

# **HOLT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TRADE**

**Minutes of the Meeting held at Byfords Wine Bar on 1 October 2008 at 1800 hrs.**

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>John Lintott (Chairman)</b>	<b>Hayes &amp; Storr</b>	<b>712835</b>
	<b>Alan Godfrey (Treasurer)</b>	<b>Gresham's School</b>	<b>714503</b>
	<b>Chris Harrison</b>	<b>Bircham Gallery</b>	<b>713312</b>
	<b>Charles Butler</b>	<b>Butler's Pantry</b>	<b>711867</b>
	<b>Caroline Carter</b>	<b>The Holt Chronicle</b>	<b>712177</b>
	<b>Sandra Taylor-Meads</b>	<b>Budgens</b>	<b>713734</b>
	<b>Lynda Mossman</b>	<b>Past Caring</b>	<b>713771</b>
	<b>Heather Ward</b>	<b>Silk Connections</b>	<b>711444</b>
	<b>David Makinson</b>	<b>The Holt Bookshop</b>	<b>715858</b>

## **PRESENT:**

Meeting chaired by Alan Godfrey, (Treasurer), Harriet Clayton-Gray, Caroline Carter, Duncan Baker, Lynda Mossman, Rachel Parker, Rodney Smith, Lindsay Furniss, David Makinson, Esme Bagnall-Oakeley

## **APOLOGIES:**

John Lintott, Brian Sullivan, Heather Ward, Di Dann, Charles Butler, Mark Humberstone, Lesley Bendall

## **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

These were accepted as a true record and signed by Alan.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The current year shows a surplus of £234.08. Ten members have yet to pay their outstanding subscriptions for 2008. The closing balance as at 30 September 2008 stood at £3,095.25. The Holt Bookshop was thanked for their payment having sent their subscription to the previous Treasurer's address in error.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

The committee were pleased to welcome Rachel Parker (Doodle Pots) to the meeting and Jonathan Henry (Krusty Loaf) as a new member. Membership currently stands at eighty two members, with 71 members having paid their subscriptions to date.

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:**

Esme Bagnall-Oakeley reported that Alison Rose had visited 388 businesses and raised a total of £2,300 in donations to date. 160 collection boxes are awaiting East Anglian Air Ambulance stickers before distribution to local businesses. Lindsay Furniss has offered support with distributing the boxes, other volunteers would be welcomed. North Norfolk Radio is keen to be involved with live broadcasts throughout the evening. It was agreed that charity stalls will be charged £25 and food stalls charged £50. Road closure will be from 4.30pm. The community centre is looking for more local craft stalls, any suggestions will be appreciated. A window style 'Treasure Hunt' competition was suggested to encourage people to visit all businesses. Yard reps are needed to feed information from the Lights Committee to businesses within the yards – communication is the key to success! Any volunteers

welcomed. Please see attachment for contact details and information in regards to the Christmas Lights.

#### HOLT FESTIVAL:

David Makinson reported back to the committee that the festival would now start on the Saturday with hopefully a 'Celebrity' opening the event. It was suggested that there was not enough events planned during the week in Holt and that it could be perceived that this was a Gresham's School event. Possibilities of using the Community Centre, Voewood or the Yards were discussed. The event needs the support of the local community – could Holt Youth Project, Holt Primary School, Holt Library, St Andrews Church be venues or performers? Local businesses and individuals are being approached as sponsors, which is vital to ensure this event takes place. Stephen Fry is a possibility to open the festival. David Makinson will extend an invitation to Derek Purnell and Tony Britton to join and discuss the developments of the festival at the next meeting. Please see attachment for budget, timelines and proposed schedule of events.

#### HOLT TOWN GUIDE:

No report. Harriet Clayton-Gray will make contact with Sophie Jewery to receive a copy of the town map to be included in the guide to be proofed by the chamber.

#### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK/NORTH NORFOLK BUSINESS FORUM:

Alan Godfrey announced that as part of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy it had been agreed that Holt would be allocated an additional 250 to 300 houses over the next 10 to 15 years. The preferred sites within Holt would be announced in March 2009 following the consultation period which would continue until mid November 2008. The list of preferred sites would then be submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration and approval in May 2009. Identifying employment possibilities was also key to the success of any submission. The first of the new houses being planned for Holt were unlikely to appear before late 2010.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business to report.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at Byfords Wine Bar at 18.00hrs.