

HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for 24 March 2009

Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road, 11.30am

Present: Martin Chown (Chair), Susan Boxell, Roy Clark, Brian Holmes, John Maiden, Andrew Murray (Hon. Sec), and John Smith.

1. **Apologies** - Margi Blunden, David Jones, Ken Lawson (Treasurer)

2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 24 February 2009**

These were agreed and signed by Martin Chown as a true record.

3. **Matters arising** – none

4. **Treasurer's report** – Presented in the absence of Mr. Lawson. Finances satisfactory.

5. **Secretary's report** – included in other items

6. **Report from EdFest committee** – John Smith said that permission to fly the St. Edmund's flag was granted by the Town council. He distributed copies of his proposal and petition that the town's name be changed from New Hunstanton which is no longer appropriate. Reverting to the original 19th. century name of Hunstanton St. Edmund's would promote the Victorian heritage and the distinguished link with the landing of the Saint. He emphasised that there are no cost implications, provided there is a post code, mail will be unaffected. A letter has been sent to County Council in Norwich requesting that they assess any implications. The subject will be brought before the Town Council on April 17th. During his canvassing, he had been surprised to find how few of the shop workers or shop owners actually lived in the town.

Next meeting of the St. Edmund's committee is on 15th. April 10.30am. Discussion took place about inviting local clergy.

7. **Liaison with Town council** - The meeting with the Ward councillors originally scheduled for 20th. March had to be postponed. The most likely date is now Tuesday 7th. April. Roy Clark agreed to be involved. The possibility of co-opting town or borough councillors onto our committee was discussed. It was decided that Lisa Powell, Town Clerk should be notified of the dates of meetings. All our meetings are open to the public and councillors to attend if they so wish. (AM)

8. **Submission for BCKL&WN Core Strategy** - Andrew reported that there had been a disappointing response to the extracts and questionnaire that had been circulated. It was noted that the document contained a lot of platitudes that could not be argued with but little constructive detail. Some of that detail is in the Regeneration Report published in July 2008 concerning the Town Centre and South Promenade. It was thought important that a robust submission be made. (AM)

9. **Reports of Sub-committees** – Heritage: Margi Blunden has reported contact with BCKLWN about the removed interpretation boards that are still not repaired and re-fixed. Other sub committee matters are covered within the current Agenda.

10. **Judicial Review – Nelsons v. BCKL&WN**

Mr. Maiden has sent off an application with cheque for £ 75 to be an interested party in the Judicial Review at the High Court. – The committee was unanimous in supporting his action.

11. **Registration of the Green** -

On behalf of the Civic Society, a formal application was made for support to the Borough Council but was rejected on the grounds that when it was discussed in Cabinet in October 2008, it was felt that Registration might restrict the Council's ability to hold functions on the

Green. This seems a spurious reason and further advice is to be obtained.
(AM)

12. Possibility of Infant School becoming a Heritage Centre - deferred to April meeting

13. Participation in Hunstanton Carnival – 28 June 09 - deferred to April meeting

14. AOB -

Brian has met with Princess Theatre group to try to promote better use.

Martin reported that 10 members of the Civic Society had been invited to attend the Mayor's Reception at the Town Hall on Thursday 26th. March

He and Margi would attend the Civic Service on 19th. April 2009 St. Edmund's church 4 pm.

Meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 14th. April 2009, 11.30am

VALENTINE ROAD - after meeting at 10.30 am with Mr John Selby

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