

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for Tuesday 27th. October 2009

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road, 11.30am

Present: Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden (for item 7), Susan Boxell Brian Holmes, David Jones, John Maiden, Andrew Murray (Hon. Sec), Ken Lawson (Treasurer),

In attendance Cllr Christine Earnshaw.

- 1 **Apologies.** Roy Clark, Cllr. John Smith
- 2 **Minutes** of Meeting held on 20 October 2009 signed by Chairman
- 3 **Matters arising** - None
- 4 **Treasurer's Report** - unexamined figures have been circulated
- 5 **Secretary's Report** – Conservation Area extension has been passed by BC committee and cabinet.
Booklet should be available soon.
Dates to note – ASHTAV meeting in Newark on 31 October 2009. AM to go
KL CS meeting 5/11/09
Submissions need to be sent to East of England Regional Assembly on Plans to 2031 by 24 November and the Shoreline Management by 15th. January 2010
Mercy Grey bench has been repaired but needs some more work and teak stain.
- 6 **Proposal to set up FOG** – Friends of Hunstanton Green
Help from Tony Gooch to set up web-site.
The view was expressed that it would be useful for HCS to be able to spend more time on other activities. New group should be totally independent. It was decided to set up a small working party to progress this.
A sub-committee discussed the offer of the Borough Council to share with the Town Council the management of The Green. 2 members needed more information, 4 were opposed.
- 7 **Report from Heritage sub-committee**
 - a. Hunstanton St. Edmund – plans for 20th. November – held over for John Smith
 - b. Railway exhibition – Brian reported that it had been highly successful and made a profit. Brian Long has put together a presentation that may be put on in Golden Lion
A genuine Signal donated by Richard Brown of Wolferton is to be put up in Car Park near the Coal House (not Gallery).
 - c. Signage in the Town – Street Pride campaign – for agenda at future meeting
Chris Bamfield looking into finger signs. Brown signs need permission from County Highways. This could be a joint survey and project with the HTC
It was suggested that HCS should invite Chris Bamfield Jan 2010
 - d. Proposal to give Life membership of HCS to Mr J Selby – a short presentation to be given to members about the Conservation Area and Mr Selby's contribution to Hunstanton.
 - e. St. Edmund and the Wolf – the wolf is to be made a permanent feature but needs an interpretation board alongside. To be discussed with John Smith
 - f. Interpretation Board for the Cliffs – discuss with Chris Bamfield
 - g. Trees in Town Park /Lavender fields/ Community Centre – Brownies are due to plant 100 trees. Discuss with Chris Bamfield the use of the grounds and ability for childrens play – need joint policy with HTC.
 - h. It was decided to further delay the Launch of the Interpretation Boards until the new ones had been prepared.
Sub-committee meeting Monday 16th. November 10.00 at Willowtree Cottage

8 Report from meeting of the Civic Initiative in Blackpool

Andrew reported that following the demise of the Civic Trust, extensive canvassing had taken place to determine how to proceed. There was widespread demand for a voice at national level and for a source of information. It was envisaged that a staff of 3 or 4 would need funding to the tune of £300 -£400,000 per year. The majority would have to come from members, £1 per head would fund a very basic organisation, £ 3 per head would enable a National organisation to function well. Members views will be sought at the AGM on this aspect.
see <http://www.civicsocietyinitiative.org.uk>

9 Report on Participle in Southwark - item deferred

see <http://www.participle.net> or <http://www.southwarkcircle.org.uk>

10 Possible purchase / preservation of buildings and use as heritage centre

It was decided to use our contact with English Heritage to promote listing of buildings especially the Infant School. Museums service –Venessa Trevelyn Rebecca Kirk may also help

11 Engagement of Young People – Liaison with Smithdon School - item deferred

12 Program of Meetings Brian reported a possible change of topic for January 2010

13 Plans for EGM & AGM – 1st. December 2009

David explained that a new vote on Constitution was needed because we had changed area of benefit. Charity commission want the 12 parishes to be listed and clarification of the Objects and Powers of the Society.

Notices of AGM EGM were sent out in September. Catering has been set up.
Sub-committee meeting Thursday 5th. 15.00 at 1A Queens Drive

14 AOB (must be notified to Secretary or Chair before start of meeting)

Martin expressed thanks to Secretary for work, attending meetings etc.

Christine Earnshaw suggested that Youth Council could be involved with items 9, 10 &11 when they are discussed in the future.

15 Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 17th. November at 10.00

**DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 17th November 2009, 10.00 am VALENTINE ROAD -
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 Andrew Murray
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