



## DUNWICH TOWN TRUST

### **The following are notes and bullet points of activities and achievements to present at the annual public open meeting 2010**

#### **• Governance**

- Peter Bayman and Lady Parks retired in September 2009
- Charity Commission approves merger of Dunwich Town Trust and the Pension Charity in December 2009
- No change to objects of charities as Pension Charity assets are retained as a restricted fund in the new merged charity
- Many thanks to Peter Bayman for all the work he put into achieving the merger before his retirement

- New merged scheme in effect from 1 Jan 2010
- Will be known as The Dunwich Town Trust No 206294
- Unrestricted fund will continue to make grants to institutions for the benefit of the whole community
- Restricted fund will make grants to individuals in 'need' in exactly the way the Pension Charity operated
- No longer requirement for trustee from Suffolk Institute of History and Archeology. Co-opted trustees up from 2 to 3
- Proscription of giving to Dunwich Museum is lifted

- Linda Prior and Keith Maunder appointed as co-opted trustees in January
- Crispin Clay appointed co-opted trustee in March
- Linda and Keith are the affordable housing sub-committee
- Michael Palmer elected Chairman for 2010
- Angela Abell is supervising the revision of grant making policy

#### **Public Meeting 2009**

Presented Affordable Houses

Presented other village projects

Conducted survey to find out which projects were most popular

#### **Survey of Projects 2009 (Order of ranking)**

1. Aff Housing
2. N Paling Fence
3. Coppiced Wood
4. Village Green
5. IT Support
6. Solar Panels

### **Aff Hses**

- Cost of building was much higher than expected
- Co-opted two trustees to manage the project
- Subcommittee recommends design out to tender
- Competition rules to 8 firms
- Narrowed down to 2 - 1 will be chosen in July
- Trust needs to make these as economically as possible to keep rents affordable
- Costs are now much more manageable

### **North Paling Fence**

Waiting outcome of talks with EA about embankment

Waiting to see how well the new south paling zig-zag extension is working

Houses remain top priority for this year

### **Coppiced Wood**

Current contract with Natural England

Future use to incorporate amenity use

Not priority for trust this year

### **IT Support**

- Waiting for expressions of interest from residents
- We believe there are classes available in Ipswich at very economical rates
- Offer still open if there is sufficient interest
- Please contact the Clerk or Angela Abell

### **Village Green**

- Low priority for residents
- Low priority for the Trust

### **Solar Panels**

- Low priority for residents
- Low priority for the Trust

### **Property Improvements**

New heating system at

Maison Dieu

### **Grants**

£500 to PCC for cemetery maintenance

### **Grants**

£500 to Reading Room so they can offer use of the room to local groups free of charge

**Pension Charity Grants**

Contact Care Alarms	£704
Christmas Donations	£4,650
Educational Expenses	£5,200
Samaritan Relief	£200
General Relief	£1,527
Defibrillator	£40

**New cliff fence extension**

250m

using zig zag pattern to maximise ability to accrete material

**New car park fence**

using bollards to stop vehicles but allow easy access for pedestrians

**Dunwich Town Trust**

Accounts 2009

**Pension Charity**

Accounts 2009

**Achievements 2010**

- Review of Grant Making Policy and publication of leaflet
  - Installation of seat on beach
  - Replacement of beach fence from café to start of new paling fence
  - Brambles in Gallows Field treated
  - Grant awarded to Dunwich Museum £500
  - Continuing registration of DTT land
  - Renew Car Park Lease - 21 years
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- **Review grant making in the light of the new scheme**
  - Rules are similar to old scheme
  - ‘Need’ is defined in a more modern way
  - Make terminology plainer
  - More transparency
  - More accessibility
  - Wider reach
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- **New universal form - for all types of grant**
  - As un-intrusive as possible
  - Complete confidence
  - Help offered by a trustee if applicant has difficulty
  - Residents encouraged to ‘tip us the wink’ in confidence if they feel there is someone else who needs help
- Christmas donations are made on the basis of local knowledge - residents are encouraged to make suggestions for others in need

**Leaflet**

- Sets out history
  - Any resident can apply for assistance
  - What is 'need'?
  - Examples of ways DTT can help
  - How decisions are made
  - How to apply
- Contact details

**Memorial Seat:** Trev's Bench on Winch Hut Site Seat given in memory of Trevor Runnacles to Dunwich Parish Meeting