

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

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Minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2011 in Byfords Wine Bar at 1800 hrs.

Committee:	John Lintott (Chairman)	Hayes & Storr	712835
	Martin Sanders (Treasurer)	Larking-Gowen	712017
	Charles Butler	Butler's Pantry	711867
	Duncan Baker	Bakers & Larners of Holt	712244
	Caroline Carter	The Holt Chronicle	712177
	Len Casey	Guided Media	768156
	Joshua Dyball	Josh.biz	862610
	Kate Langley	Gresham's School	714601
	Sandra Taylor-Meeds	Budgens	713734
	Lynda Mossman (Membership Sec)	Past Caring	713771
	David Makinson	The Holt Bookshop	715858

PRESENT: John Lintott (Chairman), Lynda Mossman (Membership Secretary), Martin Sanders (Treasurer), Esme Bagnall-Oakley, Duncan Baker, Caroline Carter, Len Casey, Di Dann, Kate Langley, David Makinson.

APOLOGIES: Sue Catt, Joshua Dyball, Lindsay Furniss, Sophie Jewry, Mary Pembleton Sandra Taylor-Meeds, Lara Williamson.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: These were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The income to date stands at £2,416.36 which represents subscription fees in January, February and March for 45 members. (Payment is awaited on 10 invoices). Total expenditure to date is £293.60 which leaves a current surplus of £2,122.76 and a closing balance at the bank of £4,883.82. Martin had made enquiries about subscriptions moving over to standing orders or direct debit. The standing order option would not be very flexible as members would have to change it every time the subscription rate changed and direct debit would prove very expensive to set up so it was decided not to go ahead with either option at present. Committee members agreed to chase up the outstanding invoice payments.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: There were no confirmed new members this month but Len Casey had potentially signed up 4 new members as a condition of inclusion in the Holt Guide. It was agreed that where these were 'local' or had strong connections with Holt their membership would be confirmed (Iron Lady and Classic Cars). In cases where traders outside Holt have already paid it was suggested that, with the traders' permission, the fee would be used as a donation towards the Christmas Lights. It was felt important that no members should be invited to join the Chamber from outside the immediate area if there could be a conflict of interest with current members. Len was thanked for his efforts in finding new members. Once again it was commented that very few of the local banks, building societies or estate agents seemed willing to join the Chamber or donate to events like the Christmas Lights evening although they represented a considerable percentage of the commercial premises in Holt.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT: Sadly we have lost the services of Ernie, our street sweeper, as he has been re-located to Cromer where he lives. We are, however, happy to welcome Peter Braes (local) who will be working 7 days a week in Holt.

Development of the HO1 site: Concern had been expressed at the size of the development at the bottom of Peacock Lane and the resulting increase in traffic. (This is not a site recommended by the Town Council.) Under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act, the Town Council will seek to influence as far as possible the housing density on the site and ensure that the site is sympathetic with other properties in

Holt. A mini roundabout is considered necessary at the junction of Kelling Road and the Old Cromer Road to help with the increased traffic flow and street lighting needs to be installed at the bottom of Peacock Lane. In addition it is hoped that, rather than provide a recreational area on the development, the money could be rolled over into improving the present Peacock Lane Play Site. There was a general fear that with the local housing stock set to increase by over 400 this might prove to be only the tip of the iceberg and set a trend for the future. It was unlikely that the present facilities would be able to support such an increase. Unfortunately, although 45% of the 400 properties would be for social housing, no provision could be made for properties to be available just for local people. Thus the Town Council is seeking an 'exception site' where approximately 15 properties for local people could be erected. A one-day exhibition by the developers of the HO1 site will take place in June at the Holt Community Centre. The date and time, yet to be confirmed, will be advertised in the local magazines. Holt has thrived on its uniqueness so careful planning is essential. It is in everyone's interest to go and see what is proposed and to make their feelings known.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Thank you letters to sponsors had already resulted in £2,000 of pledges for 2011. Work is taking place on both a quiz sheet and a raffle to provide extra funding and two bicycles have been pledged as prizes for the latter. The emphasis for the Christmas Lights evening will be 'local' and it is hoped that as many local traders as possible will take part. The committee is still looking for a person to co-ordinate the lighting arrangements.

TOWN GUIDE: A vote of thanks was proposed by Caroline to Len Casey, Sophie Jewry, and Di Dann for all their hard work in producing such an excellent Town Guide. There had been a very positive response to this publication.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Again a first-class publication that had been distributed locally free of charge, though after 15 May a charge of £1 will be made for each copy. No public money had been involved in its publication and a great deal of effort had gone into its production, and the launch evening, both of which were very successful.

HOLT VISION: John and Caroline had attended the latest Holt Vision meeting. Despite £30,000 in funding, the cost of appropriate consultants, who will develop the vision for the project, will be high as the breadth of the consultation is huge. Unfortunately it will almost inevitably be necessary to pare down some of the 'ideal' proposals because of budget restrictions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Caroline will let Di Dann know when the summer planting will take place in the **town planters** so that they can be watered. Sadly the lovely display that Di had planted around the Memorial had not been able to withstand the drought conditions and the area will need to be re-planted.

Lara Williamson had sent an email to invite all members to the **Holt Area Partnership AGM** on 24 May at The Stables, Holt Hall at 6.30 pm. There will be two speakers – David Hunt on defibrillators and Andrew Coles on Holt Hall. Please let Lara Williamson know if you would like to attend. The Partnership is also seeking nominations for board members.

Di Dann has given Nigel Emmett documentation relating to the regulations controlling **Big Issue** sellers.

The Car Park: Di Dann is following up over the issues regarding the right of way. Unfortunately this problem has not yet been resolved.

Holt Festival: For those of you of a 'certain age' – the closing concert event will be 10cc!

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on 1 June 2011 in the cellar wine bar at Byfords at 1800 hrs.