

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for 11 August 2009

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road, 10.00 am

Present: Martin Chown (Chairman), Margi Blunden, Roy Clark, Brian Holmes, David Jones, Ken Lawson (Treasurer), John Maiden, Andrew Murray (Hon. Sec) Cllr. John Smith. Cllr C Earnshaw, Michael Ruston

1. **Apologies.** Susan Boxell (was present for earlier meeting with John Selby)
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd. June 2009, 23rd. June and 7th. July 2009**
These were all signed as correct records by the Chairman
3. **Matters arising** – None
4. **Treasurer's report** – Financial report previously circulated. Funds satisfactory.
Payments agreed for a Laminator £28, Button Holes for Britain in Bloom £20, Presents to John Selby £ 27. The purchase of additional software to support our web-site was discussed but a decision was held over
5. **Secretary's report** –
Andrew requested feedback concerning the number of e-mails members were receiving, there was general satisfaction.
He had attended a one day workshop Empowering the Voluntary sector 15 July 09, hosted by WNVCA that aimed to give guidance about the ways in which individuals, voluntary organisations and charities can use the legal system to challenge perverse decisions made by official bodies.
Several useful documents and a CD have been added to the HCS library.
Andrew drew attention to the list of dates and forthcoming events.
Work has been done to produce a chronology of events relating to the Pier and the participants. A fresh analysis of the various transgressions relating to the pier is under way.
6. **Britain in Bloom** –
Huge thanks from Canny Jones. The Britain in Bloom Judges did appreciate meeting people. The Council should be congratulated on the speedy way in which Graffiti on the litter bin near St. Edmund's Chapel had been painted over immediately before the Anglia in Bloom judging. Also for all the work that the gardeners and other workers had done in Hunstanton.
It was noted with regret that the most valuable plants had been stolen from Sandringham Flower Show Garden that had been relocated near to the Coal Shed Gallery.
7. **Report from Green & Pier sub-committee** -
Registration of Green – There was some discussion following John Maiden's suggestion that English Heritage were showing some interest in Hunstanton, and the committee supported his suggestion that further contact be made, and that it would be helpful to try and set up a meeting with them.

Judicial Review application by CHS – John has been joined as an interested party. There was some discussion and concerns were raised within the meeting that an agreement in confidence might be arrived at between the parties, despite John's status as an interested party.

Regeneration – Sea Change bid and issue of Hunstanton CS representation
Representation of the Civic Society on the panel that discusses this issue is still not resolved. Previous panels had asked HCS to be represented, and there have been various incarnations of these bodies over the past few years. Sheila Jefferies, a previous HCS Chair was on the panel. After some discussion it was decided that Sarah Glenn, lead Officer, be invited to meet HCS. Next Regeneration meeting is on Tues. 20th. October 2009 at King's Court 14.30, but so far it appears only to include Council officers and Councillors.

8 Motor Cycle Parking / Steward charges.

Some brief discussion. We are awaiting further information from Cllr Jason Law about the amounts collected, and the costs of collection. In the meantime it is now thought that the path on which the motor cycles park, is a right of way.

9 Cycle Emporium –

Richard Bird's letter to the Borough Council regarding his proposals to create retail usage opposite Tesco was read out. There was some brief discussion, but the Committee felt that it was vital to ensure that the railway Track bed should continue to be protected. Sarah Glenn (see above 7c) had carried out a traffic census and this road was discovered to be the busiest road in Hunstanton. Given the constraints for both pedestrians and drivers, the Committee thought Richard had a wonderful idea but the wrong site, as currently set out.

10 Report from Heritage sub-committee

Railway exhibition - September 23rd. to 27th & 30th. Sept. to 4th. October at Coal Shed Gallery. Deputy Mayor Peter Mallam is to be asked to open at 11.00 am. HCS members to act as stewards.

Interpretation board surfaces all to be replaced.

11 Engagement of Young People deferred to next meeting

12 Participle – How it has begun in Southwark deferred to next meeting

13 Development and control of Web-site

David Jones to do some training on the new programme linked to Dream Weaver. (see above item 4)

14 AOB – 1. Signage to Coal Shed Gallery needs to be improved. Brian had talked to Chris Bamfield last year. Whole of Town signage needs to be reviewed.

2. It was agreed that we should produce a summary of The Green and Pier Saga to inform people including the Borough Council and Town Council members. The Pier /Green sub-committee to meet at 9.30 Monday 17th. at Martin Chown's home..

3. Membership renewals to, dated 13th. September, to be delivered by Committee members for distribution prior to the published date.

Date/time of next meeting 15th. September 2009 after meeting with Ward Councillors at 9.30

The meeting closed at 12.30

**DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 15th September 2009, 11.30am 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 01485 532376**
