

HOLT CHAMBER OF TRADE

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7th October 2015
at Adrian Hill Fine Art Gallery, Lees Yard, Holt at 5.35pm

Ian Furniss	The Tannery	07818405564
Martin Sanders	Larkin Gowen	712017
Charles Butler	Butler's Pantry	711867
Duncan Baker	Bakers and Larners of Holt	712244
Len Casey	Community Media	768156
Sandra Taylor Meeds	Budgens	713734
David Makinson	The Holt Bookshop	715858

Present: Ian Furniss, John Allison, Duncan Baker, Charles Butler, Alison Cook, Ian Cook, Nigel Emmett, Lindsay Furniss, Amanda Heading, Leila Kadhour, Michael Hill, Teresa Hill, Linda Mossiman, Colin Rawlins. Sandra Taylor-Meeds.

Apologies: Len Casey, Adrian Hill, Rodney Smith, James Stronach, Helen Wright,

2. Approval of the Minutes of 26th August: The minutes were approved by all present.
Matters Arising: DB advised he is still talking with Greshams re first aid courses.
The Chair is still working on the smoking policy.

3. Advertising:

Royal Norfolk Show: 29/30th June 2016 : Len Casey was unable to attend the meeting but had advised that for all those interested in attending the RNS 2016 there would be a meeting on Thursday 22nd Oct at Adrian Hill Fine Art Gallery, 5pm. The final date for booking space is 30th October.

4. 1940's weekend 19/20th September There was a thankyou for everybody taking part the feedback had been very positive and the weekend had laid good foundations for taking part next year. The ration book trail had worked well. Over £400.00 had been raised for walking with the wounded and they would be the charity again next year. A cheque would be presented on Monday 19th October. The team wished to thank the Town Council for their children's day at Peacock Lane Playing Field, which was very successful and been a good example of working together. There was also a thank you for Rodney and Brenda Smith for all the photographs taken in the town. If anyone has anymore pictures please send them to the 40's website. The People Tree had won the prize for the best window display. A vote of thanks was proposed for the team who had led the 40's weekend and made it very successful.

5. Holt Christmas Lights: 25th November, A presentation was given by the team organising the lights a report is included at the end of the minutes.

DB confirmed that Bakers and Larners would again be opening Sundays from 29th November to 20th December inclusive 10.30am – 4.30pm.

6. Car Parking: Greshams expected their planning application to be submitted within four weeks.

Cley road was awaiting the section 106 money and this was not expected until spring 2016.

There would be a discussion meeting regarding Thornage Road in November. The Town Council do not want any spaces within the town taken away that do not need to be i.e. street parking.

7. Town Council Report: The Town Council had received a letter of complaint regarding 'A boards' on the pavements in Town. They wished to deal with this before it became a bigger problem and a health and safety issue.

The suggestion of a 20mph limit for the whole town was not feasible due to cost.

There had been a meeting regarding the owl trail, which had now been taken up by Philip High of NNDC. The objective had been established as a heritage trail to attract funding. 12/15 sites had been walked as a potential trail and the sites and funding were expected to be firmed up at the next meeting.

8. Treasurers Report: No report submitted.

9. Businesses Opening and Closing: A new opticians had opened on Shire Hall Plain. Ruby's had been taken over by a children's clothes shop. The wine bar was expected to re-open soon. Holt Carpets, hit and damaged by a car, was expected to be demolished and rebuilt. The Chair reported that it was good to see some of the premises that had been empty for some time were now being used.

10 AOB Greshams had issued an invitation to a business breakfast on 8th December at the school. The e mail would be passed on to members.

Speakers for the AGM were 'walking with the wounded' and AH would ask North Norfolk Railway. The Chair asked for people to consider nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair he was happy to continue for a while but would like someone who was prepared to take over and to have the support of a vice chair.

Adrian was thanked for the use of the venue.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th November 2016 at 5.35. venue to be confirmed.

Brief report on the presentation from the team organising Christmas Lights.

This year the town will be split into 12 'sections' each will have a team leader who will pass on information and help organise the section. There will be no donations requested this year and each trader will be asked to organise their own lights including putting them up. This could be done as individuals or organised in the sections. Window posters and information sheets are with the section leaders and issued with the Chamber of trade minutes. There will be three types of marketing; facebook, twitter and the website. People are being encouraged to 'like or follow' if on social media. EDP are including Holt in their feature on Christmas and Sanders Coaches will carry posters on their busses. Both Holt Chronicle and Just Holt will be covering the event.

There will be a window trail which will be a lot simpler than last year and will be to find 12 wreaths based on the 12 days of Christmas. One wreath will be displayed in a business in each of the 12 sections and it is suggested it is in one of the premises which will mean those taking part will have to walk past or round as many of the businesses as possible. This will be run from switch on night to Twelfth night. There will be two prize categories one adult winner and one child winner.

Each area will be encouraged to work alone for the greater good but maybe in friendly competition with the other areas.

Switch on Night. There will be no outside traders and businesses will be able to have stalls outside their own businesses. There will be stalls of a community nature. There will be a lantern parade from the Community Centre past the Methodist church to the war memorial (there will be no stage). The parade will start at 5.30pm and everyone will be encouraged to join in make noise and bring a lantern. Any lanterns will be welcome this will be a light and noise parade not a candlelit vigil. It is hoped Radio Norfolk will head the parade and the Fire Service will bring up the rear. Lanterns will be

available to sell before the event. The switch on will be at 6pm when the initial rocket will be sent up. Each business will be responsible for switching on their lights at this signal.

The team will organise some entertainment and will have a list of entertainers if any section would like to get together and have entertainment in their area. It is hoped traders will follow the spirit of the 40's weekend and dress up for the day, gents as pantomime dames and ladies as leading men.

Next Meeting Wednesday 4th November 2016 Venue