

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for Tuesday 15th June 2010

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road at 11.30 am

Present: Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden, Susan Boxell, Anthony Gooch, Jilly Hall, Brian Holmes, Kenneth Lawson (Treasurer), John Maiden, Andrew Murray (Hon. Sec), & Margaret Robinson.

In attendance: Mike Stewart, Cllr. John Smith & Peter Witley.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr. Carol Bower, Roy Clark, David Jones & Miss Ivy Scales,
2. **Minutes** of Meetings held on 21st. April & 24th May, previously circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record except that the date of Cindy Howells talk was amended to August 10th.
3. **Secretary's Report** – AM reported that he had just received a copy of the English Heritage publication giving guidance to organisations proposing to put up commemorative plaques. Unfortunately none of the people who did such excellent work on the Hunstanton plaques are still on the committee.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (pre-circulated) – Finances are sound. The Wash week expense discussed last month is approved by the treasurer .
A web-domain concerning the pier is to be paid for by JM
5. Report from **Town Council Meetings** 2nd. 11th. June – AM reported that the discos are very popular but year 9's are to be excluded. £1000 is to be used to commission a report on the chalk wall at the North East corner from structural engineers, Calvert, Brain & Fraulo. The Princess theatre is not to be allowed to compete with King's Lynn but a pantomime is planned for the Town Hall in January. The parking charge for the Valentine Road and Central car parks is to be suspended between 6pm and 8 am. Negotiations are proceeding with the Borough on a plan to jointly manage The Green. Working party meetings are to be held in private. A street light is to be erected outside 56 Church Street.
6. Proposal to set up **Hunstanton Residents Action Group** as sub-committee – Agreed unanimously but it was noted that we should have a record of the objectives of the group. Their Inaugural meeting is to be held on Thursday 17th. June in Town Hall.
7. Planning Applications – **Kit Kat** site – The amended plan for 17 residential units, 17 parking spaces and 1 commercial unit but no social housing is due to go before DCB on 5th. July. Borough Councillor David Johnson is the only member on the DCB with relevant knowledge of Hunstanton. JS is preparing a visual presentation for the RAG meeting, a meeting with Henry Bellingham and the DCB. As many individual letters as possible should be submitted before 22nd. June.
8. **Report from Green and Pier sub-committee – Motor cycle parking**
The DCB in May deferred their decision following a presentation from JM. They are to look for an alternative site for motorcycle parking possibly on the promenade rather than the higher path. That might mean alterations to plans to re-site skate board ramps. A change of use planning application may be needed. HTC is pushing things through the BC liaison committee rather than debating them in Council. It was proposed that AM should write to ask what steps are being taken to explore alternative sites and suggest that Geoff Hall and Chris Bamfield should meet with HCS. It is unlikely that we could prevent MC parking on The Green (which includes the promenade) as they had been doing so as of right.

- 9 **Report from Heritage sub-committee – 26 May** - previously circulated and attached
1. BH had questioned the sitting of the signal. David Morton had stopped workmen digging the hole for the signal because the Borough Council had made no provision for erecting an additional information board. BH has designed a layout to go around the signal with 6 railway company discs at a cost of £250 each and railway track railings.
 2. We should continue to promote Hunstanton St. Edmund by using it as our addresses.
 3. It was proposed that we should approach art colleges to see whether they might be interested in making a statue or bust of Henry le Strange. We should approach Shearings (who now own the Golden Lion) and the Le Strange estate for support.
 4. It is now thought that the Mercy Gray bench should be placed outside Princess Theatre.
 5. Railway carriage. Terry Clay (owner of Heacham Station) is keen to help with this project.
 6. Neolithic Site sign – for discussion with Chris Bamfield
 7. JS presented his revised ideas for a 3 metre high structure to celebrate the striped cliffs. He now proposes a base made of carstone incorporating fossils suitable for brass rubbing. Above that would be a cage contained rocks and surmounted by a sculptured ammonite. It would incorporate a plaque commemorating James Frederick Jackson and a gift box in support of lifeboats. Total cost about £15,000 so we need to investigate sources of funds.
- 10 Reports from the Steering Committee meetings 7th. (circulated)
The second meeting immediately preceded this committee meeting. It was decided that we could initially do a structured telephone survey of our members to seek their views on what the Civic Society should try to do for the town.
- 11 **Arrangements for participation in Hunstanton Carnival – Sunday 27th. June**
The Rotary Club are holding a craft fair in the Town Hall and agree to us having a table near the stage so that images of interesting historical and architectural features can be projected on to a screen on the stage. There will also be a stall on The Green displaying the purpose of the Civic Society and our achievements. JS will promote the geology booklet and Mary Rhodes books.
- 12 **Arrangements for Wash Week events – 8 to 15 August –**
Details of events submitted to the Wash Estuary Strategy Group who will do the publicity.
- 13 **Dates of next meetings –Wed. 21st. July 2010 & Tuesday 17th August –**
- 14 **AOB – JS** wants £10,000 to write book on the local wildlife supported by 7 interpretation boards around to cliff area.