

HOLT SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES: Monday 26th February 2018

1. Apologies
MA

2. Minutes of last meeting 23rd January 2018

File Notes:

SB advised he will still stand as Chair as his 5 year tenure does not end until 2019

SB advised Philip High has agreed to be proposed as replacement for WR when she steps down at the AGM

Approved and signed along with the Notes from the Away Day discussions

Extra Minute – vote of thanks from ALL to MA for hosting the Away Day event

3. Matters Arising

Children's Book - LF/SW presented concept plus samples of poetry style, layouts and use of owl mascot along with revised paper size and appropriate sample. TL suggested that a business plan be drafted so that the Committee could weigh up costs and benefits before presenting to Members at the AGM. LF/SW to progress

Textile Visit – event now fully booked and all 25 participants have paid. GD to raise cheque to National Trust Enterprises

4. Planning Applications

1S2/18/0039 proposed change of use and conversion from 10 offices to 8 residential apartments at 35-37 High Street

PO/18/0004 erection of detached chalet bungalow at Victoria House 83 Cromer Road

PO/17/2125 demolition of detached garage and erection of dwelling on land rear of 6A Norwich Road

PF/18/0098 erection of single storey extensions at 1A Eccles Road

PF/18/0078 erection of first floor extension to rear elevation at 2 Town Close

CDB/16/ 0253 discharge of condition 18 of planning permission

PO/16/0253 Heath Farm Hempstead Road

PO/18/0061 erection of single storey dwelling – outline (details of access only)
Highgate Norwich Road

PF/18/0124 erection of two storey detached dwelling at 3 Coronation Road

PF/18/0083 demolition of detached single storey dwelling and garage and
erection of replacement two storey detached dwelling at 5 Peacock Lane

PF/18/0201 erection of porch extension at Greenbanks Peacock Lane

PB/18/0212 premise licence 3 Franklyns Yard

WR nothing of concern – no questions raised

5. Proposed and future housing development in Holt

As a result of the recent planning application at 67 Hempstead Road for the building of 52 units comprising a mix of housing WR felt that the Committee may need to widen their brief to look at the impact of new building upon the town – especially as there is a demand for social and affordable housing

Suggested lines of discussion:-

Size. Housing may be flats (one or two bedroom), bungalows, houses (detached/semi detached with 2, 3, 4, etc bedrooms) retirement homes, executive homes etc

Style. Developments can be traditional modern or a mixture of both. To what extent should the building be in the local style (vernacular)?

Cost/Affordability. How relevant is the developers' argument that they cannot afford to keep to the statutory requirement for affordable housing? Not only just below market price. Developers argue that they cannot reach the % for affordable because they actually can't or won't afford it

Sites. Should these be green field /brown field? (Some purpose other than residential – playing fields, allotments etc)

Services. What impact will the development have on local roads in particular?

Second homes. Should there be a restriction on new housing bought as second homes?

Wider political issues. What is our view on the continued sale of existing local authority housing?

ALL agreed this needed further debate and felt it should involve the Membership in the debate

SB suggested a full discussion at the next meeting and a consultation with the Membership at the AGM

6. Treasurers Report

Balance at bank on 17th February stood at £4,889.92. GD advised a change of signatories to the Bank Account is required when WR steps down. GD proposed KG, TL seconded and ALL agreed

7. Membership Report

228 full and 7 honorary members to date

Managing Holt Society events

KG and GD sought assistance from the Committee to help at events if the desk where monies being taken became congested (as at last Talk). SB suggested an early reconnaissance of the Britten building would be useful

8. AGM

WR to email Paul Rhymes. Establish who will attend and title of Talk

SB advised there is now a corkage fee of £5 if we supply our own wine. ALL agreed to pay the corkage rather than pay for an open bar

SW to send food list round

TL to organise print of AGM paperwork. SW to supply 2017 Minutes and AGM Agenda; GD Accounts; LF/SW Book proposal

TL to draft a proposal to be put before the Members concerning the change of date for Membership renewals

9. Feedback/Update from Away Day...F/F till next meeting

10. Any other business

SW an approach received concerning possible visit to the Dunkirk 'Little Ship' and the Maritime Heritage Centre at Stiffkey. ALL agreed an interesting visit. SW to brief CH to follow up

LF mentioned Langham Dome as a possible venue for a visit. LF to follow up and pass to CH to progress

TL provided update on Paston Treasure exhibition at Norwich Castle Museum. Dates for Norwich confirmed as 23rd June to 23rd September. Francesca Vanke

happy to brief in small groups of 12 whilst others visit the exhibition. TL to update and pass details to CH

SB MA future project proposal based on 'Shrewsbury independent shops then and now' to be discussed at next meeting when MA present

11. Date of next meeting - 5.00pm, Tuesday 27th March at 63 Cromer Road