

Hunstanton & District Civic Society

Ordinary Executive Meeting Tuesday 12 August 2014 at 9.15 am
At Hunstanton Heritage Centre PE36 5AH

Present: Andrew Murray (Chairman and Interim Secretary), John Little (Treasurer), Terry Ashworth, Margi Blunden, Martin Chown, Norma Ham and Ivy Scales

1. **Apologies.** Margaret Robinson and Ann Stevens.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8 July** approved and signed.
3. **Secretary's Report - incorporating report from Town Council, Planning Applications and Developments, McCarthy & Stone appeal.**

Planning Applications and Development:

Silo Development, Boal Quay, KL. McCarthy & Stone have been given permission to develop the former silo site in Boal Quay despite strong objections from local residents in Nelson Street. On the flood-able ground floor, there will be communal areas and commercial units but no apartments.

53 South Beach Road. Permission had been given for the replacement of the chalet bungalow by a three-storey property. This breaches an agreement drawn up by the BC and Environment Agency to limit occupancy in flood risk areas. They wished to impose a 6 month residency limit on the development but the new build will be so much more resilient than the existing dwelling that has no limitation, it was over-ruled. AM and MC hoped that the development would promote further investment into that area of the town.

McCarthy & Stone Appeal. A Planning Inspector will be hearing the appeal against the failure of the Borough Council to make a determination at 10.00 am on Tuesday 9 September at the BC offices and Wednesday 10 September at 10.00 am in Bishop's Lynn House, 18 Tuesday Market Place. AM would be unable to attend. JM may be able go in his place.

Hastoe Housing. As an alternative to the appeal against the refusal to allow the construction of 15 affordable homes adjacent to the Corner House and Coach House, they have applied for permission to build adjacent to Chapel Bank. HTC have supported this. AM abstained because although affordable homes are needed he is concerned about the loss of separation between the town and Old Hunstanton.

Hopkins Homes have applied to develop land south of the Bennett's Estate for 166 homes having main access from Hunstanton Road, Heacham. HTC have controversially supported this. AM is to write on behalf of HCS objecting on the grounds that it would in effect produce a community adjacent to Hunstanton but not integrated with it. The access from Hunstanton Road was not appropriate. MC said that Searles could allow access through their Estate and Golf Course. He suggested that AM write to the NCC and the Highways Department. All present agreed.

Wash East Coast Strategy Group. In order to slow down the erosion of the cliffs trials using netting, sandbags, gabions, large lumps of granite, a rock sill and the possibility of cliff top drainage are being discussed but funding depends on the BC. William Searle noted that there had been 17 cliff falls of over 1 metre depth. He felt annoyed that his suggestions of a harbour, a jetty, re-instatement of a ramp at the KitKat had been ignored. These might reduce the long shore drift southwards. There are plans to develop a Community Interest Company to raise funds of £500k to fund beach recharge after February 2016.

Correspondence. Spinney Tiles. Alistair Beales would be letting Brian Holmes know how much it would cost to install a corrected version of the tile showing Henry Le Strange's planned town of Hunstanton.

Wash Barrier Project. This was still active. Peter Dawe envisaged 3 lagoons to generate electricity to meet peak demands.

Spinney Loading Bay. Consultation on removal of the new loading bay but providing two new ones in the High Street as well as a **Coach Drop-Off point /** loading bay outside the Princess Theatre.

4. **Treasurer's Report.** Current a/c £ 706.52, deposit a/c £ 7,415.39, total assets £ 8,121.91.
5. **Report from Heritage Centre Trust.** AM said that likely future costs would be for heating and insurance.
6. **Britain in Bloom.** All had gone well on judging day except that the railway garden was rather dull. MB suggested that HCS take it over and improve it. The BC had mentioned the possibility of some planters on the Heritage Centre roof.
7. **Progress on Projects.** The HCS Website needed updating to include HCT. MC would discuss this with Brian Holmes and David Jones. It was suggested putting up a notice in the Heritage Centre re the upcoming monthly Talk. AM has yet to complete the final Talks programme. He was awaiting news from John Maiden re date of the talk on the 67th USAF SOS. On the subject of payment for printing the current programme of leaflets, MB said that HCT should buy them and issue a cheque to HCS, since they had paid the printing costs. Concerning the *débâcle* of the latest leaflet on Ringstead mill, a draft text had been sent to the mill owner several weeks ago for approval. Eventually a reminder was sent but still no reply was received. Considering that several weeks had passed without news, the decision was taken to go ahead and print. Immediately this was done the owner returned the amended text. Fortunately no leaflets had been displayed or sold. Cost of printing was £ 120. The new version was now ready for owner's approval. Re Talks, MC said we should put a notice of the next one on members' seats in the Town Hall. AM reported that the Fossil Hunt had only eight participants this year. One kindly donated his £ 10 hire charge.
8. **Date of next meetings Tuesdays 9 September and 7 October.**