

## **HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES for 12 May 2009**

### **Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road, 11.30am**

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

**1. Apologies.** John Smith

**2. Minutes of Meeting held on 14 April 2009**

These were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**3. Matters arising** – The donation to Griff Rhys Jones appeal has been cancelled because the Civic Trust has gone into administration.

**4. Treasurer's report** – Financial report previously circulated. Our subscription to the Civic Trust due on 1<sup>st</sup>. April had not been debited when they went into administration

**5. Secretary's report** – Andrew welcomed Margi and Martin back to active service.

A formal vote of thanks to Brian for the excellent series of monthly talks was carried unanimously.

He considered the meeting with the Borough Councillors, the Hunstanton Forum meeting to be a sign of progress. The unanimous decision to appoint the Landscape Partnership to prepare the case for Sea Change grant money was welcome because they are a well established organisation who have been involved in many interesting projects and had obviously done their homework on Hunstanton.

It was noted that the Library railings had been repainted and fencing had been erected around the old garage site.

The introduction of the Fast 35 Norfolk Green bus service to King's Lynn fills an important need.

The HCS is expected to be involved in the Litter Pick at 10.00 on Sunday 17th. May

**6. Britain in Bloom** Some turf around the Sensory Park in Boston Square has been dying because of lack of rain. There was discussion about whether the boarding around the old garage site was to have wood preservative applied.

**7. Participation in Hunstanton Carnival 28 June** The Rotary Club are arranging for the Town Hall to be used for a Craft Fair but will allocate 2 tables in front of the stage for the Civic Society to display books, photographs, leaflets. It will be possible to project onto a screen on the stage. Ken has some pamphlets and will assist in preparing a membership brochure. Andrew suggested that we should also man a table outside on The Green.

**8. Demise of the Civic Trust** - As it is in the Borough Council's constitution that they are obliged to consult with organisations affiliated either to the Civic Trust or the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), it was agreed that the Treasurer applies for membership of CPRE and sends a cheque for £ 34

**9. Report from Green & Pier sub-committee -**

**Registration of Green** John Maiden tabled 10 questions that were addressed to Ray Harding one year ago but are so far unanswered. His application for Registration has now gone out to consultation.

**Judicial Review** Nelsons, solicitors are still requesting a Judicial Review. A fee of £75 has been paid so that a Judge may decide whether Mr Maiden can become an interested party. The Borough Council has engaged a firm of solicitors in Tunbridge Wells. There is still a fear that they will cave in.

**Commemoration of the Fire on Pier 11 June 1939** 70<sup>th</sup>. anniversary

**Regeneration** – Landscape Partnership appointed.

Sea Change meeting to be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. May at Valentine Rd. at 3 pm (TBC)

**10. Report from Heritage sub-committee**

A meeting was held at the Oasis with Martin Chisholm to discuss what may be put on the wall of the new coffee bar. It has been proposed that HCS purchase 9 frames @ £ 49.50 each to contain pictures.

Moisture has again penetrated the Information boards. Margi is to write a letter to suggest a walk around with Chris Bamfield to assess the problems and seek a solution prior to payment. (MB)

**Response to Conservation Area proposals**

Members had read the Secretary's draft letter and suggested further enlargement of the area.

It was resolved that HCS oppose the planning application to build a detached house in the grounds of Driftwood House because it was over development, there was a need to protect space around existing buildings. It was noted that there had been considerable expansion of Driftwood since

it was a hotel. (AM)

**11. Local Government Review – Unitary or Doughnut for Norfolk**

It was resolved that a letter be sent to the Boundary Commission in support of the proposal to have a single authority for the whole of the County of Norfolk including the City of Norwich. (AM)

**12. Consider affiliation to West Norfolk Voluntary and Community Action**

Item deferred until next meeting

**13. AOB**

It was resolved that a letter be sent to the Chief Constable regarding parking problems.

It was reported that Mr. Ken Arnott is to sell some memorabilia at auction. It was noted that there was a proposal that Hunstanton should have a Museum as far back as 1904. Sheringham has been awarded £ 3/4m for a museum.

**14. Date/time of next meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 11.30 after meeting with Mr. J Selby at 10.30**

The meeting closed at 13. 05

**DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 2 June 2009,  
11.30am VALENTINE ROAD -**

**IF ANY CIVIC SOCIETY MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THE  
NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AS AN OBSERVER, PLEASE  
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