

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for Monday 6th. September 2010

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road at 2.00 pm

Present: Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden, Susan Boxell, Cllr. Carol Bower, Anthony Gooch, David Jones. Kenneth Lawson (Treasurer), John Maiden, Andrew Murray (Hon. Sec), & Miss Ivy Scales.

1. **Apologies** Roy Clark, Jilly Hall, Brian Holmes & Margaret Robinson.
2. **Minutes** of Meeting held on 17th. August, (previously circulated) were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
3. **Secretary's Report** – as previously circulated. There was extensive discussion about the planning application for the Green Shutters site and the Town Council's decision to offer no comment. AM to write to Kate Lawty and let Dr Burgess know that HCS continues to oppose the development. AM drew attention to the Dates to Note circulars and in particular to the AGM of Civic Voice to be held in Peterborough on 8th. & 9th. October as well as the visit of its Director, Tony Burton to King's Lynn on 4th. November.
4. **Treasurer's Report** - MC thanked KL for circulating his thoughts on how HCS should be financed. As far as projects are concerned, the ideas need to be worked up and brought to full committee before any financial commitments are made. KL thought that it was premature for the carriage photo to have been on display at the railway exhibition. AG referred to plans made by the steering committee to regularise procedures. MB stressed the need for a balance between those who have visions and the practical aspects of carrying projects to fruition. DJ said that we needed to form a small limited company of perhaps 4 people. JM responded that we had not needed a limited company to do the heritage trail and the plaques. There is no permanent site for a heritage centre in the town and a charity could apply for lottery funds. KL said that he had spent 2 full days in the railway exhibition. He had heard a lot of comments for but also against the proposal. We are not a trading organisation and he questioned who is going to maintain it. He thought that it was outside the remit of the HCS. KL also expressed concern that publications on Hunstanton were already being worked on. AG said that the first stage for the railway carriage project was to establish support from the borough and the nearby residents. MC summed up and stated that we have heard KL concerns and agree that projects will be thoroughly discussed in committee. Scout & Guide appeal. KL had left 2 messages with Scouts and Guides but no response. JM had made several suggestions as to how the Scouts and Guides might jointly participate in activities.
5. **Proposal from Steering Committee**
The railway carriage proposal is only at this stage a concept. JM to correlate the names of members of HCS with those that attended the exhibition and thought the carriage was a good idea. We do need to mark 2012 with special event, 150 year after opening of railway and death of Henry le Strange. KL observed that few local residents or business people did attend the railway exhibition. DJ likes the concept but it needs planning permission and that costs money unless the borough will support. Item for discussion with Mr Bamfield in October.
6. **Report from Green and Pier sub-committee** –
Sub-committee has not met recently. Victoria McNeil head of legal team at NCC seems to be delaying the response to JM application for Registration of The Green. JM to follow up. AG asked Mr Harding at the meeting in Nov 09 what will the landlord get back in 850 years at end of lease – a pier or just the land. Friends of Green web site needs updating.
Tour of Britain Cycle Race - CB now has an itemised program of the day. Lots of fun, Carnival Parade, flat bed trailer, lots of music, balloons, cup cakes, fly past from Marham, then activities for children in the afternoon. Hopefully the weather will be kind but there are wet weather contingency plans. CB was thanked for her hard work.
7. Members said how very impressed they were with the high standard of the **railway exhibition**. Our thanks to be passed on to BH.

MB asked about the Christmas tree proposal. CB said that a Christmas tree competition was being organised and HCS may wish to decorate a tree in the Town Hall for 4th. December.
MC wished to ask Chris Bamfield about the availability and usage of the Coal Shed Gallery.

- 8 Date of next meetings – **Wed 20th. October at 11.30** follows meeting with Chris Bamfield at **10.00** then Tuesday 16th. November. Tues 14th. or Wed 15th December.
- 9 **AOB** – AM reported that he had attended a meeting of Safer Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) but it was anything but snappy. The main item was a presentation by a trading standards officer about the possible introduction of very selective ‘no cold calling zones’ to protect vulnerable people.