

# HOLT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TRADE

Minutes of the meeting held at Byfords Wine Bar on 5 March 2008 at 1800 hrs.

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	Past Caring	713771
	Heather Ward	Silk Connections	711444
	David Makinson	The Holt Bookshop	715858

**PRESENT:** John Lintott (Chairman), Alan Godfrey (Treasurer), Mike Baker, Caroline Carter, Chris Harrison, Linda I'Anson, David Makinson, Lynda Mossman, Carol Pennington, Nick Searle, Ashlea Smith.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Harriet Clayton-Gray, Di Dann, Lindsay Furniss, Howard Heathfield, Mark Humberstone, Sandra Taylor-Meads, Heather Ward.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING:** After reporting on correspondence received, the Chairman pointed out that it had not in the end been necessary to write to the EDP as their subsequent report on the NNDC meeting relating to the Thornage Road car park had been far less biased. Also the final accounts for the Christmas lights would hopefully be available for the next committee meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORTS:** Thanks were passed to Mike Baker as he had paid five separate subscriptions to cover his business interests. Seventy-two invoices had been sent out and although four members had now ceased trading and three were not renewing, four new members had joined and several others had expressed an interest. The closing balance on 5 March 2008 stood at £3,798.24 giving a current year surplus of £937.07.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** It was agreed that an up-to-date list of members would be sent out with these minutes so that members could encourage other traders to join. A handout is also currently being drafted showing the achievements and aims of the Chamber.

## **TOWN COUNCIL REPORT:**

**CHURCH STREET TOILETS** - The NNDC have agreed to accept a feasibility study into community use for the Church Street toilet site. This will include input from the Chamber. A third revised plan is also being prepared for the site by Norfolk Property Services.

**THORNAGE ROAD CAR PARK** – some additional information is awaited including drainage plans.

**GREAT FIRE COMMEMORATION** – a full list of activities and events is being prepared and will be circulated to the Chamber in the near future. The town leaflet is nearly at draft stage and businesses affected by the closure of Church Street on 3 May have been informed. The Chamber have been asked if they are able to support the window dressing competition and it was agreed that we could do so. Any local traders wishing to take on one of the Church Street up-market craft stalls would be offered preferential rates.

**AGM:** Discussion took place on a possible guest speaker. Those committee members who were present indicated their willingness to continue and as yet no resignations have been received. **Members are encouraged to put their names forward if they would like to join the committee. Anyone who would like to do so should contact the Chairman before the AGM.**

**POST OFFICE CLOSURES:** It will not be known until 26 March which Post Offices in Norfolk will be proposed for closure. Once the announcement is made there will be a consultation period to allow for appeals.

**HOLT FESTIVAL:** The Chairman had received a letter from Derek Purnell (Director, Norfolk Dance) regarding progress. It is hoped that a meeting could be held with local traders to see if they might be willing to sponsor events in 2009. It is planned to start with a small festival with well known performers.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Planters** - An application had been made to the Holt Area Partnership for a grant of £300 for the purchase of five new planters. Caroline agreed to take on responsibility for liaising with Cley Nurseries over maintaining the planters which would soon need to be planted up for the Spring.

**CCTV** – After some discussion on the viability of cameras in Holt it was felt overall that they would detract from the Georgian feel of the town and would probably not be very effective in preventing crime. Improved lighting was also discussed but again it was felt that bright lights would spoil the flavour of the town. There was some support for one camera each end of the town to endeavour to record vehicles entering and leaving the town but the Chamber did not have resources to support this initiative. Mike Baker spoke of the success of the scheme they had used of offering a financial reward for information leading to the apprehension and prosecution of individuals damaging his premises. Since introducing the scheme there had been much less damage to his properties.

**MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THERE WILL BE NO COMMITTEE MEETING IN APRIL BUT MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE AGM WHICH WILL BE HELD AT BYFORDS ON 16 APRIL AT 1800 HRS. THE SPEAKER WILL BE DEREK PURNELL, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT THE HOLT FESTIVAL. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AND ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP LIST**

A Cut Ahead	Countryside Cottages Ltd	Kings and Barnhams	Stolworthy Electrical
Alliance & Leicester	Creative Chiropractic	Lambert Investments	Stuarts Taxi & Travel
Anthony Fell Antiques	Doric Arts Gallery	Larners of Holt	Taste of India
Art-e-fax	F Woodrow	Larking Gowen	Tavern Tasty Meats Ltd
Bags Plus	Ginger Rose	Mark Elliott	The Appleyard Gallery
Bakers Home Furnishing Centre	Gladstones Cook Books Ltd	Mews Antiques Emporium	The Christmas Shop
Bakers of Holt	Glaven Veterinary Practice	Morston Country Sports	The Feathers Hotel
Balthazar	Glo Glo Hair Designs	Natures Haven	The Gun Hill Clothing Company
Baron Art	Gresham's School	Norfolk Country Cottages	The Hatfield Hines Gallery
Bellisima	H Siddall & Sons Ltd	North Norfolk Radio	The King's Head
Bircham Gallery	Hart's Flowers	Osokozi Gallery	The Last Picture Show
Bird-Ventures Ltd	Hayes & Storr	Past Caring	The Old Stables
Budgens Stores	Holt Bookshop	Raycar Publishing	The Old Telephone Exchange
Butcher Andrews	Holt Builders Merchants	Richard Scott Antiques	The Tannery
Butler's Pantry	Holt Dental Practice	S P Shoe Repairs	Thoughtful Expressions
Byfords (Wilson Hotels Ltd)	Holt Sub-Post Office	Silk Connections Ltd	Tin Dog Ltd
Cafe Jambo	HSBC Bank plc	Smith & Pinching	W.H. Summerlee
Class of 2000	John A Hunt	Spirit of the Andes	Watsons Residential
Cottage Boutique	Josh.Biz Web Design	Starlings Toymaster	Webbs County Jewellers
Cottage Collectables	Keys Estate Agents	Stephen Davies Estate Agents	Wood-N-Things 2