

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of MEETING of H&DCS Committee – TUESDAY 12th July 2022

Date – Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 10.00 am

Venue - The meeting was held in the Heritage Centre

Present – Tony Armstrong (AA), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Margi Blunden (MB), Bob Clark (BC), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), John Bridger (JB).

1. Welcome and Apologies.

AB, Chair, welcomed Committee members to the meeting. Apologies received from Andrew Murray (AM) and Valerie Everitt (VE).

2. Minutes Secretary. John Bridger (JB)

3. Minutes of meeting of Committee Meeting on 14th June 2022. Approved and signed by AB

4. Matters arising from meeting held on 14th June – NTR

5. Correspondence & Planning (ShK and AM)

a) **Correspondence** – ShK circulated a letter of thanks received from Tapping House for H&DCS contribution of £25 to the Hospice for the special patch Lynn Hallifax of Lavender Lace-makers had created for H&DCS to give to the retiring Commander of 67th SOS USAF at the change of command held on 8th July 2022.

b) Planning

a) On-line auction by Allsop begins on 13th July 2022 of a Freehold Vacant Shop and Residential Development above Showboat and Cashino at 16-22 Le Strange Street. Planning consent has already been permitted for change of use of the upper floors into 5 residential apartments.

b) Care of the elderly home/dementia facility has been omitted from the plan for the area south of the Hunstanton Industrial Estate and east of the A149. Open market homes should be restricted to primary residence.

c) Two applications – Conversion of the Richmond House Hotel into flats and Conversion of 8 Le Strange Terrace into flats – were briefly discussed.

Action: H&DCS Committee to consider organising an evening discussion on trends in town centre planning and conversions

Hunstanton Community Day on 19th September – Committee agreed that H&DCS should apply to HTC for a stall at this event. **Action: ShK to apply.**

Mercy Gray Shelter – Letter to be drafted outlining current issues faced by H&DCS in financing ongoing maintenance of this shelter, historic memorial benches, etc. **Action: AB**

Edith Cavell Bench – a carpenter is confident that the bench can be repaired for a sum of approximately £300.

6. Treasurer's Report

StK noted the accounts circulated to Committee before the meeting were in good order. Committee unanimously approved the accounts in principle. He stated that donations were very weather dependent. Also that Nationwide have notified us that the Treasurers Account we hold with them has to be closed by 31st July 2022.

Resolved: That Hunstanton & District Civic Society should close their Treasurers account with Nationwide and remaining funds paid into the main account at Barclays Bank plc.

7. H&DCS Membership Report - NTR

8. Talks Programme & Life Stories

AA reported that the programme for 2022-23 was not easy to cement in place as many speakers were deferring or upping their prices considerably.

Action: AB to send copy of talks list to AA.

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JB to check the availability of Ben Colson for a talk on Community Transport in NW Norfolk; also Dr Anya Chapman, Treasurer & Public Speaker on behalf of NPS who has visited all piers in the UK, has a vast knowledge of piers and related issues, and has been a staunch supporter of the plan to rebuild Hunstanton Pier.

9. Newsletter

It was agreed that the events to be arranged for Heritage Open Days in September should be promoted on our website and advertised in the next two Newsletters. **Action: AB to forward a link to the programme of Heritage Open Days between 9th and 19th September to Committee, including the details for Hunstanton Lighthouse.**

10. Heritage Centre

NTR

11. Civic Voice

Meeting with Share Museum East representative after the end of this Meeting.

12. Marketing/Social Media

NTR

13. Hunstanton in Bloom – Judging on 21st June 2002

AB has been asked if H&DCS could supply a photo display board for the judges – this was agreed. H&DCS members had received a breakdown of the day's events and our participation.

14. Progress on Pier & Railway Projects

Hunstanton Pier (JB) - NTR

Rail Project (AM) - NTR

15. Outings (JB)

Visit to St Botolph's Church, Boston on 3rd August circulated by StK in July Newsletter

16. Town Centre Walks – NTR for the time being.

Dates & Times of H&DCS Events in 2022		
21 st July	2.52 onwards	Hunstanton in Bloom – Visit of Judges
3 rd Aug	11.30	H&DCS Visit to the Boston Stump & Wednesday Market
9 th Aug	10am	Committee Meeting Heritage Centre
18 th Aug	11am	H&DCS Visit to Fakenham Market, Gas Museum & Heritage Walk
13 th Sept?	10am	Committee Meeting Heritage Centre
18 th Sept	11am	H&DCS Outing to Fornsett Industrial Steam Museum, Norwich