

## Notes of the Civic Society Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> June 1018.

1. Present : Bob, Christopher, Vernon , Peter, Ann.

Apologies: Anna.

2. Web site.

Bob was thanked for all his hard work on the web site and for the content and photos. There has been a good level of traffic to the site.

Christopher will help with imputing for the web site. Other members can write articles for the site.

3. Membership.

This is currently forty six with many former members still to pay. Ann has a supply of membership forms. Committee members have lists of former members living nearby to chase up. Vernon has supplied receipt books.

4. Local small businesses and Civic Society membership.

Peter and Ann will draft a letter for East Street businesses, they will get this out initially to East Street businesses together with information on the Gazebo garden. Action: Peter and Ann

5. CS. Funds.

Ann spoke to Cllr Ray Bolton and he agreed a £750 grant towards Gazebo Garden projects. Ann to complete the form on line and Vernon will supply a copy of the end of year accounts in July.

Action: Ann and Vernon.

6. Planning.

Christopher updated the committee on recent planning applications particularly the objections to the 40 Acres site in Bedhampton. He has also investigated rights- of- way locally. This information should be sent to councillor Ray Bolton for information. Action: Christopher.

7. Signal Box.

Still awaiting contact from Network Rail Property Services. Some progress as Anna met a NR officer who was undertaking an externally survey of the station box. Once we hear from NR Ann will set a meeting date possibly in August. Action: Ann

8. Publicity.

Peter suggested a poster for the council notice board in West Street. Action: Peter. The Gazebo Garden leaflets were distributed at the AGM of Warblington and Denvilles RA recent event the Big Lunch which was held at the Stride Centre. It was well attended and a very good day. The CS had a stand and a large quantity of Gazebo leaflets and membership forms were distributed. Ann's article on the Gazebo Garden for the Community Page in the News is ready to send.

Bob will also write article for the Community Page on the launch of the CS web site. Three hundred words and a photo are required. To email to Elise Breweton. Action : Bob.

9. Conservation of the town centre. Ann asked the new leader councillor Michael Wilson about the possibility of some more conservation officer time for Havant. It is current just one day a week.

10. Events. Diary date.

Havant Horticultural Society Show, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 10.30-3.30. The Gazebo room and Garden will be open that day with a plant sale. Anna is ordering the banner. Action: Anna.

Help needed on the day.

Christmas wreath making, 7<sup>th</sup> December am. To book the hall as a back- up in case it is very cold.

14<sup>th</sup> December.

Action :Ann

Possible event; carols in the garden. We need to find someone to lead this possibly the Havant Coral Society. Action :?

10. AGM. September 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm for 7.30start. Booking: Ann

11. Gazebo garden. Anna has drawn up a booking form and local groups have been contacted about booking. Planting is looking good and some additional plants are needed. Vernon was thanked by e-mail for his donation of small tables and the Afghan rug.

Banner for the Gazebo to be ordered.

Action: Anna.

Repairs are needed to threshold and door frame.

Action: Ann.

Additional funding needed for this and some extra planting.

Action: Ann

12. Havant Station. There are many issues around the train station. Peter would like to get the tourist information board updated. The zebra crossing lines need refreshing. The flower beds are full of weeds. The ladies toilet on the Portsmouth side platform is in urgent need of updating and the lock on the door does not comply with DDA. Information board. Action: Peter.

13. Customer Services. With Havant Borough Councils Customer Services now relocated to Capita's HQ. There are complaints about call centre staff not having adequate knowledge of locations in the Borough and requesting postal codes which residents often do not know unless they are reporting about their own address.

14. Bob and Anna have been added to the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership stakeholder group for the Langstone Coastal Defence Improvement project. First meeting of this group is expected to be held in August.

15. Civic Voice is the publication for Civic Societies. Vernon has looked at this. £1.50 membership per member felt to be expensive but this can be looked at again.

16. Date of next meeting. The date to be agreed later for August.