

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 2 February 2011 in Byfords Wine Bar at 1800 hrs.

Committee:	John Lintott (Chairman)	Hayes & Storr	712835
	Charles Butler	Butler's Pantry	711867
	Duncan Baker	Bakers & Larners of Holt	712244
	Caroline Carter	The Holt Chronicle	712177
	Joshua Dyball	Josh.biz	862610
	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), Esme Bagnall-Oakeley, Duncan Baker, Charles Butler, Caroline Carter, Len Casey, Di Dann, Joshua Dyball, Sophie Jewry, David Makinson, Chris Lambert, Mary Pembleton, Martin Sanders, Rodney Smith, Sandra Taylor-Meeds.

APOLOGIES: No apologies were received.

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

MATTERS ARISING: Caroline had been in contact with Roots and Shoots (Holt Hall) to see if they would be interested in taking over the maintenance of the Holt Town Centre planters from Cley Nurseries. They are awaiting information details of our annual provisional budget figure for this before they reply.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Martin Sanders was welcomed to the meeting. It was also agreed that Caroline Carter would be the co-signatory for the chamber's bank accounts. This month's accounts represent the financial year end for the chamber (31.1.2011). The total income for the year was £4,101.50 (£4002.00*), total expenditure was £ 3,421.22 (£3,910.00*), giving a surplus for the year of £680 (£92*) (*budget forecast figure for the year.) The closing balance at the bank stands at £2,761.06. To enable a forecast budget to be prepared for the year 2011/12 the items of expenditure/income were discussed to see where any increase or decrease may occur. A provisional figure of £1,200 was agreed for planting out the 26 planters and it was noted that the website costs had included a start-up fee which would not be relevant for 2011/12. A provisional figure of £50 was agreed for the Tree Festival at St Andrews (which takes place every two years). Other costs should remain at approximately the same level. At present no allowance has been made for any celebrations for the 'Royal Wedding' as it is unlikely that any official event will take place although some residents are hoping to hold individual street events.

MEMBERSHIP: There were no new members this month.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT: The Chairman had received notice of a NNDC Business Ratepayers Consultation Meeting being held by NNDC on 17 February 2011 at 8.30 am. It was hoped that a member of the chamber would be able to attend.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: There had been some feedback from sponsors that they still wanted the 'lights evening' to follow its current format. Discussion took place on the possible options but it was decided that without fuller representation on the 'lights committee' from traders it would be very difficult for a full switch-on night to continue. Sophie Jewry agreed to produce a flyer asking people to help. Without local traders on the committee the event is unlikely to continue!

TOWN GUIDE: Advertisement copy and articles please within next three weeks (from date of meeting). A rough draft of the booklet should be available for the March meeting.

HOLT SOCIETY'S 'FIRST IMPRESSIONS': The chamber agreed to endorse the distribution of Mary Alexander's proposed booklet, 'First Impressions'. It is hoped that initially it will be possible to distribute the booklet to all the businesses and home owners in Holt. It was agreed that the chamber would try to give some financial support to this project (dependent on subscriptions for 2011).

DOOMSDAY PLAQUE: Details had been sent on from The Holt Partnership of an enquiry from Teucer Wilson (North Farm, Burgh-next-Aylsham) who produces carved plaques. Although it was agreed that the work shown seemed to be of high quality, at a cost of approximately £2,000 per plaque, the Chamber was not in a position, at this point in time, to consider financially supporting this venture for Holt.

NORTH NORFOLK SPENDING PLANS CONSULTATION: See Town Council Report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: 'Holt Vision' had been successful in its funding application (£25,000) for an initial appraisal which will be supported by a grant of £5,000 from the Town Council. Nigel Tomkins is awaiting full details but it should cover the cost of the initial survey. **A Snowdrop Walk** is taking place at Brinton Hall on 27 February, 1-4 pm – all proceeds to Brinton Church. We are seeking information on proposed traders' opening hours for the day of the **Royal Wedding (Bank Holiday)**. Please feed back to me on lesleyatchamber@yahoo.com. Thank you.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on 2 March at 6 pm at Byfords Wine Bar.