

Hunstanton and District Civic Society

Meeting Minutes

DATE Tuesday January 16th 2018
VENUE 2, Clarence Road, Hunstanton

PRESENT

Tony Armstrong (AA), Terry Ashworth (TA), Margi Blunden (MB), Amanda Bosworth (AB), John Bridger (JB), Robert Clark (RC), Alethea Gillard (AG), Sheila Kent (ShK), Stephen Kent (StK), John Maiden (JM), Andrew Murray (AM), Judy Simmons (JS) and Ann Stevens (AS).

1. WELCOME and APOLOGIES The meeting Chairman MB, opened the meeting at 10.10am. Apologies were received from Ivy Scales, who has decided to resign from the committee, but will continue with the Civic Society CS literary projects.
2. MINUTES of MEETING held on DECEMBER 19th 2017, and MATTERS ARISING
MB mentioned that Walks and Talks should have been an item on the Agenda.
StK said that Holme village had donated £30 for the use of Heritage Centre HC boards. The minutes were signed by MB.
3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS INTERESTS and AREAS of RESPONSIBILITY- UPDATE
Anglia in Bloom- MB Hunstanton U3A- AS Publicity- JM will liaise with the media, and StK will assist with CS publicity Smithdon School- ? MBVisits- JB Building Preservation- AM, Hunstanton Rotary- JS
4. CORRESPONDENCE, PLANNING and TOWN COUNCIL REPORT- AM
Inspector to make unaccompanied visit to the Bennett's Homes site to decide on the entrances- not a public event.
There is to be a public consultation over plans to develop the Sheep Field, at the Town Hall on February 22nd 2018. JM will represent the CS at the meeting, and support the preservation of the trees there, in keeping with the Government initiative to plant trees in urban areas.
The Town Council Chamber will be back in use this week, and there will be an opportunity for the public to visit on a date to be decided.
AM has written to Historic England about listing structures in Hunstanton
AM has sent the Charity Commission the annual update.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT-
StK distributed this Report prior to the meeting. £20.70 was paid to AA for paint for the boards in the HC, and Holme village made a donation of £30 for use of HC boards.
StK has received a letter from HMRC, informing of a Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. Up to £2000 per year can be claimed for donations under £20 taken in the HC, which is not supported by Gift Aid.
There was some discussion about whether to increase the annual subscription; it was last increased about eight years ago from £7 to £10, but more discussion will take place, and subscriptions of other local groups may be taken into account.
6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT and RENEWALS-
ShK said that we have 1 new life member. 2 members have got married.
There has been 1 renewal.

In total, the CS has 200 members- 41 life members, 6 honorary members, 130 ordinary members, and 8 short-pay members. 15 members have yet to pay, but will be kept on the books for 6 months.

In a bid to encourage new members, RC will pass on CS information to the town estate agents to be distributed to new home owners; this already happens with rental properties. There was also some talk about a leaflet drop advertising the CS and HC around the town, particularly to the new housing developments.

7. TALKS PROGRAMME-

AA has Talks organised for the remainder of the season.

8. WEBSITE MATTERS-

StK reported that hits on the CS website remain pretty static, 44 in the past month. The Pier website has received 113 hits, 57 on January 11th 2018.

9. HERITAGE CENTRE- Rota, New displays, Featured villages- TA

There are still vacancies on the February rota.

TA has begun writing about Searles, and sorting out pictures- she will ask Paul Searle to check it. AA will paint the display boards, and build the Railway ticket office for the HC.

Heacham will do the village display in March.

Mrs Solveig Ward has been informed of the HC opening on Wednesdays instead of Fridays.

The picture of the lighthouse will be displayed above the monitor.

A flip chart will be purchased for the railway information- StK has begun to organise the pictures for this.

The pictures of Ely Cathedral roof will be moved near the Le Strange information.

The tribute plaques will be positioned on the clock wall.

10. REPORT of MEETING on January 4th, to Review Heritage Trail Leaflets.

StK had made a prototype guidebook, which was very well received, despite there being some further work to do.

MB suggested promoting the CS, and its' affiliation to Civic Voice in the guidebook, and also that we should publicise its' completion.

AB suggested the guidebook should contain a CS membership form.

The price is to be decided.

The next meeting is on January 30th at 2.30pm at 6, Belgrave Avenue.

11. AOB

JB reported that there have been two Pier presentations to date, and both have been received positively. He has been sent a list of twenty three questions from the Coastal Community Team, concerning fees, businesses etc. There will be another presentation to the Chamber of Trade to assure the benefit to the town's businesses.

MB was going to look into Walks and Talks, both to Smithdon School, and the local Youth Group, in the hope of getting the young people in the town more involved in the community and creating an awareness of Hunstanton's wonderful architecture and heritage.

The Interpretation Board meeting will take place on January 19th at 3.30pm- venue as yet unknown.

12. DATE of NEXT MEETING

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday February 20th 2018 at 10am, with great appreciation and thanks to Sheila and Stephen Kent for hosting it.