

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of MEETING of H&DCS Committee – TUESDAY 13th September 2022 at 10am

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) and Andrew Murray (AM).

1. Welcome and Apologies.

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

2. Minutes Secretary. Sheila and Stephen Kent (ShK and StK)

3. Minutes of meeting of Committee Meeting on 9th August 2022. Approved and signed by AB

4. Matters arising from meeting held on 9th August – Edith Cavell bench – AB to follow up with Resort Services BCKLWN regarding installation of the bench and any funding that they might provide. Re Mercy Gray shelter repairs; StK reported that our member Shaun Gray has donated £100 towards food & refreshments for those helping this work. Agreed that if not all spent, the balance can help pay for some of the materials. Volunteers to bring their own paint brushes.

Outing to Fornsett Steam Museum to be deferred until next year.

5. Membership Report and documents for AGM discussions (AB, ShK)

Discussion papers had been distributed prior to the meeting.

- a) Chair's Report 2021/2022 – The Committee unanimously approved the draft prepared by AB for sending out with Membership Renewal documentation.
- b) Membership renewals – Rates of subscription for next year were discussed and it was agreed that the current rates should remain unchanged, particularly because of pressures to household incomes and outgoings in the current economic climate.

AM suggested that members should be encouraged to include in their Wills legacies to the Civic Society, which in some cases could be done at minimal cost to the estate of someone who has died.

6. Treasurer's Report - The accounts circulated to Committee before the meeting were agreed as being in good order and should be approved. StK reported that John Bridger had donated an old framed print of 'Pier and Rough Sea – Hastings'. In addition, he has donated £75 towards the cost of reframing the picture. This is currently being done following which we shall attempt to sell it probably by an auction house in or near Hastings.

7. Correspondence & Planning (ShK and AM)

- a) StK advised that Stuart Bellis has asked if his bungalow, the first bungalow to be built in Hunstanton, was worthy of attracting a Civic Society green plaque. This was considered but was not thought to be of such note unless some well-known individual had resided there at some stage apart from, of course, Stuart.
- b) A question was asked if anything had been heard from 1st Take regarding the filming they had carried out a couple of months ago. No-one has heard anything. Subsequent to the meeting a package had arrived with 3 copies of the DVD (Discovering Norfolk Volume 1).
- c) Further discussions about Mercy Gray, including the receipt from Shaun Gray of a clear photo of Marcy Gray which StK shall distribute. AA reported that he had a book on Capt Charles Gray and information concerning his grand-daughter's visit to the old Heritage Centre.
- d) AB reported on the proceedings of the Hunstanton Advisory Group which has now been properly constituted; however, the meeting due for last week had been cancelled.
- e) AB reported that the West Norfolk Tourism Forum had met recently; minutes of the meeting will be circulated to committee members for information.

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- f) ShK reported that she had written to BCKLWN re the lack of works at the bus station but advised that she had received no reply
- 8. Heritage Centre** – Volunteers’ coffee morning took place the previous day. During the coffee morning discussions were held regarding any improvements that might be made to help increase the number of visitors to the centre and donations towards operating costs. AM reported that the Company quoting for segregation of the upper floor from the ground floor as a fire break had had a problem quoting as they felt unable to certify the system. They are still working on it with Building Control to come up with a solution. There was a question about where the Heritage Centre leaflets were distributed. StK to locate the file containing the list and distribute it to the Committee. BC will undertake a re-stock of leaflets in all locations over the coming weeks.
- 9. Newsletter** – A Newsletter for September was due to be published in the next day or two. Main feature will be the first part of an interview by MB with John Maiden.
- 10. Talks** - AA reported that there were no additions to the list of Talks for the coming year. Following Colleen and John Henry Roper’s visit to the Centre the day before, Colleen indicated that she is willing to do a talk for members at a time that fits in with Rainbow Park’s busy schedule
- 11. Outings** – Agreed that there would be no further outings this year, but those previously tabled should be arranged for next year.
- 12. Date and Venue next Committee meeting** – set for Tuesday, 18th October, 10am at Heritage Centre

Dates & Times of H&DCS Events		
21st Sept	10.00am	Work day sanding and painting Mercy Gray Shelter
12th Oct	??	Reinstallation Edith Cavell Bench in St Edmund’s Chapel Ruins
18th Oct	10.00am	H&DCS Committee meeting at Heritage Centre
19th Oct	7.30pm	First talk of the season - Dreamy Hollow’s WW1 Trenches – Nigel Day
14th Dec	6.30pm	AGM and Talk/films