

HUNSTANTON SOCIETY

MINUTES of MEETING of HUNSTANTON SOCIETY Committee TUESDAY 14th February 2023 at 10.00am

Venue - The meeting was held at Heritage Centre, Hunstanton

Present – Tony Armstrong (AA), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Bob Clark (BC), Jackie Cunliffe (JC), Bill Cunliffe (BCu), 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) agreed to take notes to write up into minutes

3. Minutes of meeting of Committee Meeting on 17th January 2023

AM advised that the word 'abandoned' should be 'adjourned' in line 1 of Item 7. Approved and signed by AB

4. Matters arising from meeting held on 17th January 2023

ShK tabled the book on Hunstanton & Wells-Next-the-Sea which many committee members had reviewed. Decided that it was not thought to be a big seller and with a high outlay cost, would not be cost effective to hold a stock. Hence not to purchase.

5. Correspondence, Planning, meeting reports

AM reported that the Witley development was beginning to move forward; in addition, the Sheepfield development is still being considered for development.

AB gave a short report on the Hunstanton Advisory Group meetings. She then advised that there was nothing to report on the West Norfolk Tourism Forum since the last meeting. Phil Eke had provided her with more leaflets for display/distribution in the Heritage Centre. He had given her a reel of film that might be worth digitising for display in the Vault Cinema.

StK to ask Stuart Bellis if he was able to do this for us.

Brian Holmes' son has advised that many of his father's books, files and computer files are available for use by the Society.

6. Treasurer's Report

StK summarised his Treasurer's Report previously circulated and provided bank statements that backed up the balances recorded. He also reported that he had successfully been in contact with the relevant departments at Barclays and put in hand the change of name and change of account type reflecting the incorporation of the Society to become a Charitable Company limited by guarantee. This would take several weeks to complete.

AM reminded the Treasurer that Rent was now due on the Heritage Centre. StK to action.

7. Membership Report

ShK reported that there was one new member and one renewal. There are still a small number of members who have not yet renewed their membership for this current year.

8. Talks Programme

Currently there are two slots to fill for April and May. Terry Parrish has agreed to fill one slot by speaking on the dark skies around Hunstanton and the building of an observatory beside the Pitch and Putt Green above the clifftop car park.

A talk on the potential Wash Tidal barrier, Port and electricity generating scheme was considered, but several questions were raised, and varying opinions expressed. More

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information will be sought and, if considered appropriate, the talk may be organised later in the year, possibly September.

Following AA's decision to cease acting as Talks Coordinator, the committee will meet up next Tuesday, 21st February at 10.30am at the Heritage Centre with a view to finding subjects of interest from various lists that we have and work out a scheme for arranging talks for the rest of this season and the next season.

9. Newsletter

A Newsletter for February has been published and circulated but we are short of subjects for future months.

10. Heritage Centre

Members of the Committee agreed to meet at 4.00pm the next day to set up the Centre for that evening's talk.

There was some discussion regarding the leaflet that was required to replace the old one currently in use. We have received a quotation from Paris Print that seems rather expensive. It was agreed that it should be either bifold or single leaf. StK is to work on some designs.

StK reported that the application to obtain 'Working towards Accredited Museum Status' had been submitted to the Arts Council, who have now forwarded it to the local Share Museums East representative. It is expected that we should hear that we have been accepted and could start working towards full accreditation within about 6 weeks.

ShK reported that Lewis Little had confirmed his wish to do some work experience at the Heritage Centre in July and that we would need to find a project for him; with his connections to Smithdon School, it was considered that the history of the school could be a useful project for him to work on.

The 'History Group' had met on 9th February with 11 attending. AB has drafted a meeting record and Terms of Reference. Based on the energy and enthusiasm of those attending the inaugural meeting this group should be useful for participants and the Society generally.

11. Marketing/Social Media

StK reported that he had set up 'Hunstanton Society' Facebook page and closed the old page ('Hunstanton & District Civic Society'). It needs someone with relevant knowledge to feed in suitable material and ensure it is circulated to the right people.

In addition, he has set up a Domain name for 'www.hunstantonsociety.org.uk'

A potential new logo for the society was discussed for future action.

12. Gardens, repairs to benches

It was reported that the Mercy Gray bench outside the Heritage Centre requires a new coat of paint (as do many of the ground-floor windows of the Centre).

Canny Jones advised that she would put in a request to Chris Durham at BCKLWN for summer plants to be used around the Heritage Centre and in the Railway garden.

13. Outings

AM is preparing application forms for the trip to Fornsett Steam Museum.

14. Date and Venue of next Committee Meeting

The date for the next committee meeting was set for Monday, 13th March at 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 11.30am

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Dates & Times of HS Events		
15th Feb 2023	2.00pm	Heritage Centre opening
15th Feb 2023	7.30pm	Talk by Dr Paul Richards – King’s Lynn Docks, Past & Present
13th Mar 2023	10.00am	Committee Meeting at Heritage Centre
15th Mar 2023	7.30pm	Talk by Ben Colson – Public Transport in NW Norfolk