

## HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010

### Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road at 11.30 am – following meeting with Mr. Chris Bamfield

Present: Susan Boxell, Anthony Gooch, Jilly Hall, Brian Holmes, David Jones, Kenneth Lawson (Treasurer), John Maiden, Andrew Murray ( Hon. Sec), Margaret Robinson & Miss Ivy Scales,

1. **Apologies** – Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden, Cllr. Carol Bower & Roy Clark
2. **Election of Chair** - In the absence of Mr Chown, Mr David Jones was elected to chair the meeting.
3. **Minutes** of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, (previously circulated), were signed by the Chairman as a correct record. DJ explained that he thought that it was unconstitutional for the Residents' Action Group to be a sub –committee because the members are not all trustees. It was agreed that the minutes should be altered to show RAG as a liaison committee. It was noted that it was important to harness new found enthusiasm and the need, as we have similar aims, to have a single voice. AM disagreed with that interpretation of the constitution.
4. **Secretary's Report** – as previously circulated – AM reported on:
  - The resignation of John Smith
  - The withdrawal of MC's resignation as chair
  - The meeting with Mr. Henry Bellingham, the activities of RAG and the report from Inspire East that led to the withdrawal by the developers of the application to build a block of flats on the Kit Kat site.
  - The regularising of the parking of motorcycles on The Green by the DCB.
  - Meeting the judges during Anglia in Bloom.
  - HCS participation in the Carnival
  - The result of the Town Council by-elections.
  - Items from the Town Council meetings including manning of the fire station, joint management of The Green, the Tour of Britain cycle race and the running of the Community Centre.
  - AM detailed the discussions of 4 Steering Group meetings, including an analysis of the problems facing the Society and the ways in which it might be run more smoothly. The proposals will be an agenda item for the next meeting, however it was noted that sub-committees need to report back to the full committee. During discussion it was noted that all trustees are equally responsible for what happens; that we are not a trading organisation and our insurance does not cover the use cherry pickers.
5. **Treasurer's Report**(pre-circulated) – KL stated that he is only prepared to pay out on quantified expenses which have been approved by the main committee.

KL had not received a quote from John Smith for wolf interpretation board and he did not think that Wolf Interpretation was part of our responsibilities.

JM proposed that the quote for the Wolf Interpretation Board be accepted, provided that the BC provide the board and install it and HCS is acknowledged.

Annual mailing – KL outlined what is involved in sending this out to members- some of them pay by standing orders, some are life members and require different letters.

There was a discussion as to whether Smithdon catering or DewDrop might do the buffet for AGM
6. **Report from Green and Pier sub-committee** – A meeting needs to be arranged to update people.

7. **Report from Heritage sub-committee** It is thought that a statue of Henry le Strange might cost £30,000. A railway carriage £ 20,000 of which £4000 had already been promised.
8. **Arrangements for Wash Week events – 8 to 15 August –** HCS involvement with the exhibition in the Coal Shed Gallery, the Tuesday evening talk by Cindy Howells and the fossil hunt on the beach were discussed.
9. **Appeal from Scouts & Guides for £ 35,000** It was noted that this money is required for repairs to their premises. It was thought to be a noble cause and HCS should assist in helping young people. We could make a contribution or sponsor a fund raising event. It was decided that KL, DJ and JM should meet with the Group's leaders.
10. **Dates of next meetings Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August – 10.00 am**
11. **AOB –** Providing there is money from ticket sales, we offer to offset John Smith's expenses by £ 100.00