

HOLT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TRADE
Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd September, 2009 at Byfords Wine Bar at 18.00 hours

COMMITTEE:	John Lintott (Chairman)	Hayes & Storr	712835
	Alan Godfrey (Treasurer)	Gresham's School	714503
	Chris Harrison	Bircham Gallery	713312
	Charles Butler	Butler's Pantry	711867
	Caroline Carter	The Holt Chronicle	712177
	Sandra Taylor-Meads	Bakers & Larners	713734
	Lynda Mossman (Membership)	Past Caring	713771
	David Makinson	The Holt Bookshop	715858

PRESENT: John Lintott (Chairman), Duncan Baker, Esme Bagnall Oakley, Rhu Bruce Lockhart, Charles Butler, Joshua Dyball, Alan Godfrey (Hon. Treasurer), David Makinson, Carol Pennington, Rodney Smith. Di Dann (Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Caroline Carter, Lesley Wright (Secretary), Lynda Mossman, Sandra Taylor -Meads. Condolences were expressed to Caroline following the death of her Mum Jeanette. John thanked Di for taking the minutes at the July meeting and again at this meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st JULY: These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising which had not been included on the agenda

TREASURERS REPORT: Alan had circulated a report. There were currently 70 paid members generating an income of £2800. Expenses so far were £1870.27. There was presently a combined current and deposit account balance of £3577.81. September income could result in a potential total of 86 members (noted that this was no number increase over last year). Planters costs would be £500 - £600, less that 2008, so it was hoped that Christmas Lights could receive the same financial support as 2008. (£1250)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Members were encouraged to visit certain businesses. Joshua would visit the Kebab Shop, Lustre and Glaze, White Cottage and Sure Computers; David reported that he had had no luck with NFU and Rhu would now visit NFU and also Sanders; Rodney would visit the Dairies; John would go to Victoria Goss. Duncan reported that Mr Graves the Butcher had advised that he would become a member. Members would report back to the next meeting – the target of 100 was set as being great to achieve!

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT: Rhu gave a report. He said that Duncan had been welcomed as the new member on the Council following the recent bye election, which had cost the electorate in excess of £1600. There was some local concern over H15 (The Greshams site) in the LDF Site Specifics although he felt that a S106 agreement might ease the problems which were being anticipated in Grove Lane by residents. The Town had recently been awarded the EDP Best Community award for under 5000 population. Holt Youth Project had also recently secured a Lottery award of over £400,000. No further mention had been made of the street ice cream seller.

HOLT FESTIVAL: The Chairman applauded Rhu for his great efforts. Rhu said that the success of the Festival was down to the support of Greshams and the local community. He thanked the sponsors and the Holt Society for their grant and Esme for her support in fund raising. They would build on the event with the 2010 Festival, which was already being planned. The Festival had cost £69,000. An Arts Council funding application for 2010 had already been submitted.

THORNAGE ROAD CAR PARK: John advised that he had spoken to Graham Chapman that day and the traffic assessment was being arranged for the 9th and 12th September. Mr Chapman was working with the planners and very up beat and hoping for the application to reach the Planning Committee in early November. It was noted that Mr Stevenson had registered his objections.

HOLT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Esme gave a report and advised that Alison Rose the Fund Raiser had spent a considerable amount of time on the 2009 appeal with 12 donations to date of £1300 and £3910 pledges and £9081 in total with out the principal sponsors. Lees Yard were now hoping to be included with the main scheme. All the new shops had agreed to donate. Entertainment had been arranged and Chris Coubrough had agreed to be the celebrity switch on guest – Chris is the celebrity Chef at the Kings Head Letheringsett. He comes from New Zealand. There would also be a guest singer Paul Martin who was hoping to have a Christmas hit single This would be followed by fireworks fired from the Gresham Pre Prep field. There would be real reindeer too for the children. There would be a bucket collection in the town on the night to help generate funds. Esme was keen to see no generators at the stalls.

PLANTERS: John would arrange these with Caroline. Mr Jenner owed £59.99 for the planters which had been outside the former Beanery and he would be contacted. The money had been outstanding since April 2009.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT: Duncan advised that two sessions had been held with 10 people at each. A further leg shaving sponsorship event at Budgens had raised money for a defibrillator. The Chairman thanked Duncan for his efforts.

BUSINESS OPENING AND CLOSING: Butchers in Bull Street and a new tenant in No 1 Appleyard would soon mean these shops would be re-opening. The new shops which had recently opened were the Sports Shop and the Lingerie Shop at Bakers and Larners. Groveland Farm shop had recently closed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Duncan mentioned about the Beer Festival on 16 /17th October organized by Holt and District Round Table at the Community Centre, Holt. This would generate some funds for the Centre.

Rhu asked about the Lottery. The Lottery included a licence to run raffles

Joshua asked if ideas for the website could be on the next agenda.

John mentioned about the Valuation Office Agency. A draft list of new ratable valuations would be available at the end of the month and the Chartered Surveyors Vincent Howe had agreed to assist Chamber members. Charges would be made where a saving was secured.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7th October at 6.00 p.m. in Byfords Cellar Bar

