

**THE HOLT SOCIETY**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**11<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Community Centre, Holt**

1. Apologies for absence  
Kate & James Thomson; Margaret Bird; Sheila and Campbell Welsh; Michelle Allard; John Lintott; Bryan and Glynis Payne; Richard Jefferson
2. Minutes of last AGM – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Approved by a show of hands. Signed by Steve Benson
3. Matters Arising  
None
4. Chairman's Report

Mary Alexander kindly hosted an AwayDay at her home so that we could spend some quality time discussing future projects and ways in which we would like to see the Society develop for the future. Key items discussed included:-  
Develop 'Strolls' to include Spout Hills and Holt Country Park  
Improve Membership communication  
Look at outreach projects to bring in new Members and supporters of the Society  
Develop new partnerships within the town to extend reach and improve communication

We also:-

Reviewed Membership Renewals. Annual fee, still only £5, now payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year with Bank Standing Order facility

Purchased a suitable microphone system to be used at Talks

Maintained our working relationship with NNDC Planning and the Town Council

Shared a stand with the Town Council and Chamber of Trade at the Royal Norfolk Show

Donated £200 to Holt Lights

### **Key projects**

The Society undertook a project to look at the Key Unlisted Buildings in Holt. Within the Holt Conservation Area NNDC had already identified 11 buildings that whilst contributing to the towns heritage and townscape remained unlisted. Members of the Committee reviewed all the unlisted buildings and recommended a further 5 for addition. After review NNDC have now added two to the List – the Primary School and Shirehall Cottage

In 2017 the Society replaced the original 2001 Holts Board in Appleyard. Tim Cox of

DesignSigns produced a weatherproof aluminium board in our distinctive Georgian green

We produced a series of articles for Just Holt (written by the Chairman) on interesting aspects of the town from jolly japes on Spout Hills to Mr Jex's pigeon!

### **Talks**

8<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Sue Smart and Elizabeth Waites. Dissent in Holt 1670-1720

15<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Charlotte Crawley and Simon Kinder. Sir John Gresham: The man, his school and his image

### **Visits**

15<sup>th</sup> June 2017: The Old Rectory, Holt

10<sup>th</sup> September 2017: Elsing Hall

20<sup>th</sup> March 2018: The Textile Conservation Studio, Blickling

### **Projects for 2018**

The children's book

Updating of Strolls

#### 5. Amendment to Constitution

The following was read to the Membership:-

The Committee proposes that the wording on item 4 of the Constitution is changed from 'The subscriptions shall be due at or before the Annual General meeting' to 'The subscriptions shall be due in January'.

Proposed: Robert Herring

Seconded: Mary Slator

#### 6. Future housing development in Holt – this item was deleted from the Agenda as the Committee had not had sufficient time to prepare a discussion paper

#### 7. History of Holt – Children's book project

Separate paper pre-circulated. Chairman asked members to contact Susan Williams or Lindsay Furniss after the Talk to discuss further

#### 8. Treasurer's Report

Geoff Davis outlined the Accounts from the pre-circulated document. No questions

#### 9. Election of Officers

Wendy Roebuck is stepping down and a nomination has been received for Phillip High to take on the role.

There is still a vacancy on the Committee. Whilst Lindsay Furniss has stepped down at the end of her three year tenure she has agreed to be co-opted.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chair	Steve Benson	Catherine Hume	Keith Gosden
Vice-Chair	Tony Leech	Mary Alexander	Susan Williams
Hon. Secretary	Susan Williams	Corinne Matthews	Ian Shepherd
Hon. Treasurer	Geoff Davis	Keith Gosden	Steve Benson
Planning Officer	Philip High	Steve Benson	Tony Leech
Membership Officer	Keith Gosden	Geoff Davis	Mary Alexander
Committee Member	Mary Alexander	Susan Williams	Catherine Hume
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Committee approved en bloc.

Proposed: Phil Barrett

Seconded: Ros Fairhead

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Speaker – Chris Young. Conservation, Design and Landscape Team Leader, NNDC