

HOLT CHAMBER OF TRADE
 Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1st May 2013
 in The Aga Shop at 18.00 hrs

Ian Furniss	The Tannery	07818405564
Martin Sanders (Treasurer)	Larking Gowan	712017
Charles Butler	Butler's Pantry	711867
Duncan Baker	Bakers and Larners of Holt	712244
Len Casey	Guided Media	768156
Sandra Taylor-Meeds	Budgens	713734
David Makinson	The Holt Bookshop	715858
Julie Nelson	Nelson's Eye Patch	711810
Chloe Nelson	Nelson's Eye Patch	711810

Present: Ian Furniss (Chair) Martin Sanders (treasurer) Duncan Baker, Mary Bopst, Charles Butler, Len Casey, Alison Cook, Ian Cook, Nigel Emmett, Lindsay Furniss, Michael Hill, Teresa Hill, Chris Lambert, Helen Stoker, Sandra Taylor Meeds,

Apologies: Esme Bagnall-Oakley Caroline Carter, Joshua Dyball, Adrian Hill, Linda Morris, Chloe Nelson, Chloe Nelson, David Makison. James Pallister, Paul Read, Ashlea Smith, Rodney Smith, James Stone,

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 3rd April 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Matters Arising. Marquee at the Royal Norfolk Show - a request for this year was too late. An alternative offer was a marquee at Norwich Charity Motor Show at the Norfolk Showground on 10th & 11th August. Approx cost £100 per stand for two days. Attended last year by 15 - 20 thousand people over two days. Glynis to e mail out for any interest by 30th May.

Daffodil week - it was concluded that the Chamber although trying to keep the idea alive could offer no further support at this time.

Resurfacing letter - the Chair, and other individual members had replied that a suitable day would be one Sunday in June but no reply has been received by anyone.

3. Treasurer's Report: Martin reported that the mandate for signatures needed updating, new signatories were agreed as Ian Furniss, Duncan Baker and Jim Pallister along with Caroline Carter, any two of four to sign. There were not many invoices outstanding for this period and this led to discussions to bring all members into line with one renewal date on 1st February leaving the rest of the year to concentrate on getting new members. Several suggestions were made to bring all membership renewal into line involving staggered payments per quarter of year the final decision would be left to the treasurer, but members were made aware it may involve a dip in income for this financial year.

4. Membership Report: Four members had decided not to renew their annual membership.

5. Thaxter's Supermarket: 106 agreement The Chair had followed up the procedure and been told the District Council had approved the planning application and the section 106 together. The Chair had e mailed both Geoff Lyon and Roger Howe of NNDC but had no response.

The Chair had had a meeting with Tim Schofield who asked if the Chamber would be happy to support a retail group that he would be happy to pay a sum of money into as extra support for the 106. The members wondered why an additional group was needed. The situation is ongoing. Those present felt disappointed that the District Council did not look upon the Chamber as an organisation who needs to be consulted. It was suggested that the Chair get together with Mr M. Baker to try to raise the profile of the Chamber.

It was decided we approach Chambers in other areas who had recently been involved with planning applications to see what they got out of the new schemes. Michael Hill offered to follow this up.

The group agreed that Ian should carry on trying to get funds to use to mitigate the changes caused by the new supermarket.

6. Holt Town Council Report. The Town Council had asked what the traders got out of the Holt Festival - the response was that the financial benefit was not always the main point. There were costs involved with opening on a Sunday, the footfall was important as well as supporting and sponsoring the Festival. Ian had met with the Mayor, Brian Payne and the Town Clerk, Di Dann to achieve the aim of working more closely together. Matters discussed included Car parking problems and moving forward together with a joint approach to NNDC. The proposal was made that the Chamber invites Graham Chapman to attend the next meeting to give an update on the Car Park on Thornage Road. Ian to write to the Mayor to suggest direct reporting by the Chair to the Town Council meetings.

7 Holt Christmas Lights 21st Nov 2012: Ian had met with Esme Bagnall Oakley and had suggested the Rugby Club provide bucket collectors on the night and the profits be split half and half. There should be more dialect with the Traders and 1 building lights upgraded each year. All local food retailers should be given the chance to sell on the night. It was important to find the right way forward for everybody.

Design of the cards was progressing well. Michael Hill had a sample showing buildings in Holt. These could be done as individual cards or to make into a set. Lindsay Furniss had a sample of the artist's work and the designs would be put on the website. There could be two sets of designs one for all year round and one for Christmas: both would promote the Town. The issue would be funding and the businesses that appear on the cards could be approached for a contribution. The Chamber expressed a wish to work with existing card sellers so as not to undermine their businesses. The cards would be blank inside. All present were in favour of continuing with this project and working with the card sellers.

7a.Holt Festival. Sunday 21st July 2013. There was discussion about who would be opening on the day, it was suggested an e mail be sent out asking who would be considering opening on this Sunday.

8. North Norfolk Railway Len gave details of a behind the scenes evening taking place on 23rd May. An invite would go out via the secretary giving full details. He would also provide details of the calendar of events taking place this year. This was to enable businesses to consider opening on some of the Sundays which could attract up to 50,000 people. There was a new bus service from konnect bus which stopped at the station but this had not been very well supported. Len offered to look at the most economical way to promote businesses in Holt, this included boards on the stations advertising businesses. It was suggested a sign at Holt Station promoting what's on in Holt. Duncan would consult with Holt Town Council on this matter.

9. NNDC CCTV Meeting Ian thanked Julie and Chloe Nelson for attending a meeting arranged by NNDC. The outcome was that although CCTV was considered a great asset no-one had money to fund it.

10 .Potential Ideas for Future Chamber Activity. Ian asked if anyone wanted to pick up on any of the ideas and take it forward he was happy for them to do this. The question was asked about becoming affiliated to National but although the Chamber was once it was not cost effective. Card payment service charges were discussed and members were asked to e mail in the % they were paying

10. Parking Sub Committee. Ongoing

11. Chamber Constitution. The Chair apologised but due to a lack of time asked if this item could be carried forward to the next meeting.

12. Any Other Business: There was none

Next Meeting: Please note change of Date **6pm on Wednesday 12th June** venue The Aga Shop.