 2009.
Boundary Review – a further letter is to be sent to reinforce the letter of May 09
Opposition to the planning application for a house in grounds of Driftwood House has been registered.
8. **Report from Heritage sub-committee**

MB reported that the questionnaires were checked to establish the support for our projects and most members were in favour of most suggestions. The projects were prioritised under the headings of how expensive they would be:

EXPENSIVE: Statue of Henry Le Strange, Establishing a Heritage Centre, Provision of seats on The Green and Promenade, Shelters on the Cliff top, preparation of a book on the buildings of Hunstanton and a new surface for the Promenade.

CHEAP: Production of a Wolf trail, Interpretation boards for the Wolf and the geology of the cliffs, positioning of the Mercy Gray seat, production of booklets on the stained glass of Hunstanton, faces on buildings, literary figures connected with Hunstanton and the chronology of Hunstanton. The reversion of name of New Hunstanton to Hunstanton St. Edmunds.

NOTHING: Heritage Centre research, monitoring the Shop Fronts policy and Shelters on the cliff.

Whilst some of these will be expensive that doesn't rule out starting research on them now, but we have to make a decision which ones we have time for in 2010 so we can tell the membership at the 2010 AGM what has been achieved.

An agenda is to be drawn up for our meeting with Chris Bamfield in January.

All items can be discussed with the Regeneration programme.

TG advised that we draw up a grid of our shopping list against the parties that can be involved and the dates to aim at.

It was agreed that priority should be given to the production of a booklet with the aim of eventually developing it into something like the production by the Breckland Society "The Vernacular Architecture of Breckland."

A genuine railway signal is ready for installation in the car park near to the Coal Shed Gallery.

9. Report from The Pier and Green

The County Council has asked barrister, Mr. Philip Petchey to review the application, objections and responses. Henry Bellingham is in support of Registration. The Borough Council has suggested that their opposition to registration is because in Downham Market registration had prevented a circus being held on the Howdale land. There has never been a circus on The Green and its slope would make it impractical. JM explained the process of Registration.

At a meeting in the House of Commons, Mr. Bellingham said that he thought that an external inquiry about the 'Pier' and hangar would be helpful. It might even give the Borough a clean bill of health !!

Investigations are on-going to establish the legitimacy or otherwise of the Pier Company.

Although Hunstanton was not successful in its bid for Sea Change money, it is eligible for European Funding for the environment and landscape.

10. Report from Town Council / Liaison with Borough - item held over.

11. Engagement of Young People / Update on School Liaison - item held over.

12. Response to Shoreline Management Consultation

AM had previously circulated a synopsis of the background and proposals for the Zones 1 to 4 of the Wash Estuary. He outlined the response that he was intending to make to the consultation.

13. Dates & Times of future committee meetings - item held over.

14. AOB

MC has received a package from Stan Goldman of USA

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 20th. January 2010 at 11.30 am

Follows meeting with Mr. Chris Bamfield at 10.00

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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