

HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

MINUTES of MEETING of H&DCS Committee

Date – Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 10.00 am

Venue -The meeting was held at 2 Clarence Road, Hunstanton

Present – Tony Armstrong (AA), Amanda Bosworth (AB), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), Andrew Murray (AM), Valerie Everitt (VE), and, by Zoom, Margi Blunden (MB).

1. **Apologies** for absence received from John Bridger (JB) and Bob Clark (VC)
2. **Minute Taker** - AM volunteered to take the minutes for this meeting.
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 11 January** were agreed and signed by AB.
4. **Matters arising** - HTC have found a copy of the list of Hunstanton area soldiers and will forward the original to H&DCS and retain a copy for the Town Hall. One copy is still missing.
5. **Correspondence** - ShK reported that the Salacia picture donated by the late Harry Croad had been repaired without charge. The original backing had led to mould appearing which has been cleaned.
An e-mail had been received from a man in Toronto about a stone with a smooth hole in it. The holes can be formed naturally and are termed Hag Stones. They can be used as weights on fishing lines. Action : **AB to respond**
AM went through the responses that could be made to the survey from Civic Voice.
AM reported that HTC had co-opted Adrian Eden who lives in Sea Lane, Old Hunstanton and has interests in the environment and youth work.
As St Edmund's church has not been heated for the last 12 months, the Civic Service is to be held in the Town Hall on Sunday. AB to attend.
HTC has applied for CIL money towards financing replacement of chairs and tables at the Town Hall and Community Centre; a height restriction barrier and 2 pedestrian gates at the Community Centre; adult gym equipment at the Community Centre and a projector, electronic screen and sound desk for the Town Hall stage. A public address system for outdoor events is to be purchased for the town.
6. **Treasurer's Report** - Interest had been received from the CCLA account. Income and expenses for the January talk. The 2022 Calendar sales has produced a profit of £272 and was well appreciated. An invoice had been received from G E Desroches for electrical work. StK has requested itemization of work carried out.
7. **Membership Report** - ShK said that 2 more members had paid their subscriptions leaving just two currently unpaid..
8. **Talks Programme** - AA reported that Talks had been arranged until May 2022.
9. **Newsletter** - next issue will contain an article about the visit in 1966 to Hunstanton of Britannia class locomotive 'Hotspur'. The donation by Howard Johnston of a driver's seat and a pair of first class seats from a '365' carriage as well as a quantity of railway books and bound volumes of railway magazines. An article about Peter Lewis-Crown is to be ready by

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early March. **Action : MB** StK offered to create the poster for the March talk about Oxburgh Hall. **Action : StK**

10. **Heritage Centre Lease** - AM reported that the lease should be signed soon. He is to meet with a cartographer so that a new scale drawing can be made of the Heritage Centre site because the 1920 sketch does not correspond to present layout. An area that is unregistered at the Land Registry may represent the hedge that is looked after by the neighbour.

11. **Heritage Centre** - AB. Reported that 16 people attended the coffee morning including 10 volunteers. The next one is to be on Thursday 24 March at 10.30. New badges attached to lanyards have been prepared by StK. The rota for March is almost complete. AM mentioned that a large party of Rotarians will be in Hunstanton in mid March and wish to visit the Heritage Centre.

It was suggested that posters be displayed in the Centre about upcoming talks and other events as well as a poster inviting new members to join the team. The possibility of organising a special railway event for rail enthusiasts was suggested and may involve George a train driver at North Norfolk.

A meeting is planned with the Ken Hill Estate to design a display to showcase the work of re-wilding. A meeting with Smithdon High School is scheduled for 24 February at 15.30.

It was thought that Terry Ashworth may have prepared a display about the Searle family business.

A future display about the Roper Hall fairground was suggested.

12. **Marketing** - no further contact from the Cubs or Brownies so far **Action : AB** to follow up.

In order to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee it was suggested that we mount an exhibition of memorabilia which might include clothing from the 1950's, antique radio, DVD, pictures, newspapers, magazines. **Action : AB to contact HDFFA to confirm exhibition.**

VE said that an explanation should be attached to the mine situated on the promenade.

13. **"Vision" document** for discussion with Civic Voice prepared by AB was thought to be very succinct and comprehensive. We should enquire what importance Civic Voice attached to the word 'civic'. A zoom meeting with Ian Harvey and Sarah James is scheduled for 10.30 on 1st March.

AB attended the meeting of the West Norfolk Tourism Board at True's Yard. Discussion included the following topics :- 'Sail the Wash' <https://www.sailthewash.com>; Norfolk Trails; the projected observatory near the bottom of the Cliff Top car park; seasonal digital promotions.

AB and ShK are to liaise with Phil Eke about updating Borough Council leaflets.

14. Gardens, Hunstanton in Bloom - Dave Morton has passed an e-mail to someone else to deal with.

15. There has been no progress on the Rail or Pier projects. AM reported that Rick Morrish has prepared a detailed condemnation of the current proposals to develop the West Winch area without a proper solution to the access and transport implications.

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16. Outings. JB has not sent a report.

17. Town Centre walks- planned for Tuesday 8 March starting at Heritage Centre at 10.00.

18. Next Committee meeting - Tuesday 15 March at the Heritage Centre at 10.00

The meeting closed at 12.20pm

Dates & Times of future events		
16th Feb 2022	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Reopening of Heritage Centre
16th Feb 2022	4.00pm	Set up for evening Talk
16th Feb 2022	7.30pm	Talk RAF Marham (members only)
8th March 2022	10.00am	Committee walk around Town
15th March 2022	10.00am	Committee Meeting at Heritage Centre
16th March 2022	7.30pm	Talk Oxburgh Hall – Raising the Roof