

H O L T C H A M B E R O F T R A D E

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2010 at Byfords Wine Bar at 1800 hrs.

Committee:	John Lintott (Chairman)	Hayes & Storr	712835
	Alan Godfrey (Treasurer)	Gresham's School	714503
	Charles Butler	Butler's Pantry	711867
	Duncan Baker	Bakers & Larners of Holt	712244
	Caroline Carter	The Holt Chronicle	712177
	Joshua Dyball	Josh.biz	862610
	Sandra Taylor-Meeds	Budgens	713734
	Lynda Mossman (Membership Sec)	Past Caring	713771
	David Makinson	The Holt Bookshop	715858

PRESENT: John Lintott (Chairman), Alan Godfrey (Treasurer), Charles Butler, Nigel Emmett, Lynda Mossman, Carol Pennington, Paul Rogers, Rodney Smith, Sandra-Taylor-Meeds.

Paul Rogers and Nigel Emmett were welcomed to the meeting.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Duncan Baker, Caroline Carter, Joshua Dyball, Lindsay Furniss, Rhu Bruce Lockhart, Sarah Tribe.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: After the addition of Charles Butler to the list of apologies for the last meeting, the record was declared to be accurate and was signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Income from 1 February – 31st May 2010 stands at £2,780.47 and expenses for the same period stand at £622 which gives a surplus of £2,158.47 to date. The accounts also included an annual forecast which showed an anticipated income for the year of £4,452.00 which after anticipated expenses of £4090 (including secretarial costs, a donation to the Christmas Lights Fund, maintenance of planters, and website costs) would yield an anticipated surplus of £362. This budgeted figure was based on a membership of 90 whereas current membership only stands at 53. (June invoices have now been sent out).

MEMBERSHIP: One new member has joined this month and three other traders have expressed a definite interest in joining.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT: No members of the Council were present.

HOLT SUMMER FESTIVAL: A full and imaginative programme is now out and has been receiving a high level of publicity. Flyers will also be distributed in the near future – please display in your windows and support the Festival in any way that you can.

HOLT PARTNERSHIP BOARD (PLANNING GROUP): A meeting of the Board took place two weeks ago at the Council offices with representatives from various stakeholders including members of the Town Council and the District Council. It was recognized that visual improvements in Holt will be a long term project and financial restraints mean that research will now only be carried out 'in-house'.

WEBSITE: The new logo is in place for use on stationery as well as the new website. Joshua Dyball will report further at the next meeting.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS – FUND-RAISING: John will contact Esme regarding the present position.

TRAFFIC WARDENS: John had received a letter complaining about an over-zealous action on the part of the local traffic warden where someone had been fined despite displaying a valid ticket that had subsequently become less visible due to weather conditions. Another incident was cited on a night where a car had not been moved from a parking space due to deep snow and had subsequently been ticketed though this fine had eventually been overturned. Those present felt that the situation was difficult because generally it was advantageous that eventually something was being done about poor parking in Holt but perhaps, in some cases, there had been insensitivity on the part of the warden. The situation would be monitored.

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO ST ANDREW'S CHURCH: The Chairman showed those present a copy of the outline plans for the church extension which would provide facilities including a conference room, toilets, and a kitchen. The proposed extension will measure 8 metres by 20 metres and will be accessible from the Church. Those present indicated their support for the project.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Progress continues to be made towards the new car park on Thornage Road though no specific dates are available as yet. Graham Chapman is currently working on landscaping plans prior to consultation with structural engineers. Some discussion took place on the increase in rents for trade premises in Holt.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 21st July 2010 at 1800 hrs in the cellar at Byfords.