

# HOLT SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of last meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Approved and signed

3. Matters Arising

SB: Speakers – Winter Lectures make start time 7.00 at both. SW to amend website listing

WR/SB: Speaker/venue AGM – date agreed 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018. WR Paul Rhymes - Officer in Conservation and Design dept at NNDC would like to talk to the Society either alone or with Chris Young the Conservation and Landscape Design team leader. Agreed 6.30pm start. When finalised – details to TL for Newsletter and SW for website

SB: timing of next Newsletter to publish these important dates is critical. ALL agreed beginning of December – publish information regarding the Talks/Textile visit etc plus visit report on Elsing

4. Planning Applications

CDA/11/1421 and CA/11/1481 discharge condition 3 (bricks and tiles) 4 (joinery) and 5 (flint work) at Albion House 16 New Street

HN/17/1731 notifications of intention to erect single storey rear extension at 16 Newell Close (13 Nov)

PF/17/1685 alterations to detached garage and store including first floor extension at Birchwood House Town Close (16 Nov)

IB/17/1846 Installation of High Speed Broadband cabinets on behalf of BT Openreach at rear of 1 Grove Lane (27 Nov)

No concerns

## Appeals

Barrows outside Barclays – the appeal has been upheld and therefore the planning application will go ahead

### 5. Membership

KG: 212 members plus honorary members

### 6. Outreach/Membership Drive

MA suggested another Away Day which she offered to host. MA suggested Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 1000. MA to draft paper for discussion and circulate in advance

### 7. Treasurer

Balance at bank on 4<sup>th</sup> November stands at £3900.86

### 8. Owl Trail book

TL had pre-circulated some comparison production figures for discussion.

LF had originally proposed an A5 size with an aim to get in under a retail price of £4.99. SB had talked to David Makinson – it would appear that most children's books in shops sell at a retail price of £6.99 (they produce large numbers so whilst not a direct comparison it is a retail price that seems to fit well in its market)

TL had also made some recommendations with regards sponsorship and cost savings

SB suggested sponsorship from a number of businesses say in exchange for a donation of £300 each would receive 50 copies to give away or sell. LF preferred to approach Holt Chamber of Trade and Holt Town Council to help fund along with the Holt Society and others. CH suggested a funding pitch to the Youth Libraries Group (which she will follow up) and a canvas of Members

MA pointed out that whilst the illustrator was an inspired choice and had delivered interesting concepts that costs for changes/alterations etc do run up. It was therefore important that the illustrator agreed to be flexible over these additional elements as we are a small Society and would not be able to cope with escalating costs once budgets were in place

### 9. Visits

SW: Textile Conservation Studio offered date of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 starting at 2.00pm. 25 places at a fixed price of £250. This fee has to be paid irrespective of the numbers achieved and SW asked approval before confirming the offer. ALL agreed as a unique opportunity. SW to supply TL with information for the Newsletter

LF pre-circulated information regarding a 'behind the scenes' tour of Theatre Royal, Norwich. CH to follow up  
Castle Museum to be followed up for September 2018  
Wiveton Hall - CH to follow up and report at next meeting

10. Any other business

SW: the Society had received an approach from Ann Farrant regarding a Crowd Funding exercise to raise £8000 to purchase an Amelia Opie portrait for the Castle Museum. SB suggested £75. ALL agreed. GD advised that payment would need to be made by cheque – SW to investigate and report back

11. Date of next meeting

It was agreed by ALL to combine the Away Day with the next Committee Meeting. Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1000 at Mary's house, Park Farm Barns, Wolterton, NR11 7LX