

HOLT SOCIETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

2.00pm Wednesday 19th March 2023

Present: Keith Gosden [KG](Chair), Robin Back [RB], Tim Bennett [TB], Polly Binns [PB], Geoff Davis [GD], Julie Goldsworthy [JG], Tony Leech [TL].

1 Apologies. None

2 Minutes of meeting 28th March 2023. Approved and signed.

3 Matters arising:

KG: Michael Gurney (AGM speaker) had requested that his fee be given to the Holt Youth Project.

KG requested that items for the next Newsletter be sent to him by 20th May. These could include:

- AGM 'report'
- Coronation cake
- *Georgian Holt* booklet availability
- Report on HCP trip to Gloucester exhibition
- Increase in membership.

4 Planning applications (TB):

- Cash machine to be placed on exterior of new Budgen's store; to be serviced by Barclays
- Merchant's House (Lees Yard). Replacement of UVPC windows by aluminium. No comment to be made.
- Peacock Lane. Infill by four houses. After discussion and clarification of location it was decided that no comment would be made.
- Pounds Close (Chapman's Field). After an approach by Stephen Gillam, the committee reviewed its earlier decision not to comment. It was noted that there would be no stipulation for 'social housing', that access could cause traffic difficulties and safety issues, and that the proposed access to Spout Hills was impracticable. TB was asked to convey these and other comments to the planners.

5 Membership:

RB enquired about blanks on the membership spreadsheet and was reassured by GD.

6 Treasurer:

GD had circulated the accounts and detail of Georgian book sales. There were no questions but PB pointed out that they did not include all charges in connection with the AGM.

KG stated that the Holt Society did not have Public Liability insurance and asked whether we needed it.

Zurich offered a policy for £98. There was general support but GD cautioned that it would be important to ensure that it met our needs and undertook to do this.

KG asked whether we should re-visit the Marketing and Promotion budget. TL expressed the opinion that we need not as items could be discussed as required.

7 Events 2023 (PB):

Gloucester exhibition trip for Holt Primary School (sponsored by HS) would be for Years 3 and 5.

Sue Smart's presentation in St. Andrew's. TL to assist in preparation and printing of handout (100 copies). There would be booking and a charge (to be specified).

Action

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7 Events 2023 (PB) continued:

TL agreed to lead a wildlife walk on Holt Lowes 2.00 – 4.00pm July 20th. No charge or booking. Start from County Park carpark (TL to inform NNDC).

KG announced that he would be making the Holt Society's contribution to the Coronation Cake and displayed the official rice paper insignia to be used.

8 Any other business:

KG reported that Steve Benson had received grateful thanks for his talks on the history of Holt to Primary School children.

KG repeated his request for suggestions for additional HS committee members.

KG proposed that the committee should organise an 'Away Day' to discuss long-term plans and offered Hanworth House as a venue. Date to be arranged. JG suggested each member brings food – agreed.

9 Next meeting: 2.00pm 30th May at 3 Eccles Road (TL)

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