

# HOLT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TRADE

Minutes of the meeting held at Byfords Wine Bar on 9 January 2008 at 1800 hrs.

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>John Lintott (Chairman)</b>	<b>Hayes &amp; Storr</b>	<b>712835</b>
	<b>Alan Godfrey (Treasurer)</b>	<b>Gresham's School</b>	<b>714503</b>
	<b>Chris Harrison</b>	<b>Bircham Gallery</b>	<b>713312</b>
	<b>Charles Butler</b>	<b>Butler's Pantry</b>	<b>711867</b>
	<b>Caroline Carter</b>	<b>The Holt Chronicle</b>	<b>712177</b>
	<b>Sandra Taylor-Meads</b>	<b>Bakers &amp; Larners</b>	<b>713734</b>
	<b>Lynda Mossman</b>	<b>Past Caring</b>	<b>713771</b>
	<b>Heather Ward</b>	<b>Silk Connections</b>	<b>711444</b>
	<b>David Makinson</b>	<b>The Holt Bookshop</b>	<b>715858</b>

**PRESENT:** John Lintott (Chairman), Alan Godfrey (Treasurer), Charles Butler, Caroline Carter, Harriet Clayton-Gray, Di Dann, Josh Dyball, Chris Harrison, Mark Humberstone, David Makinson, Lynda Mossman, Carol Pennington, Nick Searle, Heather Ward.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Lindsay Furniss and Linda Morris.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING:** An application has been submitted for a new Lottery Licence.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The distributed accounts showed income for the period 1 February 2007 to 31 December 2007 as £2,838.79 and expenditure as £2,666.25 giving a surplus to date of £172.54 and a closing balance of £2,061.09. On-line access has now been established which will make it easy to transfer monies between the current and deposit account.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** An up-to-date membership list will be distributed to interested parties and new membership forms are available from Caroline. Committee members were encouraged to approach new traders moving into their area in the hope of increasing our membership.

**TOWN COUNCIL REPORT:** The proposal to improve the Albert Street toilets has been approved and will include an extension to the ladies' toilet facilities and improvements for disabled access. Regarding the development of the Church Street site – the second planning application has now been withdrawn and a third is being re-drawn. The Town Council are, however, still pressing for the opportunity to conduct a feasibility study into maintaining the toilet block themselves.

**HOLT CAR PARK:** A revised planning application has been submitted with revisions in the drainage layout. A site meeting has been arranged for 24 January and a final decision is expected to be made at a meeting of the combined development control committee on 31 January. (There has still been no response from the Secretary of State.) Any member who has not written to the NNDC regarding the application is encouraged to do so before the meeting at the end of January. **Letters are still important.**

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:** A 'mop-up' meeting will be held at the beginning of February. The accounts should also be signed off at the meeting and can then be published. Di Dann and Sarah Tribe are in the process of preparing a brief (including the current processes and contacts) which

should make it far easier for anyone organising the event in the future. It is considered important that the lights committee should have representation from all the areas in Holt – especially the ‘yards’.

Carol raised the problems experienced with the placing of the barrier on Cromer Road which both cut off several traders in that area and caused frustration to motorists who had to turn at the barrier – also causing a considerable build-up of fumes. It was generally felt that the diversion should be placed much further back and that road closure arrangements should be publicised much earlier with signs in place warning of the future closures well before the actual date.

**GREAT FIRE OF HOLT:** Di reported that response to requests had been positive and should allow for the proposed town leaflet to be published and distributed. Due to additional sponsorship by Mike Baker it is also hoped that it will now be possible to go ahead with the production of the painting of Holt (in 1708) and the post-card copy.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**GRANT APPLICATION** Di Dann pointed out that funding would soon be available through the area partnership (up to £500) for initiatives supporting the area but applications do need to be in by 28 February. After discussion, it was suggested that an application should be made for money towards the on-going costs for the planters, at least two of which would soon need to be replaced.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL:** Thanks were given to David Makinson for picking the tree up to display it on his premises after the festival.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thanks were given to Mark Humberstone for looking after us so well and it was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 6 February at 1800 hrs in the cellar at Byfords.